

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT MEETING
MEMORIAL BUILDING

OCTOBER 18, 2022
7:00 P.M.

Present: Ken Jacques, Jeff Milne, Tamara Butcher, Dick Hendl, Peter Lacaillade, Peter Abair, Leigh Callaway, Darrin Patten and Poul Heilmann There was not a Police Dept representative.

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m.

The Capital Improvement Plan is a document used as a tool to guide the Select Board and the Budget Committee by documenting future large expenditures and the years those expenditures are anticipated. The document is in a state of flux as numbers get moved around and proposed years change based on changing needs.

Discussion of monies for engineering fees to determine what exactly is needed/wanted for the sand shed/highway building that will be placed on the newly constructed site behind the current highway/fire dept building. Also discussed was the status of the roof on the highway/fire dept building. There are areas of leakage most likely around screw hole where the rubber gaskets have deteriorated. Having someone with knowledge of the type of roof give an estimate of repair costs was agreed upon.

In the absence of Chief Zullo Dick shared that the police dept is looking into having a 3rd full-time employee. The FBI suggested that for each 500 residents there should be 1 full-time employee. The population of Springfield is sitting around 1300. While this is not an item to add to the CIP it is something to be thinking about going forward. Adding a 3rd cruiser is something to add to the CIP and Chief Zullo is looking at a truck instead of a sedan or suv. The cost to purchase and outfit the vehicle is coming in around \$80K.

Highway Department: Peter Abair reported that the green Sterling would be the next truck to be replaced and he felt that a decent used truck could be found for between \$85/90K. Setting up an account with the money available to use when a vehicle is found vs. having to rush because the vehicle has died is easier on the department.

Fire Department: Peter Lacaillade, Fire Chief turn-out gear replacement by purchasing two new sets per year is continuing. The cost has increased to \$6,500 over the previous \$5000.

Buildings and Grounds: Members agreed to look at the Memorial Building to determine if there is a need to repaint.

Paving: Half of Hogg Hill was paved this summer. Pike has submitted a estimate for the remainder of Hogg Hill and Coniston in the amount of \$139,500.

Culverts: Gove Brook culvert repair was completed this summer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

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