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CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE Lunenburg, Massachusetts

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Minutes
December 5, 2012

Meeting Posted: Yes
Place: Public Safety Facility Building, 655 Massachusetts Avenue
Time: 9:00 AM

Present: Chair, Marion M. Benson, Colleen Shapiro, Carl (Ernie) Sund, Steve Raboin
Absent: Kerry Speidel

Police Department, Chief James Marino

Patrol cars - request for cruiser and unmarked - \$90,000.00

Discussion: Cars noted are the Ford Inceptor - Utility or sedan. Need for one cruiser. Most important would be the cruiser of the two cars requested. The size of the vehicle was discussed. Department prefers larger car, price is very close.

16 portable (hand held) radios for use from officer to officer, to mobile to base station communication

Discussion: Police Department working with the Water District. Company presenting is Capone Communications. Price noted is \$3,736.00. Note: funding in 2013 Plan was done by Fire Department with grant funding. The grant did not cover purchase for the police. Sixteen officers did not have portable radio communications. This presented a safety factor.

40 pistols and holsters

Discussion: Recommended standard is to replace police issued firearms every ten years. Price noted is \$20,583.00. This price is after a trade-in, but includes training. This equipment use is 365 days/year. All personnel using the same firearms improves safety.

ATV - two person vehicle

Discussion: Fire Department has a one-person ATV. Police feel it is unsuitable for its need. It is dangerous to send one person into the woods, etc. Conservation also needs the police to monitor conservation land. There have been many incidents including a group of people setting up housekeeping. The only way to manage incidents is to be able to get into the woods. This item needs more discussion to see if one ATV would assist both Fire and Police. Cost presented was \$12,000.00

Speed sign

Discussion: Noted was need; further discussion will be held. Old equipment is 1999. Not considered a priority.

Shotguns

Discussion: Request is below the price line for Capital.

Fire Department, Chief Patrick Sullivan

Ambulance replacement \$215,000.00

Discussion: Presented as scheduled replacement. New ambulance will be #1; present #1 will become #2. Present #2 could become a trade-in. Question asked is certification. Questions also asked concerning the persons who man the ambulance. Only certain certified personnel can address certain treatments. Noted was the increase in ambulance calls; elderly prefer to go to hospitals. Increased calls to Emerson and Worcester. Increased calls also have demanded both ambulances. Billing rate is determined by Board of Selectmen.

Replacement of support and inspection vehicle

Discussion: This item brought forth questions of need for a new vehicle. Noted by Chief that a replacement with a smaller, more fuel efficient vehicle will provide decreased fuel and maintenance. This item will require more discussion.

External harnesses for turnout gear

Discussion: It is emergency equipment. Expected for 7-10 year service. Equipment was demonstrated. It is safety gear, needed to escape from multi-story buildings in emergencies. Lunenburg now has multi-story buildings. Training is included in unit price. Price is listed as \$37,000.00. Grants have been applied for, but have not been granted.

Further discussions were held on the importance of safety equipment and timing replacements.

Adjournment at 12:15 PM