

Town of Tuftonboro

Capital Improvements Program Committee

Minutes for Meeting on Wednesday, September 22, 2021, 6:30 PM at the Tuftonboro Town House.

Meeting called to order by Chair at 6:30 PM

Determine Quorum, by Roll Call Vote. Members present: Jill Cromwell, Chair: David Carle: Barbara Maidhof: Guy Pike: Tom Young

Present by Electronic Communication: Penny Hug, due to injury

Absent: Laureen Hadley: Jeff Reisner

Also Present: Adam Thompson, Fire Chief and Caleb Pike, Fire Captain

Review and approve minutes from 9/8/21 Meeting by roll call vote: Maidhof, Cromwell, Pike, Carle, and Young all approved. Penny Hug approved by electronic communication.

The Chair reviewed the schedule of presentations: 10/6 Transfer Station; 10/20 Highway. Police, Selectmen, Parks and Rec, and Conservation TBD.

Fire and Emergency Preparedness Projects were presented and discussed item by item with the Fire Chief and Captain.

Thompson stated that Engine One capital reserve put off until 2024. ATV scheduled for purchase in 2023

Chair noted that Engine 2 final payment will be in 2022 not 2023

Chair began a discussion on Variable Message Sign: Committee members and Chief/Captain discussed why it is needed, that public has requested it, could it be shared? (unknown). Fire Captain emphasized that it is needed.

Chair noted a new request for Ambulance 2. Fire Chief noted request is for 2026, and it is needed. More calls each year. It would be used when need as a backup to Stewart's. Dept. has been happy with Stewart's Ambulance as the primary response.

Chair moved on to ATV/UTV, now scheduled for 2023. A discussion followed with Chief and Captain. One example was a Bobcat "Toolcat". More features than the current unit including tracks and front bucket. Penny Hug questioned whether this would be used on Federal or State land and might be eligible for a grant. Chief commented that he has not had a lot of luck with grants in recent years. Captain replied State land on occasion but not Federal anticipated. Captain noted that larger vehicle would also require a new trailer, but that the new vehicle can carry the equipment currently towed on a separate trailer.

Chair reviewed the remaining items with Chief and Captain: Boat 2 in 2025 is to replace the existing airboat. Car 1 has a relatively new replaced engine but rust problems require replacement in 2025. Central Station Renovations are just a placeholder for now. Chair will put in as 2031 for now. Engine 1 in 2032 is a 20 year replacement. Capital reserve should start in 2023. Engine 4 in 2025 has no capital reserve, so will be a lease-purchase. Utility 1 is due for a 15 year replacement in 2023.

A general discussion followed on delays in getting needed parts or other items.

Chief and Captain left at 7:10 PM

Chair noted new locations for future meetings, as noted on agenda.

Chair moved to adjourn at 7:20 PM. Roll Call Vote approved by all present and by Hug via electronic communication.

Respectfully Submitted:

Tom Young, Secretary

