

Town of Tuftonboro
Capital Improvements Program Committee
Meeting October 19, 2022, at the Tuftonboro Library

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The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by the chair. Members present: Jill Cromwell, Chair; David Carle; David Dauphinais; Gordon Hunt; Barbara Maidhof; Carol Bush; Chip Albee; and Tom Young. Members absent: None. A quorum was determined.

During the course of the meeting, Police Chief Shagoury and Chris Ruel joined the meeting to make presentations of their requested projects.

The minutes of the October 5, 2022 meeting were reviewed and approved. Motion/Hunt, Second/Bush, Unanimous.

Chief Shagoury noted that the Police software system replacement will not be needed until the State of NH no longer supports what the Town currently has. In addition, the body and cruiser cameras could be moved out to 2027, although price would then go up. There was discussion that the amounts shown in subsequent years for maintenance of the camera system should be moved to the Town operating budget. He requested two new cruisers for 2023 at a cost of \$160,000.

Chip Albee, representing the Selectmen, began with the paving and improvements for 2023, which remain at \$400,000 for major town roads and \$100,000. for neighborhood roads. There was discussion that the cost will go up, and a suggestion to add in an inflation factor of perhaps 3% to 5% each year. Moving on to the Solar-powered system the Selectmen are considering, one of the proposals, which had not been provided to the committee, is being considered. The current plan is to have just one location to power all of the Town's buildings. The Town would purchase the system outright for an estimated \$270,000 after available government rebates. Over time, it was estimated that the savings in Town electric bills would pay for the system. The Selectmen are looking at several bids and no final recommendation has been made yet.

The Lake Road Culvert and Dredging, and also the Melvin Wharf project remain as-is from the previous year's spreadsheet, except to move the second part of the Lake Road project to 2025. In addition, Mr. Albee noted that the Selectmen will not approve two new Police vehicles for 2023, and suggested \$50,000 for one vehicle with the additional funds needed for that vehicle being available from the Town.

Tuftonboro Neck Bridge project should be moved out to 2032 since we are not on the State's list.

Chris Ruel presented the Transfer Station projects, starting with a compactor 2 replacement for \$30,000 in 2023, and a new compactor 3 to handle commercial waste for \$60,000 also in 2023. Funds for the backhoe maintenance or replacement were deleted and replaced by \$25,000 in 2023 for overhaul of the backhoe, which should make it good for another 10 years. Instead, a wheel loader purchase for \$179,000 in 2023 is requested. It could do more than the backhoe does, and could also plow snow in the transfer station. The current backhoe would be a backup. The Committee asked Chris to provide annual usage figures to determine if increased usage would warrant the new compactor.

There was additional discussion about the Capital Capacity chart in the CIP Committee's Report, and how its trend line should be calculated. Chip presented and explained his definition of capacity. No agreement was reached.

The next meeting will be November 2, 2022 at the Town Library.

There being no New Business or Public Input, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Young, Secretary