

MINUTES
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE
January 9, 2016

APPROVED

The meeting of the Capital Outlay Committee was called to order at 8:45am at the Department of Public Works.

Members Present:

Chair:	Paul Linehan
Board of Selectmen:	Walter “Joe” Roach
Finance Committee:	Gordon Gladstone and Alex Korin
School Committee:	Absent
Planning Board:	Louis Modestino

Others Present:

Town Administrator:	Frederic E. Turkington, Jr. (Ex-Officio)
Finance Committee:	Patricia Lee Achorn

Capital Outlay Committee Tour

The Capital Outlay Committee tour of facilities began at 8:45am at the Department of Public Works. The Committee visited the following locations as part of their tour to view some of the FY’2018 Capital requests:

Department of Public Works

Superintendent Eric Hooper showed the Committee the vehicles and equipment to be replaced.

Heavy Duty Truck Lift (\$30,000)

The DPW currently uses town lifts in the garage, a permanent lift and a mobile lift purchased in 1989. The mobile lift is no longer able to service even small dump trucks due to hydraulic seal limits. This request is to replace the existing mobile lift.

Large Dump/Plow (\$215,000)

Identified on Capital Form F as “Large Dump”. This will replace present #28, a 1990 Ford L8000, which is no longer road worthy. This vehicle is a front line vehicle used as a dump truck by the Operations Division for activities such as snow plowing and road maintenance.

Chipper (\$35,000)

This will replace a 1990 chipper currently sparingly used because of safety concerns and inability to get replacement parts.

Administrative Vehicle (\$30,000)

Ford Escape/F150, identified on Form F as “Admin. Vehicle.” This piece is to be used primarily by the engineering Staff to allow for trickle down vehicles to surplus out a 1995 Ford F150 most recently used by the Recreation Department.

Administrative Vehicle (\$30,000)

Ford Escape/F150, identified on Form F as “Admin. Vehicle.” This vehicle is to be used primarily by the Facilities Manager and will allow for trickle down of vehicles to surplus out a 1997 F150 pickup truck most recently used as a Maintenance Garage shop truck. This vehicle will also be used by DPW supervisory personnel during snow removal operations.

Fire Department

- *Ladder Truck (\$975,000)*

The Committee visited the Fire Station to view the existing ladder truck. Sharon Fire’s ladder truck is nearing the end of its useful life and replacement is necessary. The current ladder truck is a 1994 Pierce 105 foot aerial that began front line service for the Town of Sharon in December of 1993. One of the most important capital assets of

the town and department is a fleet of reliable fire apparatus. Firefighters depend heavily on the performance capabilities of these vehicles when delivering emergency services to protect life, property, and the environment. In order to maximize firefighter capabilities and minimize their risk of injuries, it is imperative that fire apparatus be equipped with the latest safety features and operating capabilities. If these services are to be provided without interruption, fire apparatus must be maintained in superior operating condition and should be promptly replaced when adequate performance levels can no longer be assured. Replacing fire apparatus is a necessary, yet costly, expenditure of funds. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standard on automotive fire apparatus (NFPA 1901) recommends that all first line apparatus be replaced after 15 years with a maximum service life of 25 years.

Civil Defense

- *Emergency power distribution equipment (\$13,000)*

The Committee visited the department of Civil Defense to view their request for emergency power distribution equipment. This equipment and cords will allow greater connectivity of their large generator to buildings town wide.

One School Street

- *Viewing of property and proposed repairs (130,000)*

The Committee viewed the property at One School Street to visualize the repairs explained below: Exterior renovations/repair to One School Street. Exterior renovation/repair to the former School Department building at One School Street include replacement of the handicap access ramp (\$15,000), repair of spalling stucco (\$5,000), painting of soffits/walls/windows (\$27,500), masonry work along the foundation walls (\$12,500), replacement of retaining wall and stairs at the back of the building (\$12,000), re-roofing (\$20,000) and replacement of doors and windows (\$38,000). Note that this is exterior work only and does not include any interior work that might be required to retrofit the building for changed use. Repair of parking lot and access ways will be undertaken as part of Railroad parking lot maintenance.

Library

- *Viewing of furnace (\$75,000)*
- *Visualize potential addition*

The Committee visited the library to view the existing furnace and assess the need for expansion of the library. The library may be eligible for state funding to expand or relocate.

Cottage Elementary School

- *Light Upgrade (\$200,000)*
- *Viewing of acoustical treatments (East \$27,600, Heights \$36,800, High \$36,800)*

The Committee visited the Cottage Elementary School to view the lighting upgrade request and assess the need for changes to the current system. They also viewed the recent acoustical treatment installation to visualize the request for acoustical treatments at East Elementary, Heights Elementary and Sharon High School.

Sharon Middle School

- *Athletic Field Design or Assessment (\$50,000)*

The condition of the fields was viewed to assess the School's request for funding for an Athletic Field Design or assessment. They would like to add field irrigation and replace the track.

Heights Elementary School

- *Existing Conditions Study – MSBA Heights Roof (\$243,950)*

The School Department intends to apply to the Massachusetts School Building Authority to replace the roof at Heights Elementary School. If chosen by the MSBA accelerated repair program, they will reimburse the town approximately 45% of the project cost. The Committee viewed the condition of the roof which is in urgent need of replacement.

Gavins Pond Fields

- *Athletic Field Construction at Gavins Pond (\$250,000)*

The committee viewed the current condition of the athletic fields at Gavins Pond. The Fields Committee completed a study showing the need for rehabilitated field space and expansion of fields in town.

Adjournment

Adjourned at 12:30pm - unanimous