



Town of Ludlow, Massachusetts *Capital Improvement Planning Committee*

Minutes of the March 4, 2021 Capital Improvement Planning Committee. Meeting began at 5:30 p.m. and adjourned at 6:58 p.m. Members present Ellie Villano, Anthony Alves, Bill Rosenblum, Kathy Demetrius, Luis Vitorino, Ray Pheonix and Kim Collins.

Patrick McGowan, Hubbard Library Director and Chris Davis, Hubbard Library Trustee discussed the need for the replacement/restoration of the historical windows at the Library. Library is a registered historical facility. Looked at preservation state fund Three quotes were provided

E. Villano questioned the large difference in the quotes. L. Vitorino asked if they are the original windows. Yes, they and the previous director did have them repainted. But there are holes in some of the wood, they need repair.

The vendors that had expertise in this type of restoration were contacted. All of them came out to look. One vendor had been used before, the highest quote was due to the fact that he would take the windows out, board them up and then repair at his facility – too cumbersome and didn't make fiscal sense. A. Alves asked if there were safety concerns relative to the holes.

Ken Batista/DPW Operations Supervisor and Steve Santos/Chairman BPW discussed the request for a new ground master mower. They discuss the size of the fields that are the DPW responsibility approx. 52.78 acres of fields. Which are mowed every two weeks. When the machine breaks down, the back up is a regular sitting lawnmower. The machine has aged out, it more difficult to get parts to repair it. They are looking for \$116,809. 40.. The quote would be at a discount rate- normally they are %150,000- it is 20% of the MSRP. Does the Ana Dias field – closer to 2.5 million sq. feet.

Ken B stated that they could possibly lease it and are looking into that.

Long discussion on the parking lot at East Street and the need for the street/ Merrimac and Cambridge to be paved, Bus loop needs repair/repavement.

Ellie V questions the validity of it being a capital project. School states that there are no funds in the school budget to pay for it. May approve the \$10,00 for the crack and seal instead of repaving. DPW said there is no money left in the sidewalk budget line item.

-Working with the PVPC to review the street and discuss what is good and bad. R Phoenix asks if the parking lot along East Street accepted as a public way(Merrimac - ??)

The 2007 Van was discussed – turned past 100,000. Pictures show rust and holes. The van sometimes doesn't even turn on. Replacement van would be \$35,000 vs \$39,869 for a truck with plow.

Moved by L Vitorino, second by E. Villano at approve the minutes of March 9, 2020
Roll call 5 – 0 favor. – E.V. – yes, R.P. – yes, A. Alves – yes, W. R. – yes, L. V. – yes, K. D. abstain.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 18th at 5:30 p.m.

Moved by R. Phoenix , second by E. Villano to adjourn at 6:58 p.m. – roll call 6 – 0favor
RP- yes, EV – yes, WR- yes, LV- yes, AA- yes, KD- yes


