

Long Range Capital Improvement Commission
Regular Meeting
February 10, 2022

Note: Attendees participated via Zoom B due to Coronavirus-19 Pandemic

Present: Christopher Donahue-Chairman, Tom Malecky, Howard Rosenbaum, Cindy Varricchio, Matt Walsh

Absent:

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Christopher Donahue via Zoom B, Portland, Connecticut.

Agenda:

Technology

Technology is requesting \$155,500 toward projects that will be prioritized – “must haves”.

The town is required by state statute to put money aside for re-evaluation (\$30K per Year).

The phone system installed in 1989 has reached end of life. Parts for repairs are no longer available for purchase. \$60,000 - \$65,000 would be split over 2 years to replace the phone system; \$25,000 in 2022 and \$35,000 in 2023.

(\$25,000) for Computers/peripherals/software; updating computers and Windows 7 software to newer versions, software licensing,

(\$4,000) police server including editing vehicle and body camera footage (has to be up and running by July 1, 2022).

(\$15,000) Unitrends back-up appliance and cloud storage backs-up data for the entire town. 4-year license or \$60,000 every 4 years.

(\$20,000) for water infrastructure has a separate maintenance contract for cyber security.

(\$16,500) Cameras and Fiber For Water Tanks at High School

(\$20,000) requested for the fire alarm system at the town garage in 2020 was pulled and no upgrades were made.

Fire alarm system upgrade is critical. The town garage will lose everything if there is a fire. There have been close calls. It was suggested to put out a spec bid as soon as possible, fund through capitol or expense through the public safety tower account. Public safety tower account is preferred.

Fire Department

The Fire Department is requesting \$600,000 for aging apparatus Engine 2 in existence since 1998. Engine 2 answers 100% of calls every day. Exterior is rotting and cab is deteriorating. \$43,000 is requested for communication – portables for emergency and mayday calls. A \$500,000 grant has been submitted for wide band frequency. Notification of award will be made in June or July 2022. \$18,000 is requested to replace the current Jaws e-hydraulic spreader, \$20,000 to replace the cutter, \$22,000 to replace the ram set. \$37,000 is requested over the next two years to replace 2 outboard motors on Marine 7 used by dive teams. Marine 7 is a 15 year old Boston Whaler with a pump. Motors are 115 horsepower each. Portland Fire Department works closely with Cromwell and Middletown on water emergencies. If Marine 7 is out of service, Portland has to wait for mutual aid.

Public Works/Grounds

Public Works

Public Works is requesting \$7,500 to purchase remainder of software needed for truck sensors and diagnostics of motors for town fleet. One of the motors is on a fire truck.

\$22,000 is requested for replacement PU Truck snow Plows (1 large and 1 small).

(\$125K over 2yrs for a total of \$250K) is requested to replace dump truck number 13, a 2000 Sterling which has been repaired frequently. There are holes in the body. Needs to be replaced before real issues occur. The dump portion on truck number 14 is rusting. The truck is a 2007. Looking at \$100,000 over 2023 – 2024 to replace both dump trucks. New trucks have stainless steel bodies which inhibit salt – reducing corrosion. Truck bodies can be upgraded to be used on other trucks. A request for \$14,000 was made for 2 computer systems (possibly 3) which monitor salt distribution based on RPM. A request was made (\$100K yr 1 and 115K yr 2) for a John Deere pusher to move snow. Pusher is attached to loader which runs every day in town. There are issues with the motor and needs to be replaced in the next two years. Mower, for roadside mowing and snow plowing is in use from mid-April through November. A request for \$145,000 was made over a two-year split. A request for a pressure washer to keep trucks clean and running was made for \$8,000. The pressure washer will clean all town trucks including fire.

Other items are replacement of fuel pumps and software (\$55k), replacement of signal box at Gildersleeve School crosswalk; status may change if school gets closed permanently. There were two failures with the signal box in 2020. A request over two years was made for \$70,000 for replacement of one masonry dump.

Grounds

Grounds request was made for \$118,000 for the replacement of a mower which serves all athletic fields.

\$100K over 2 years for truck replacement F550 vehicle.

A request was made for the purchase of a Morton type storage shed so that equipment at the new park is protected. There is \$100,000 left from the sale of the firehouse which could be used. Discussion will continue. A suggestion was made for temporary storage near the firehouse for seed, fertilizer, etc. There was a discussion to place storage shed near undeveloped corners outside of the parking lot area at the park. An additional Morton type heated shed was requested to replace the garage behind the police station. Shed to be built with bays and loft for workshop, storage, and Park and Rec storage. Window replacement continues at Buck Foreman on the police side. Funding will continue for Phase III. In addition there are \$10,000 in masonry repairs (historic preservation) and \$65,000 to replace original air condition units in Buck Foreman and throughout town. \$100,000 for roof replacement at Town Hall will be split over two years.

A Motion to adjourn was made by Tom Malecky and seconded by Matt Walsh. The Motion passed unanimously, meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Guite

Dawn Guite, Board Clerk