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*Capital Improvement Planning Committee*

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Minutes of the February 8, 2017 Capital Improvement Planning Committee. Meeting began at 4:50 p.m. and adjourned at 6:12 p.m. Members present Luis Vitorino, Ellie Villano, Heidi Fogg and Derek DeBarge

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The Committee has requested that a letter be sent to the Planning Board asking that a new representative be named to the Capital Planning.

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The Committee reviewed what the actual commitment for FY18 is prior to any additional request approvals.

\$106,000 – 3<sup>rd</sup> year of 5yr lease for the Fire Engine  
\$70,000 – sander/salter Freightliner truck at DPW  
\$58,000 – 2<sup>nd</sup> yr. of the 4yr lease for the ambulance

Total amount of \$234,000 of which \$176,000 will need to be appropriated and \$58,000 from the ambulance subscription account.

Funding sources of \$74,000 – jail impact  
\$55,000 – capital reserve  
\$30,000 – special articles - approx...  
\$29,000 – old capital article for elevator repairs.

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The Committee met with Chief Mark Babineau and Deputy Chief Jim Machado, Fire Department.

The Chief wanted to express his five year roll out plan for the continued turn of equipment. His vision of replacing the two older engines which are 1989 and 1992 models through the continued leasing program since dollars have been approved/awarded for four and five year leases, his thought is to continue with that monetary budget and replace the equipment. He further explained that this is how we were able to purchase the last 2 or 3 ambulances.

The Committee met with the Police Chief/Fire Chief to discuss the current radio system and the need for its replacement. The current system was purchased in 1995 with an upgrade in 2005. The equipment can no longer be serviced and maintained.

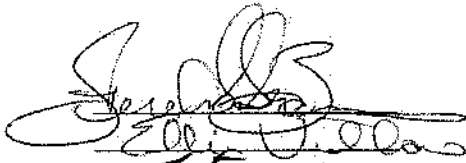
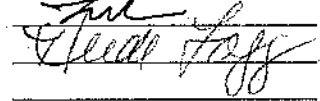
Both chiefs support the centralized radio communications system with Police, Fire, School, DPW, Senior Center and Community Center. They believe that this one interoperable system would be cost effective. The Police Chief sees this as a three phase process, needs assessment, procurement and implementation. The biggest problem with recent presentations are they are primarily vendor driven and the cost associated are too varied. They will be seeking an article for Town Meeting for not to exceed \$40,000 for a needs assessment.

The Police Chief then discussed the request for (1) 2017 Ram 3500 Promaster High Roof vehicle for use by the SRT for critical Incidents and Unusual Occurrences. Currently, there are approximately 4/5 events each year where the team responds for serious events. This vehicle would be modified to allow for storage, benches and be able to mobilize a team at any given notice. Currently, they are looking for just the cost of the vehicle at \$26,600. They believe that the modifications and additional equipment can be found through fundraising and inside costs. The quote for installation of such equipment was \$17,500 which the Chief believes can be done in-house for less.

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Motion by Ellie Villano, second by Heidi Fogg to adjourn at 6:12p.m. 4 – 0 favor

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Heidi Fogg  
  
Ellie Villano