

Capital Budget Committee
November 27, 2007
Minutes

Attending from Capital Budget: Peter Mitchell, David Melville, Dickson Smith, Carol Lisbon, Allen Goldberg, David Stapleton and Sharon Grant

The meeting was called to order 7:35 AM

1. Capital Budget Request Reviews:

a. Chickering School – Represented by Bob Springett and Ken Corning

The Chickering School discussed its request of \$25,000 for its phase two purchase of six computer switches, and \$55,000 for the replacement of computer technology equipment for FY09. It was also noted that the Dover School Committee is currently studying the Chickering HVAC systems and it is possible that a capital request may be made to modify those systems.

The “out years” FY10 – 13 were also reviewed to include the on-going replacement of computer technology, a repainting of the school, a conversion of the phone system to VOIP, and the replacement of certain building systems.

b. Highway Department – Represented by Craig Hughes

The Highway Department discussed its request of for the replacement of the 1997 Highway 1 pick-up truck for \$33,000 less a trade-in of \$650.

Also discussed was replacement of a 1988 front-end loader at a cost of \$118,000. This piece of equipment was moved up two years in the Capital Budget Request due to engine related issues that are estimated to cost \$37,326 to repair. It is the feeling of Mr. Hughes that his piece of equipment is vital to the everyday workings of the Department and should be replaced rather than repaired. He estimated a trade-in of \$22,500.

Also discussed was replacement of two (of four) trash containers used by the Transfer Station at a cost of \$33,000 less approximately \$1,000 to be realized from scrap metal. These items were not projected in the Capital Budget projections because they have been able to be repaired as needed; however, holes have begun to develop in the containers that are becoming increasingly difficult to weld.

The “out years” were also discussed and include replacement of the two remaining trash containers, two one-ton dump trucks, and fuel depot tank and pump replacement.

c. Selectmen – Represented by Dave Ramsey.

The first item requested for replacement is the Town House copier at a cost of \$8,500. This copier gets a lot of use and it is felt that replacing it is a less costly option than attempting to extend its life.

Also discussed was a request for \$25,000 to replace the Town House copper roof valleys and drip edge.

Additionally, a request for \$30,000 was discussed to paint and repair siding on the Protective Services Agencies Building.

2. The next Capital Budget Committee meeting will be held at 7:30 AM December 4, 2007 in the Selectmen’s Meeting Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 AM

Respectfully submitted, Dickson Smith, Secretary