

Capital Improvement Program Committee

Meeting of November 7, 2018

Town Hall Lower Level Meeting Room

3:00pm

Committee members attending:

Chairman Bill Vrooman, Bo Fehl, Ewell Hopkins, Greg Thornton

Committee member absent: Maura McGroarty

Also attending:

Robert Whritenour, Town Administrator; Travis Larsen, IT director; John Rose, Fire Chief; Erik Blake, Police Chief

Meeting called to order at 3:02pm

New Business:

Review of Capital Program Submissions

IT The committee heard from Travis Larsen, IT Director. The department is asking for \$13,500 to finish up the conference room upgrades and standardization. It was originally a \$40,000 project over 3 years. They are currently working on the library and next will be the police station. Library Friends was approached for funding, but declined. Mr. Larsen mentioned that his \$200,000 project is postponed indefinitely and that he has replaced the town-wide phone system.

Fire/EMS The committee heard from Chief Rose who first discussed their current projects: There are three Auto CPRs in the department in use now with great survival rates and the newer is more efficient; The radio system project is ongoing, made it through planning board and MVC; Fire hoses have been replaced on all trucks; replacing the engine on the rescue boat. There is a possibility of defibrillators in public buildings, but will try for grant funding first. The department is asking for three projects in 2020. The first is to replace radar/navigation for \$26,000, but the department didn't include paperwork because there is a possibility for other funding sources. If the funding falls through, the Chief will resubmit the request to CIP for 2021. The second is to replace an SUV (2013 Chevy Tahoe) which is the paramedics vehicle with EMS command setup in the back. The initial plan was to replace it every three years but thought they could get more out of it. Now five years later, lots of wear and tear and it needs to be replaced. There are almost 70,000 miles on it (not 93,000 as submitted in paperwork). The old vehicle may be used as an off Island vehicle for training. The third project is to recondition a fire truck for \$390,000. The department really likes this truck and the shell of the truck is in excellent condition. To replace it new would cost \$800,000 and it would have to be brought up to NFPA

standards which negatively affects the engine. Refurbishing the truck wouldn't have to worry about that, would be more cost effective, and the department would get another 20-30 years out of it. The engine will be sent to Detroit for a full assessment. The Chief shared his wish list of a training facility.

The committee, town administrator, Fire Chief and Police Chief also discussed the possibility of partnering with the Sherriff on Island-wide communications needs, the benefits of doing so including cost savings for the town.

Police The committee heard from Police Chief Erike Blake. The department is requesting to replace the Lieutenant's vehicle for \$42,000. The lieutenant's current vehicle would get repurposed to the town administrator, who's vehicle would replace a current off Island vehicle which is in rough shape. The chief then discussed some current refurbishments and upgrades at the station including a new sign, new carpeting, refurbishing floors and bathrooms. The committee asked if the conference room could be used for town meetings and by the public, but the chief explained that it's probably not a good idea because they'd need to do CORI checks and it would be next to the interview room. The committee asked about the basement space and the chief explained that it's being used for old town hall records and a patrolmen's room. The committee asked the chief if he had a wish list and his response included a driving simulator and a shooting range for officers. The committee and Chief discussed the options of indoor vs outdoor shooting ranges.

School Ms. Farrell was running late so the committee decided to reschedule the school to next week.

Other business: The committee discussed approving the minutes from the last two weeks. It was determined that more time is needed to review them. The committee also discussed Island-wide police training, indoor and outdoor options.

Tasks: The committee gave Police, Fire and EMS departments a form to complete and return with a listing of vehicles and miles.

Future meeting of CIP is scheduled for:

Wednesday, 11/14/18 at 3:00 at Library Upper Level

Reviewing Wastewater, Selectmen, Library, Marina & School Capital Program submissions

Meeting adjourned at 3:57 PM

Respectfully submitted by Carrie Blair, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen