

## Capital Budget Committee Tuesday, December 1, 2015

Members present:

Bob Springett, Kate Cannie, Brooks Gerner, Robyn Hunter, Gordon Kinder, Andrew Phelan, and Mark Sarro.

Chairman Springett called the meeting to order at 7:00AM in the Selectmen's Meeting Room.

1. Minutes of the November 17, 2015 meeting were approved.
2. The Committee reviewed the current capital budget spreadsheet and vehicle inventory. Each member was reminded to ask their respective departments to update the inventory.
3. Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee (RSC) member Lori Krusell presented the RSC's capital requests. Ms. Krusell was joined by RSC member Richard Robinson, Interim Superintendent of Schools Bill McAlduff, Jr., Business Manager Hans Baumhauer, Facilities Director Ralph Kelley, and members of the Sherborn Capital Budget Committee, Maria Kadison, Erik Sirri. And Ben Williams.
  - a. The RSC based its capital requests on both its current assessment and the Capital Assessment Plan prepared by On-Site Insight in 2012. Most (nine) of the RSC's 13 requests for FY 2017 are from the On-Site Insight report; four are new.
  - b. Each of the RSC's capital requests for FY 2017 was discussed.
  - c. The request for \$57,800 to replace the fire alarm panels and the middle school and high school is due to the lack of replacement parts for the current panels, which were installed in 2003/04 and are at the end of their expected life. The panels are still functioning, but finding replacement parts can take 1-2 weeks and will become more difficult over time. The schools' ability to operate could be affected if a panel is out of service. The Fire Department agrees that the panels should be replaced. The new panels would be compatible with wireless sensors in the field and have an expected life of 10-15 years.
  - d. The \$40,000 requested for a passenger van would replace an existing van used for trips by student clubs and athletic teams. The van currently makes 118 trips per year, including 63 trips for athletic events and weekly trips to the Pine Street Inn in Boston. Purchasing a new van would avoid the cost of chartering buses at a cost of approximately \$275 per trip. The new van likely would be a Ford vehicle designed to carry up to 14 passengers. It would be purchased via a state contract.
  - e. The \$40,000 requested for carpeting in the high school library would replace the current broadloom carpet, which is well-worn, with a tiled carpet that could be replaced in sections in the future. This is similar to the carpet already replaced in the middle school library and in the school lobby. The new carpet would be expected to last approximately 10 years.
  - f. The \$17,600 request for a new elevator system would replace the original 1969 elevator at the high school. The cost of the new system includes a maintenance contract.

- g. Requests for the out-years (2018-2021) were discussed briefly. Noting the possible replacement of the high school roof in 2020, the Capital Budget Committee suggested considering rooftop solar panels, especially if Dover votes at its 2016 Town Meeting for Green Community certification, which could provide for state grants to offset the cost. (Sherborn is already a Green Community.)
- h. The RSC's capital requests do not include any technology items. Those are included in its operating budget.
- i. The RSC and Administration report that the Capital Assessment Plan prepared by On-Site Insight has proven, and still is, highly useful for planning purposes. While there are no current plans to update the report, it likely should be updated at some point in the next few years.

The next meeting will be at 7AM on Tuesday, December 15.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Sarro