

MINUTES
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE
January 17, 2015

APPROVED

The Capital Outlay Committee Tour commenced at 9:30 am at the Department of Public Works.

Members Present:

Chair:	Paul Linehan
Board of Selectmen:	William Heitin, Walter “Joe” Roach & John McGrath
Finance Committee:	Alex Korin
School Committee:	Marcy Kaplan and Emily Smith-Lee
Planning Board:	Robert Maidman and Louis Modestino

Others Present:

Town Administrator:	Frederic E. Turkington, Jr. (Ex-Officio)
DPW Superintendent:	Eric Hooper
Police Chief	Joseph Bernstein
Fire Chief:	James Wright
Civil Defense:	Charles Levine
Recreation Director:	Amanda Levasseur
School Department:	Kenneth Wertz
School Department:	John Marcus
Library Director:	Lee Ann Amend

Administrative Items

Chair Paul Linehan introduced himself and welcomed the citizens to join him on the Tour of the Town facilities to inspect the various Capital Requests before the Committee.

Department of Public Works Capital Requests

Department of Public Works Superintendent Eric Hooper gave an overview of the requests of his department:

Roads and Sidewalks - \$390,000 Request

- South Walpole Street from the I-95 overpass to the Walpole town line
- Massapoag Lane from Massapoag Avenue to East Street
- Billings Street- from approximately 155 Billings Street to East Street

Several other streets will be done with Chapter 90 funding: Nauset, Manomet, Niantic, Agawam, Pequoit, Mohawk as well as a portion of East Foxboro Street that is cracked.

Limited Town Building Facilities Study - \$55,000 Request

This will help address problems with Town Hall not being handicapped accessible and how the current Fire Department building can be reused.

Hammershop Pond Dam - \$430,000 Request

They are pursuing funding through CPC as well to rehab/rebuild the dam.

Equipment - \$344,350

To replace 2 pieces large pieces of equipment: a Bombardier side walk plow/snow blower, but is also used for field and roadside mowing and a large dump truck for snowplowing

Mr. Hooper indicated they are seeking CPC funding for the stone wall on North Main Street at Brook Road and the Water Department office soffit replacements.

Mr. Hooper showed the Committee the equipment to be replaced. Mr. Hooper also gave a tour of the steel storage building that was a request last year. He said it houses the department's vehicles and equipment and several storage rooms that are temperature controlled.

Police Department Capital Requests

Police Chief Joseph Bernstein introduced himself and explained his Capital Requests. The Police Department has requested two possibly three new Police cruisers as well as electronic message boards. He explained that any department would be able to use them for a multitude of reasons such as emergency notifications, road work, etc. He indicated that Mr. Hooper may be able to purchase them with Chapter 90 funding which in turn would eliminate the request to the Committee.

Fire Department Capital Requests

Fire Chief William Wright presented the requests of the Fire Department which includes a ladder truck. The current truck has had repairs and the replacement is not dire, however the Chief hopes to stagger the purchase with the pumper truck that will need replacement in the next five years to avoid two large, very costly purchases at once. The next request is for replacement of the Department's second Ambulance. Chief Wright noted they may keep the ambulance as a shared Ambulance with other towns. It would possibly be stored in Canton until the Public Safety Building is up and then house it there. The last request is for replacement of a 1988 Ford F250 which has low mileage but is rusted out and has engine difficulties in the winter.

Public Safety Building Update

Chief Bernstein noted they are close to establishing finished plans for the Public Safety Building. Chief Wright explained that the Standing Building Committee recently hired a construction manager at risk and they are in final design stages of the project. He explained they are doing a design development estimate which will tell them if they are still on budget. Chief Wright said they will be going out to bid potentially with some projects to prepare the site. The Chiefs reviewed the plans with the Committee.

Civil Defense

Charles Levine was discussed the need for additional lighting stands for Civil Defense operations.

Recreation Department

Recreation Director Amanda Levasseur showed the Committee the repairs needed to the tennis courts at Deborah Sampson Park which have large cracks in them that run the length of the courts. She also pointed out the rusted posts that secure the nets that need to be replaced. The cracks will be sealed and the courts will be resurfaced. Mrs. Levasseur showed the committee her second capital request for repairs to the building on Ames Street. The request is to repair the bathroom facility and equip them with automatic flushing toilets, sinks and hand dryers and energy efficient lighting. The roof is also in need of repair as well as the cabinets in the concession stand area. They also request to replace the roll up door as it does not have seal.

Council on Aging

The Council on Aging is requesting a pergola to shade the patio area.

School Department Capital Requests

Kenneth Wertz was present to give the Committee a tour of the maintenance and operations requests of the School Department. He began by showing the Committee the vestibule at the Heights Elementary School. He explained that creating a “mantrap” within that area will give them more time to make sure that guest coming into the school are checking in at the office. Mr. Wertz noted that the grant application for this improvement was denied. The request is for this project is \$25,000 for new cameras, a new intercom and door buzzers for the interior vestibule doors. This will enhance school security.

Mr. Wertz showed the Committee the roof at Heights Elementary which was done in 1994. It has exceeded its warranty and useful lifecycle. The proposal is to request design money with the hopes of getting a grant from MSBA which will fund approximately 45% of the cost. They need to have the design money assigned in order to participate in this program. They will find out if they are accepted into the grant program in June; if they are not they will submit again next year. If the grant is received, the funds for the actual cost of replacement will be requested the following Capital cycle.

John Marcus Director of Technology showed the Committee the server room at Heights Elementary School. They are currently cooling the space with a portable air conditioning unit and propose a wall air conditioning unit as well as dividing the space that needs to be cooled with a wall. The room houses the equipment for the school and the Comcast service that comes into the Town.

Mr. Marcus discussed the one to one access they are proposing and showed the Committee the Ipad carts and interactive white boards that the students use. Heights Elementary currently has 3 carts along with the one to one cart and the school would like to bring that number to one cart per grade level. Mr. Marcus explained the requests to replace projectors, to provide laptops for Elementary teachers, and to increase the number of wireless access points and bandwidth district wide.

Library

Library Director Lee Ann Amend explained her request to replace the carpeting throughout the Library. She noted that carpet is stained and torn and lifting up in areas creating a tripping hazard. She would like to replace the carpet with carpet tiles that can be replaced individually as damage occurs. She showed the Committee the community room in the Children’s area explaining that the area has heavy staining and she would like to replace the carpet with vinyl. Ms. Amend showed the Committee the previous Capital Project outcomes.

Future Meeting and Agenda Items

February 12, 2015 – Review Preliminary Capital Outlay Spreadsheet, Capital Deliberations

Adjournment

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 12:30 pm - unanimous