

**MINUTES**  
**CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE**  
*December 1, 2016*

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The meeting of the Capital Outlay Committee was called to order in the Town Hearing Room at Sharon Community Center at 7:00 pm by Chair Paul Linehan.

*Members Present:*

Chair:	Paul Linehan
Board of Selectmen:	John J. McGrath, Joe Roach (alternate)
Finance Committee:	Gordon Gladstone, Alexander Korin
School Committee:	Emily Smith-Lee
Planning Board:	Louis Modestino, Jr.
Town Administrator:	Frederic E. Turkington, Jr.

*Members Absent:*

School Committee:	Katie Currul-Dykeman
Planning Board:	Rob Maidman
Selectmen:	William Heitin
Finance Director:	Cynthia Doherty

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

Chair Paul Linehan asked the Capital Outlay Committee members to introduce themselves before offering a motion to accept the draft minutes of the previous meeting.

**MOTION:** (McGrath-Gladstone) to approve the Regular Session Minutes of November 17, 2016

**VOTED:** (6-0-1, Roach abstained) **MOTION PASSES**

#### **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER REQUESTS**

***FY'18 Request -*** *Van replacement* *\$28,000*

Animal Control Officer Diane Malcolmson presented her capital request to the Committee. She explained that the van was a 2005 model with just over 35,000 miles. She presented notes from the DPW mechanic reporting body rot, rust, and looming mechanical issues. Forestry division has expressed interest in current vehicle as spare. Mr. McGrath questioned the separate radio listed and the number of after-market lights. He suggested that lights sufficient for safety would be preferable. Ms. Malcolmson agreed to contact MHQ and get back to the Committee to see if the cost could be pared down.

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT REQUESTS**

***FY'18 Requests -*** *ECW/Taser purchase (24 units)* *\$ 33,000*  
***-*** *Replacement patrol vehicles* *\$120,000*

Police Chief Tilden Kaufman presented his capital requests to the Committee. He reviewed the status of open capital projects, noting \$8,800 remained from prior equipment purchases that could be closed out, \$114,000 remained unexpended for new computer system currently being installed and officers trained. He explained that

three patrol vehicles would be purchased, likely Ford Explorers. Mr. Korin questioned whether fuel savings could be achieved if motors were turned off while not on patrol, relying on batteries to support radios and computers.

The tasers provide less than lethal safety for officers. This purchase would complete the program initially funding sixteen tasers with unexpended salaries in FY2016.

Questions were asked about the department boat, which is not in use. It has been offered to the Recreation Department.

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT REQUESTS**

<b><i>FY'18 Requests -</i></b>	<i>Semi-automatic defibrillators (8)</i>	<i>\$ 17,500</i>
-	<i>Firefighter bunker gear</i>	<i>\$135,000</i>
-	<i>IV Pumps – intubation system</i>	<i>\$ 25,500</i>
-	<i>Ambulance stretcher (powered)</i>	<i>\$ 18,100</i>

Fire Chief James Wright presented his capital requests to the Committee. He reviewed the status of completed and unexpended capital project funds, indicating \$82,268.72 is available from completed projects. The defibrillators will replace units on each piece of apparatus. The bunker gear is part of a ten-year replacement program (half to be purchased in FY2021). The IV pump is required by state mandate by December 2017 and the power stretcher is necessary to allow the third ambulance to respond when the two primary pieces are in service. Both of these items are eligible for purchase from the ambulance reserve fund, pending available funds.

#### **CIVIL DEFENSE REQUESTS**

<b><i>FY'18 Request -</i></b>	<i>Radio controlled warning signs</i>	<i>\$18,360</i>
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Mike Polimer presented his capital request to the Committee. He reviewed the efforts of CD to work with emergency operations and to help other departments like elections as requested. The focus of the capital request is to enhance the effectiveness of AM1630 coverage by purchasing six signs at key locations in town to direct attention to additional information to be broadcast on the radio station. Transmitter upgrades are requested in FY2022.

#### **TOPICS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED FORTY-EIGHT HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING**

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**VOTED:** (Lee-McGrath) - To adjourn the meeting at 8:29pm – unanimous **(7-0-0)**