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## *Town of Ludlow, Massachusetts Capital Improvement Planning Committee*

Minutes of the April 1, 2019 Capital Improvement Planning Committee. Meeting began at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 10:45 a.m. Members present Ellie Villano, Kim Downing, Derek DeBarge, Dolly Cincone and Kim Collins.

The committee met with Deputy Chief Jeff Lavoie to revisit the purchase of an ambulance to replace A. Currently, the air compression system can't keep up with the air leaks. The mechanics have added a switch to turn the compressor on and leave it on during the entire time that the ambulance is running. There is a wood block that has been placed under the driver's seat to keep it from wobbling. The rear doors are supposed to drop when the doors are opened. This allows for the center track stretcher system to be utilized by the staff. This center track is a state mandate to assist in possible roll overs. The hydraulics do not always work requiring the paramedics to lift the stretcher up six to eight inches in order to use the track. This ambulance which is the third in the fleet is used only as required. There were over 3000 ambulance runs last year. A. 1 did over 1900, A. 2 over 1200, A.3 over 290 and the back up engine 60. This ambulance is a vital part of the fleet. The Fire Dept only sees the ambulance runs increasing each year. There is a current budget of \$198,000 in the subscription fund. As this fund has been used to purchase ambulances and the deputy chief's car in recent years the fund doesn't have as much as it usually has as a balance. There was some concern that approving both the last year of a lease and then adding the replacement of A.3 at a three-year lease of \$74,000 would drain the account more. There was discussion of delaying the purchase into Jan but, if approved, the funds would be encumbered anyways, so the time of purchase would be irrelevant.

Motion by E. Villano to approve the purchase an ambulance thru a three-year lease. Second by D. Cincone. Vote: 4 – 0 favor

Moved by D. Cincone to adjourn at 10:45 a.m. Second by K. Downing. Vote: 4 – 0 favor