

Capital Budget Committee
Tuesday, December 20, 2016

Members present:

Bob Springett (Chair), Kate Cannie, Fred Hammerle, Robyn Hunter, Gordon Kinder, Andrew Phelan and Mark Sarro.

Chairman Springett called the meeting to order at 7:30AM in the Selectmen's Meeting Room.

1. The Committee approved the meeting minutes of December 13, 2016.
2. Police Chief Peter McGowan attended to follow up on the Police Department's FY18 request to replace a patrol car:
 - a. Four marked cruisers, averaging roughly 100,000 miles per year overall plus idling time. At the time of replacement, the patrol cars tend to have 75,000 to 100,000 miles.
 - b. Ford has developed factors for routine maintenance and motor lifespan: 33 miles per hour of idle time for gasoline engines.
 - i. Instrumentation in the cruisers records and reports this mileage equivalent. Police inventory shows both miles and hours.
 - ii. Idling time affects only, or primarily, the engine. The Town could consider an engine replacement program.
 - c. The 2014 patrol car (#344) now has 40,000 miles plus 4,500 hours of idle time, or an equivalent of another 148,500 miles on a car driven in normal use. So that car has a total of 188,500 mile-equivalents.
 - d. When funds are allocated, new patrol cars are not automatically ordered. It depends on the then current condition of the car. The Police Department tries to get through the winter and then replace. By the time car #344 would be replaced (roughly a year from now) it will have roughly another 40,000 driving miles.
 - e. So far, no SUVs have been auctioned. Expect to receive \$8,000-9,000 per SUV at auction.
 - f. Seat replacement for a patrol car is likely around \$600.
 - g. Availability of older cars requiring repairs is a consideration for rotation planning.
3. Town Administrator David Ramsay and Building Supervisor Karl Warnick attended to discuss the Selectmen's capital requests.
 - a. Lighting update is a result of the energy audit done as part of the Town's energy reduction plan under the Green Communities program. The payback period is under five years on all buildings, and the cost will be more than offset by the initial grant under the program.

- b. The A/C request for the Blue Room at the Caryl Community Center is for two wall-mounted units with a shared compressor, including a heat pump. The room does not have existing ductwork.
 - c. The Protective Agencies building has not been painted for seven or more years. The request is based on a quote. The actual cost will result from three quotes.
 - d. The overhead door openers at the Fire Station are not working properly.
 - e. The Selectmen's other requests were discussed briefly with no questions from the Committee.
4. The Committee discussed the possibility of reserving funds for the future replacement of the roof at the High School. Ms. Hunter noted that municipal accounting rules prohibit the establishment of such a reserve fund.

The next meeting will be at 7:30AM on Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Sarro