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CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE Lunenburg, Massachusetts

**Marion M. Benson, Chair
Carl Sund, Mbr.
Colleen Shapiro, Mbr.
Steve Raboin, Mbr.
Dennis Mannone, Jr., Mbr.**



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Minutes
February 7, 2013

Meeting Posted: Yes
Place: Ritter Memorial Building, 960 Massachusetts Avenue
Time: 9:30 AM

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

General Review/Prioritization of Capital Requests-

Reconfiguration of Townsend Hbr Rd & Mulpus Rd Intersection and 4-way Flasher on Lancaster Ave @ Goodrich St- Ms. Benson noted she corresponded with DPW Director John Rodriquez regarding the two intersection requests. She also corresponded with Police Chief Marino who noted 12.31.09 to 12.31.12 accident count of nine at Lancaster Avenue and Goodrich Street and 12.31.07 to 12.31.12 accident count of four at Mulpus Road and Townsend Harbor Road. Chief Marino noted these are only "reported" accidents. The Committee had inquired of any financial assistance available from Montachusett Regional Planning Commission (MRPC). Correspondence to the Committee Chair noted that a project usually takes one to two years to be included and that the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for 2013-2016 has already been approved. Noted process to get a project in the TIP. Board consensus was to take both requests off the FY2014 Plan and have them brought back in the future with grant funding information. Committee also requesting hazardous intersection study for Lancaster/Goodrich.

Unanimous vote to delete both requests from Plan at a total of \$65,000, with the stipulation of future consideration.

Town Hall Repainting, Chimney, and Roof Repair- Ms. Benson requested breakdown from Chair, Historical Commission. Chimney - \$18,500. Roof - \$40,000. Painting - \$40,000.

First priority is the chimney at \$18,500 for FY2014. Unanimous vote.

Roof and painting deleted for FY2014. (\$32,000 minus'd as amounts deleted under prior prioritizations.)

Utility Vehicle- Committee received information noting Chelmsford using new Ford Interceptors. Ms. Benson's research notes Sedan cost is \$26,641.00, Utility cost is \$27,432.00 (difference of approximately \$800). Ms. Benson spoke with Chief Marino; he noted several sites to purchase from – can shop around. Sedan gets average mileage of 16/gallon with 23 on the highway. Utility gets average mileage of 16/gallon with 21 on the highway. There is not a lot of information concerning maintenance as they are so new. There is 100,000 miles, three years guarantee reported (no cost). Ms. Benson noted reasons the Committee has seen and heard from other communities is that the Utility serves departments better in size. The back seat of the Sedan is narrow with a narrow width and a short floor depth. This can be difficult to place a prisoner in, especially if they are combative. There is no room in the trunk after the placement of equipment; some of it has to be placed in the front seat. More importantly, the sedan is not a vehicle for a large individual. They have difficulty getting out of it quickly which is a safety factor. The Committee prioritizes the Utility over the Sedan. The Committee decided not to recommend the unmarked car. Previous prioritization noted \$45,000 for cruiser. Cost will note Utility/interceptor for \$45,000. This includes \$15,000 for outfitting, \$5000 of which is a radio required under State law. **Unanimous vote for Interceptor at \$45,000.** Plan will note breakdown- Interceptor (base unit) for \$30,000, equipment and outfitting mandated by State regulations \$15,000.

DPW Pickup with Plow- Committee felt DPW Director did not make a significant case and he also listed as a Priority 6 on his Form B. In viewing DPW's five-year plan, noted for FY15 a dump with plow at \$175,000 and pickup with plow at \$40,000. Vote taken, Mr. Raboin, nay; Mr. Mannone Jr., nay; Ms. Shapiro, nay; Mr. Sund, nay; Ms. Benson, aye.

Pickup with plow at \$42,000 removed from FY14 Plan.

Demolition of Holman St Cemetery Bldg & West St Park Bldg- Lengthy discussion ensued. The Committee discussed the possibility of selling the property "as is". It was noted that the Cemetery Department plans to use the land for storage once the building is demolished.

Prior to voting on the demolition, Ms. Shapiro made Motion to reconsider the DPW Pickup with Plow, Second, Mr. Sund. Mr. Sund felt the pickup with plow should come before the building demolition. Ms. Shapiro felt not enough information was available for demolition.

Motion, Mr. Raboin, to vote on removing DPW Pickup with Plow from FY14 Plan, Second, Ms. Shapiro, Mr. Raboin, aye; Mr. Mannone Jr., aye; Mr. Sund, aye; Ms. Shapiro, aye; Ms. Benson, nay. DPW Pickup with Plow removed from Plan.

Discussion continued on demolition. Mr. Mannone Jr. felt not enough information was available. Mr. Raboin felt they needed to come down for safety issues. Mr. Sund mentioned the possibility of using for a controlled burn fire department practice. Ms. Benson requested two Motions; one to take it off the Plan and one to adjust the dollar amount.

Motion, Ms. Shapiro, to adjust dollar amount for demolition of Holman St Cemetery Building and West Street Park Building, Second, Mr. Raboin, discussion then ensued for dollar amount.

Motion, Ms. Shapiro for demolition of Holman St Cemetery Building and West Street Park Building with an amended amount of \$15,000, Second, Mr. Raboin. Vote taken, Ms. Shapiro, aye; Mr. Raboin, aye; Mr. Sund, aye; Ms. Benson, aye; Mr. Mannone Jr., nay.

School Dept, HVAC Controls- Motion, Mr. Mannone Jr., for yea/nay vote on the HVAC controls at \$41,400. **Vote taken, unanimous vote to remain on Plan.**

Mobile Media Carts (School Technology)- Motion, Mr. Sund to amend School Technology to \$55,000, Second, Mr. Raboin, all aye.

Town Technology- Motion, Mr. Sund, to amend Town Technology to \$45,000, Second, Ms. Shapiro, all aye.

School Dept, Floor Replacement- Remain on Plan at \$16,000.

School Dept, Asbestos Remediation- Remain on Plan at \$15,000.

Fire Dept, Ambulance- Remain on Plan at \$215,000.

Fire Dept, equipment (35 sets of Turnout Gear)- Remain on Plan at \$37,000.

Police Dept, Pistols & Holsters (40)- Remain on Plan at \$20,583.

Committee discussed future meetings. Consensus was to meet starting March and then possibly every other week approximately 9 to 10:30.

Approved Minutes 01.23.13 and 01.30.13-

Adjourned 12:00 PM.