

Town of Tuftonboro

Capital Improvements Program Committee

Meeting November 8, 2023, at the Town Library

Finalized November 29, 2023

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:30 PM. Members present: Jill Cromwell, Chair, Chip Albee, Carol Bush, Dave Carle, Gary Chehames, Tim Galvin (by phone), Barbara Maidhof, and Thomas Young. Members absent: None. Also attending: Guy Pike and Bob Murray. A quorum was determined, and the minutes of the Oct. 25, 2023 meeting approved.

The Fire Dept. was not present, but sent a proposal for Capital Reserve Accounts, with four categories of equipment or infrastructure. See attached Draft 1 of the Fire/Rescue Capital Reserve Funds chart. Note that Engine 4 is a lease/purchase and not included in these numbers.

Other projects were discussed, including that the Chair sent an article to the Police Chief stating that the State has grants available for Body Cameras. A new proposal has been received from the Highway Dept. for a new 10-wheel truck in 2030 to replace the one just put in service at the end of its 7 year service life. Parks and Recreation is going forward with a mailing seeking donations for the bike trail. Finally, the Selectmen are considering a new project to preserve the quality of Mirror Lake using a State Loan that will be forgiven when the work is complete. The Selectmen are not sure how this will be treated. The CIP Committee has received no proposal on this.

The Selectmen have not yet submitted any projects, but committed to doing so by Nov. 30. They mentioned that they are getting a federal grant to rebuild Canaan Road, which would require 10% (\$87,000) to be paid by the town. They also may increase the paving budget to as much as \$700,000. The solar project would cost \$350,000 with a \$170,000 rebate coming back in 2025. They don't plan to ask for more funding for the police station. They proposed that the Lake Road project should be pushed out of 2024 so that they can get input from the rebuilding of Union Wharf project as it progresses.

They commented on moving the Rights-of-Way to Central Park project. We decided to move it to 2030. They also stated that the Paving of the Parking Lot at 19 Mile Bay has not been completely thought out and is not necessary, moving it out of 2024.

The Selectmen commented that they are in favor of extending the Highway Dept. building and paving the upper pavement, including bollards to protect the gas dispenser, but would eliminate the heating system requested and include some form of heat with the building extension.

For the Police Dept, Body Cameras and Tasers, considered individually rather than all together, could be considered budget items, as will be the mobile data terminals considering the new, lower pricing. A capital reserve should be established for the new police vehicles, adding \$50,000 to this in 2024 and not purchasing the next vehicle until 2025.

The Selectmen are opposed to a new Wheel Loader for the Transfer Station in 2024, and favor a new Backhoe instead, with the Wheel Loader being deleted. A backhoe is more versatile. Adding \$75,000 to the existing \$50,000 reserve would fund the new Backhoe. They do not support the Truck Scale for 2024 and propose it be moved to 2026 so they can judge the results of the new disposal pricing now in place.

The next CIP Committee meeting for Nov. 15 has been cancelled by the Chair for lack of submissions from the Selectmen. The next meeting will be Nov. 29 or 30, and the Chair will inform the Committee of the new date.

There being no New Business or Public Input, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Young, Secretary