

## **2020-2025 CIP Minutes**

**October 21, 2019**

**Members: Burton Reynolds, Walter Holt, Karen Grybko, Mary-Alice Fullerton**

**Russ Boland, Town Administrator**

**Chairman Reynolds called the meeting to order at 6PM.**

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT: CHIEF RANCE DEWARE**

The department has two Ford Explorer sized vehicles. These are typically replaced every 4 years or when the mileage is near 90,000. The 2016 is due to be replaced in 2020. The chief wanted us to be aware the Explorer is being remodeled. This means much of the equipment that typically is brought forward from the current vehicle will not fit driving up the cost of replacement from 46K to 53K and the payment toward to vehicle in 2020 from 23K to 30K. The remainder of the vehicle rotations were increased accordingly using the 53K cost base.

### **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: ROAD AGENT MARK CHASE**

The plan for replacement remains unchanged: one-ton 9 years, trucks 15 years, and equipment 20 years. These can change due to a number of factors an example being the 2008 Volvo dump truck. It has become unreliable so the 2023 planned replacement date has been moved up to 2020. There is enough money in the plan, along with the trade-in value, to allow this without further funding in 2020. Funding for the grader is sufficient for either a used replacement or a refurbishment when the time comes. In general, the plan anticipates buying equipment used and the trucks new but that could be just the reverse depending on what is available in the marketplace at the time of replacement. The plan incorporates funding for all the Highway Department vehicles/equipment. Under "Infrastructure" is money for bridge replacements. Johnson Corner Road bridge is next and there is enough in the plan to cover the cost of replacement. After that will be the large culverts on Pettingill Hill Road but those are 12-15 years out so funding is beyond the scope of the current 6 year plan.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT: CHIEF BRIAN SMITH**

The tanker is due for replacement in 2020/21. Based on prices received it looks like the truck with some additional equipment will be about \$280,000. The plan has the money set aside to cover it. The other cost estimates were left as is but there was an extensive discussion about exploring buying used trucks instead of new. The cost of trucks has increased substantially. The idea is to spend some time in 2020 investigating this option to see if it is viable for us. The chief was asked to update the Fire Equipment CRF with dates and amounts for various purchases to make sure the 10K the plan has being placed in the account yearly will be sufficient. Nothing is now planned for 2020 but when we discussed briefly the fire station future options it was noted there is no exhaust system in the building and that could be the type of thing the Fire Equipment account could fund.

The ambulance account is to be closed and the money in it returned to the general fund as it is now part of the annual operating budget billing from Wilton. The Municipal Building Maintenance account was discussed last year but wording issues prevented it from being placed on the warrant. The Selectmen will be encouraged to revisit this concept.

The meeting was adjourned at 8PM by Chairman Reynolds.