

**TOWN OF FRANCONIA
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN MEETING
NOVEMBER 24, 2020 AT TOWN HALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen Foss, Jeff Blodgett, Steve Plant, Peter Grote.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jenny Monahan, Kim Cowles, Scott Leslie.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm.

This meeting was a continued discussion of the proposed installation of new sidewalks on Main Street when NHDOT paves the road next summer.

Town Administrator Cowles provided a spreadsheet to the committee members that breaks down the costs of the components of the sidewalk project. She said that the 3,000 ft from Rte 142 to the library would be granite curbing. The section from the library to the church is already granite curb that can be reset. She said the total job cost is \$241,000 and there is approximately \$85,000 in the capital reserve fund. The remaining funds would need to be raised on a warrant article. She remarked that the sidewalk is in bad shape and should be replaced, and that it would be more expensive to do it independently of the road paving. Scott said the life of the sidewalks should be about 30 years. Scott also said that if the road is less than 16' from the center line to the curb it needs granite curbing to prevent damage from state plow trucks.

There was next a discussion about the town's bridges. The committee would like more information on their condition. There is currently \$5,000 annually being contributed to the Bridges Fund.

The minutes of November 4, 2020 were reviewed and approved as amended.

Chairman Foss also let the committee know that in the Fire Department budget, there is a line item that includes Turnout Gear and there is also a Capital Reserve Fund for Turnout Gear. The CRF currently has about \$105,000. Chairman Foss suggested eliminating the Turnout Gear funding from the Fire Department operating budget.

The next meeting was scheduled for December 9th at 4pm.

With no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 3:58pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Monahan