

Capital Budget Committee
November 24, 2009
Selectman's Meeting Room

Attendees: Peter Mitchell, Chair; Dickson Smith, Secretary; Sharon Grant, Member-at Large; Carol Lisbon, Selectmen; Jim Dawley and David Melville, Warrant Committee; and Mark Sarro, Long Range Planning

The meeting was called to order at 7:35AM

1. Capital Budget Request Reviews:

a. Cemetery Department – Represented by Bill Herd

The Highway Department is requesting \$11,000 for the replacement of a mower that is shared by other town departments. These mowers have a life expectancy of 1,000 hours and the current mower has lasted for 1,400 hours. There are no additional anticipated capital expenditures for the out-years FY12-15.

b. Fire Department – Represented by Jay Hughes, Fire Chief

The Fire Department is requesting \$55,000 for the replacement of its extrication/rescue equipment known as the “Jaws of Life”. This equipment is used for removing victims that have become trapped in a motor vehicle or in other accident scenarios. The current equipment is 17 years old. Materials used in manufacturing automobiles today have changed and the current rescue equipment is becoming inadequate to perform emergency extrication operations. The new replacement equipment is more powerful, lighter and easier to operate. The equipment also includes rescue stabilization struts that are used to stabilize a vehicle when an extrication operation is being performed to insure patient and firefighter safety. The out years FY12 – 15 were also reviewed and included: \$85,500 in FY12 for the replacement of firefighter turnout gear. This is the protective clothing that is worn by our firefighters. The Fire Department continues to apply for grant money to replace the gear but with grant monies decreasing, it may be difficult to receive funding; \$860,000 in FY13 to replace the ladder truck. The chassis will be over 20 years old and the ladder on the truck will be over 35 years old; \$155,000 in FY14 for the replacement of Squad 2, the large forestry truck. This request may change instead to refurbishing the truck but will be determined at a future point; \$9,500 to replace ten Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) air bottles that will have been to be taken out of service; and \$26,000 in FY15 for the replacement of radio equipment to include five mobile radios, eight portable radios and ten pagers.

c. Ambulance – Represented by Jay Hughes, Fire Chief

The Ambulance is requesting \$12,800 for the purchase of an Electronic Patient Care Reporting System (ePCR). ePCR allows the Emergency Medical Technicians to record a patient's medical condition in an efficient and complete manner. The system consists of IT equipment and programming. ePCR is mandated for implementation by the state. Service enhancements include standardization and uniformity of state and federally mandated reporting, and integrated, streamlined billing. There are no additional anticipated capital expenditures for the out-years FY12-15 at this time.

The next CBC meeting will be held at 7:30 AM December 1, 2009 in the Selectmen's Meeting Room. The Chickering School will be presenting their requests.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Dickson Smith, Secretary