

MINUTES
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE
December 1, 2022

Members Present

Chair:	William Heitin
Select Board:	Hanna Switekowski, Emily E. Smith-Lee, Kiana Pierre-Louis, Alternate
Finance Committee:	Ann Keitner, Anja Bernier
Planning Board:	Rob Maidman, David Blaszkowsky
School Committee:	Adam Shain, Wenxiao Tiano
Town Administrator:	Frederic Turkington, Jr.
Finance Director:	Krishan Gupta

Members Absent

Finance Committee:	Jada Wang, Alternate
School Committee:	Prisnel Dominique, Alternate
Planning Board:	Shannon McLaughlin, Alternate

Others Present

Public Works Superintendent:	Eric Hooper
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Administrative Items

The meeting of the Capital Outlay Committee was called to order on Zoom at 7:02 pm by Chair, William Heitin.

Department Presentations

DPW

Mr. Hooper presented the following capital request for fiscal year 2024 based on the result of the most recent Pavement Management Index and Water Master Plan water main replacement program and vehicle, equipment and building facility needs:

Roadways: \$885,000

- Wolomolopoag Street, East Foxboro to Massapoag, 3000 linear feet.
- Gavins Pond Road, South Main to Matross, 2600 linear feet.
- Knight Road, Castle to end, 500 linear feet.
- Kings Road, Eisenhower to end, 650 linear feet.
- Pheasant Wood Road, Beaver Brook to end, 2100 linear feet.
- Lothrop Way, Deborah Sampson to end, 600 linear feet.
- Fox Hollow Road, Mallard to end, 750 linear feet.
- Merchant Street, Route 1 to end, 800 linear feet.

Sidewalks: \$1,040,000 (Chapter 90)

- Blair Circle sidewalk, S. Walpole to S. Walpole, 3800 linear feet.
- Pheasant Wood Drive sidewalk, Beaver Brook to end, 4200 linear feet.

- Lothrop Way, Deborah Sampson to end, 600 linear feet.
- Fox Hollow Road, Deborah Sampson to end, 750 linear feet.
- Merchant Street, Route 1 to end, 800 linear feet.

Special Road and Sidewalk: \$1,610,000

- Lakeview Street sidewalk/road
 - East Foxboro – Sturges: \$120,000
 - Sturges – Camp Everwod (south property line): \$915,000
 - Camp Everwood (south property line – Massapoag Ave.): \$575,000

Facility: \$105,000

- DPW Administration furniture: current office desks, file cabinets and shelving are a mixture of original to the building and hand-me-downs from Town Hall building replacement, Police Station building replacement, Fire Department building replacement, and High School building replacement. (\$55,000).
- Administrative Office bathroom and locker room floor tile, lighting and fixture replacement: current fixtures are original to the building (1981). The High School has been renovated once, then subsequently replaced, Heights, East and Cottage have all been renovated, Town Hall has been replaced, the Police and Fire stations have been replaced and the COA, Recreation, Conservation Commission and Animal Control office building has been replaced in the period since 1981. DPW has painted its walls, gotten new carpet and a new double-wide office trailer. (\$50,000).

Equipment: \$473,000

- Foreman's Truck (2) – Operations Division. **\$220,000**. These will replace present #72, a 2010 Ford F-350 with 133,000 miles which has failed inspection due to rusted frame and chassis and consequently no longer roadworthy and vehicle #6, a 2012 Ford F-350 with 126,000 miles This truck had roughly \$5,100 in repairs during the past year to keep the vehicle roadworthy. These vehicles are front line vehicles used by the Operations and Forestry and Grounds Divisions for all construction activities throughout Town.
- Small sidewalk multi-purpose tractor (ASV) **\$66,000**, to replace #92, a 2007 sidewalk tractor with roughly 16,000 hours that has been our primary piece of equipment used for snow removal and other maintenance activities in the center of Town and has had significant maintenance costing approximately \$20,000 in parts plus outside labor over the last two years. The bobcat (**\$60,000**) to replace #53, a 1994 with approximately 4,700 hours is used is a frontline vehicle for a variety of DPW construction activities and snow removal by both Operations and Forestry Grounds. This unit has also had significant maintenance problems in the past two years totaling roughly 10,000.
- Administrative vehicles (**\$77,000**) to replace vehicle #33, 2009 Ford Escape with 170,000 miles and vehicle #30, 2010 Ford F150 with hybrid vehicles. (Base State bid pricing for trucks and SUVs for the current fiscal year.) Both vehicles had roughly \$2-3,000 of maintenance repairs in the past year. Vehicle #30 has a head gasket leak (coolant) and can no longer pass inspection without head gasket replacement so has been taken out of service.
 - Electric F-150 (4 door, AWD)
F150 4X4 SS Crew Lightning E-
Motor Pro-Series 145" WB \$49,655.00

- Hybrid F-150 (4 door, AWD)
F150 4X4 Super Crew XL 145" WB \$45,565.00 + \$4495 Hybrid Engine
- Gas F-150 (4 door, AWD)
F150 4X4 Super Crew XL 145" WB \$45,565.00
- Electric SUV (AWD)
Mustang Mach-E Select eAWD \$56,395.00
- Hybrid SUV (AWD)
Escape SEL Hybrid, AWD \$37,000.00
- Gas SUV (AWD)
Escape SE Sport, AWD \$33,525.00

Grant money will be allocated for the two hybrid vehicles to offset the purchase cost with a \$5,000 allocation each.

- FY22 Large Dump price increase **\$50,000**, to cover the price increase for large vehicles

WATER DEPARTMENT

The Water Department is making the following capital request for FY2024 based on the continuation of the revised Water Master Plan:

PFAS Treatment: \$15.8 million, Two Well Option – Wells 2 and 4

- FY23 \$8.6 million
- FY24 \$7.2 million

Main Replacement: \$750,000

- Phase 1 of 4 of the Cottage Street Area water main replacement project (Cottage/Woodland).

System Maintenance: \$150,000

- MWRA Connection payment to Norwood.

Water Vehicles: \$184,000

- Service body (Foreman's Trucks). These will replace present vehicles #50, a 2012 Ford F-350 and #51, a 2011 Ford Super Duty.

Ms. Keitner asked whether the furniture has been priced out. Mr. Hooper advised that items will be purchased from the State bid list which is not likely to experience much change in price. He went on to explain that the contingencies for delays on the large dump truck are reportedly due to COVID. This type of equipment is unlike a purchase of a vehicle from an auto dealer, the chassis is widely available, and the body custom made to the purchaser's specification.

When asked it was explained the MWRA payment to Norwood is a result of a ten-year Intermunicipal Agreement to cover Norwood's MWRA expenses due to the connection. Sharon has been paying now for three years.

Ms. Bernier asked about paving of Gavins Pond and reimbursement for the sewer connection trench. It was stated that the contractor would be responsible for a portion of the cost of the paving project for Gavins Pond. The Committee asked about drainage issues on Robin Road and whether those would be incorporated into the Cottage water main replacement project. Mr. Hooper responded that construction work in the Robin Road area will be phased and take place over the span of four or five years. Drainage work may take place next year.

Mr. Shain asked about coordinating road work with schools to minimize disruptions. Mr. Hooper advised that he has been working with the schools to coordinate and will continue to do so. Ms. Keitner mentioned that the Stars Summer Camp should also be consulted when coordinating summer road construction.

The Board thanked Mr. Hooper for his time this evening. The committee will meet next on Thursday, December 8. Seeing no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Heitin adjourned the meeting.

MOTION: (Bernier - Keitner) To adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm.

VOTED: 7-0-0 **PASSES**