

CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Lunenburg, Massachusetts

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Capital Planning Committee
Minutes for January 5, 2010
8:30 a.m.

Ritter Memorial Bldg. 960 Massachusetts Avenue, Lunenburg, MA 01462

Roll Call: members present included: Elaine Murphy, Mike Mackin, Marion Benson, and Brian Laffond. Absent: Dave Matthews

Appointments: School Department: Facility Director John Londa and Superintendent of Schools Loxi Jo Calmes represented their department's capital requests.

Minutes- Motion to postpone signing of minutes of December 15 and 22, 2009 due to lack of presence of the appropriate members needed. Mr. Laffond made the motion and Ms. Murphy seconded and motion was passed 3-0.

Chair report: Noted release of Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation (Widmer report).

Mr. Londa presented the School Department requests which were prioritized as follows, note that the first three were requests presented last year, passed at Town Meeting, but not funded. The requests have a change in purchase price because of the time lag:

- 1) 44 horsepower tractor/loader with 72 inch wide snow blower attachment/aerator.
Cost: \$38,785
Justification: needed for grounds maintenance and snow removal.
- 2) T.C. Passios Elementary School kitchen renovation, primary dishwasher.
Cost: \$30,000
Justification: the equipment is old and needs upgrading, the dishwasher itself is 50 years old. Presently it is not known if there will be grants available.
- 3) Turkey Hill Middle School kitchen renovation.
Cost: \$47,000
Justification: the equipment is original, sanitation is an issue, and replacements will also be energy savers.

The following requests were not voted on at 2009 Annual Town Meeting.

- 4) Turkey Hill Middle School parking lot and walkways to emergency exits and to track.
Cost: \$17,220.
Justification: The THMS parking lot's paved areas are in very poor condition, entryways are not in compliance with ADA standards, and there are safety issues.
- 5) Replacement of original 55 year-old sinks in all of the Elementary School student restrooms and toilet partitions.
Cost: \$3,300
Justification: replacement of obsolete equipment, reduce water/sewer costs, and conversion to handicap accessible.
- 6) T.C. Passios Elementary School/Lunenburg High School replacement of temporary overhead power line, sub-panels, and installation of additional outlets in classrooms.
Cost: \$150,000

Justification: The temporary line was put in during 2002 and additional outlets are needed to support classroom technology needs.

- 7) Turkey Hill Middle School replacement of 40 year-old bleachers.
Cost: \$18,000
Justification: the bleachers do not meet code.
- 8) Turkey Hill Middle School gym – sand, seal, painting of lines, and refinishing.
Cost: \$12,500
Justification: the work is needed to main the floor, and should be done every 10 years, the last time it was done was in 1997.
- 9) Lunenburg High School – construct an accessible main entrance.
Cost: \$25,000
Justification: to make the entryway ADA compliant and is needed to prevent the triggering of making the whole building fully accessible.
- 10) Lunenburg High School – replacement of door hardware for the remainder of the school, 40 locks are needed.
Cost: \$10,000
Justification: to meet ADA standards and locks will increase security. Could be submitted under Secure Our Schools grant which will cut the cost in half.
- 11) Lunenburg High School – installation of walkways to athletic field and replacement of bleachers on field.
Cost: \$45,000
Justification: to make bleachers ADA accessible and to bring up to code.

Questions posed pertained to the use of wooden butcher blocks, eligibility for lunch programs (Lunenburg is less than 10 percent), and kitchen equipment.

Supt. Calmes reported on the status of regionalization studies and status of the present high school with the State.

Mr. Laffond questioned the status of Car 202 in requested FY2011 plan. Chair will make further inquiry.

Mr. Laffond suggested we reverse the department appointment times for the January 12 meeting with Technology and the Council on Aging. Chair will arrange.

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 12, 2010, 8:30 a.m. at the Ritter Bldg.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Murphy, seconded Mr. Mackin. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.