

**Capital Improvement Plan 2012-2017**  
**Joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen**  
**October 24, 2012**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Burton Reynolds, Bob Lewis, Pauline Ball, Karen Grybko, Bill Ball and Don Guertin

**GUESTS:** Selectmen Arnie Byam, Donnie Sawin, Kevin Boette and Town Administrator Kate Thorndike

**Meeting began at 7:15 p.m.**

CIP Chair Burton Reynolds explained that most of the items on the plan have been on the schedule for some time. Each year the objective is to keep the bottom line as close as possible to the year before. One challenge is adjusting the project due date so that these replacements come due in a different year to avoid having more than one in any given year. In 2017, we have an unusual example because the plan has replacements for the Mack truck, a police vehicle and the rescue truck. If the plan works well, funding will be there when it is needed. He noted that in 2014, the challenge will be to find funds for the Pinnacle Road repair which was scheduled for 2017.

B. Reynolds said that the department heads met with TA Thorndike who completed the math on the work forms. He then adjusted the CIP spreadsheet accordingly.

He directed the Board's attention to the spreadsheet and explained the following replacements:

Fire Department:

'84 Tanker.....due in 2014.....purchase chassis only and install existing tank onto new body.

'94 Pumper.....due in 2022.....repair was completed this year and the vehicle is working well

'02 Rescue.....due in 2017...decision was made to purchase a total replacement; existing box will be kept until that time.

'05 Pumper.....due in 2033...funding will begin in 2013

Police Department:

'09 4WD vehicle...due in 2013....purchase will be held off until the fall of 2013.

All other vehicles are on the four year replacement schedule.

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### Highway Department:

B. Reynolds said that the road agent did some research on replacement cost to make sure that his figures were accurate.

'08 Volvo truck.....due in 2023.....increase in funding amount because this item was not funded last year.

'02 Grader.....due in 2022....\$69,000 presently in the fund and it will continue because of the high cost of replacement.

At this time, Mr. Reynolds noted on the spreadsheet that in 2014 there is zero funding but in 2015, the amount doubles to \$50,000. He is attempting to avoid a spike in the bottom line for 2014. He added that the funding for the Police Space has been pushed out until 2015. After reviewing an updated Bond Run, he found out that the Bond Bank has two issuance dates, Spring and Fall. An issuance in the Fall requires the first interest payment due in August 2015.

B. Ball asked if funding for one item could be reallocated for another item. Mr. Reynolds replied yes but it needs a two-thirds majority vote at town meeting. Funding can be moved from one Capital Reserve Fund (CRF) to another or it can be repurposed for something different. Also, you can combine all vehicles for a department in one fund and equipment in another; but when individually itemized, there's more flexibility and transparency.

'07 One Ton.....due in 2016.....will keep stainless steel dump body

'09 One Ton.....due in 2018.....will keep stainless steel dump body

Mr. Reynolds said that the road agent would like to have more options for a sturdier vehicle when replacing these One Ton trucks; plow frames and plows will be included in the funding.

'08 Backhoe.....due in 2023.....funding is scheduled to begin in 2015

'09 Backhoe/Loader.....due in 2019.....bought used; \$56,500 paid prior to 2013.

### Road Improvements:

Pinnacle Road paving....due in 2014.....\$100,000; preliminary repairs to be done in 2013.

**TA Thorndike** told the Board and the CIP committee that the road agent asked about a cost difference between 1 ½ in. and 1 ¾ in. base. He was told that the 1 ½ in. would cost more because of the condition of the road and a different product would be needed to support the base. B. Reynolds explained that the road agent will be doing the repairs to the road before it is paved; therefore 1 ½ in. would be satisfactory. **TA Thorndike** said that the road agent thought that 1 ¾ in. would be preferable. **Selectman Boette** asked if

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the remaining \$29,000 mentioned by RA Perry at their last meeting would be used to off set some of the cost. B. Reynolds said that this should be discussed later.

### Police Space:

B. Reynolds said that this item is just a place holder and a new bond run will be needed when a decision is made to go forward with an expansion. **Chairman Byam** said that the Police Department space is not adequate. **Selectman Sawin** also stated that more space is needed and the use of the Wilton Police Department is only a temporary solution. **Selectman Boette** thought that a plan should be discussed after the town experiences two consecutive years with a good police department. B. Reynolds said that this would not be a CRF because of the cost involved and a bond would have to be approved at town meeting. **Selectman Sawin** said that the overall structure was not the concern; the issue is the criteria to meet the current standards for a police department.

### Bridges:

B. Reynolds explained that they have re-submitted their application for a new series of Hazard Mitigation grants for funding of the Johnson Corner Rd. project.

B. Reynolds said that he has discussed trying to extent the life of the culvert on Pettingill Hill Road by using a technique to protect the culvert from further erosion until a replacement can be funded through the Bridge Aid program.

B. Reynolds said that the CIP plan will be presented to the Budget Committee and no other CIP meetings were necessary.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Pauline Ball