

OFFICIAL  
Planning Board CIP Sub-Committee  
8/7/2023  
6:30 pm

**Members**

David Copeland (Chair)  
Bob Strobel  
Hal Kreider  
Todd Abernathy  
Maggie Kerkhoff  
David Brown (absent)  
Ginger Dole

Mr. Copeland opened the meeting at 6:30 pm. Library Trustees Ms. Betty Smith and Ms. Janet Clark were present to provide further information regarding two items to be placed on the 2023 CIP plan.

Ms. Smith informed the Committee that the lift currently in the Library is 24 years old, that parts are no longer available, and is not working properly. She also reminded the Committee that the town owned, public building must be ADA compliant. Ms. Clark added that they have been able to get one quote for a replacement lift dated 7/12/23 in the amount of \$29,050.

Discussion continued, discussing the possibility that the Library could be closed to the public if not ADA compliant. As well as funding source – operating budget versus warrant article. Mr. Kreider suggested the amount should be increased to \$35,000 to cover possible cost increases. He also suggested they meet with the new Town Administrator for assistance in writing an RFP to be sent out, for both the Lift and the requested generator. They are removing the solar panels previously requested at this time.

Fire Chief Tetreault next met with the committee. We reviewed the items previously listed that are required for 2024. The Lucas Mech CPR2 was listed on the 2023 plan at a \$25,000. Cost. The Chief agreed that that should be increased to \$35,000, and the TIC3 (Thermal Imaging Camera) could be reduced from \$10,000 to \$8,000.

Discussion then moved to the replacement of Engine 3. The Chief explained it is a 1997 model and needs replacement this year. He has been watching various websites, and feels we could obtain a late model used "Quint", which includes an aerial ladder for approximately \$600,000, compared to a new Quint for 1,000,000 plus. To replace the existing truck as is, brand new, would be approximately \$750,000. He will be looking at more grant opportunities as well.

Discussion then turned to Safety Facilities. He would like to keep the idea in the forefront. They need to replace the existing original roof at the Narrows Station, anticipated cost of \$35,000 in 2024. The Narrows station also needs to be expanded, both for sleeping quarters, as well as a new bay for Engine 3 replacement.

If it is determined that a new Police Safety Station is to be built, at a cost of approximately \$2,000,000, then the expansion of the Narrows station would need to be done as well. That is anticipated to be

between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000. The question becomes does the town want a combined Safety Complex or separate buildings? A line will be added to the CIP plan for both Fire and Police with the numbers listed above.

The Committee also requested The Recreation Director and Commission meet with us to provide additional details for their requests, but were unable to attend tonight. It was agreed that we would meet with them at the next meeting, as the month is progressing, and time is of the essence.

Minutes from the 7/31/23 meeting were reviewed.

***Motion: Mr. Strobel made the motion to approve the 7/31/23 minutes as presented. Mr. Abernathy seconded the motion. Vote 6-0 – Yes. Motion Approved.***

Our next meeting will concentrate on reviewing the additional information from the Recreation Department, as well as reviewing the updated spread sheet.

***Motion: Mr. Abernathy made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:33pm. Ms. Kerkoff seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote 6-0 at 8:33 pm.***

Respectfully submitted,

Ginger Dole  
Recording Secretary