



TOWN OF NORTON

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Date: March 3, 2014

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Location: First Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall, 70 East Main Street, Norton, MA 02766

Members Present: Robert W. Kimball, Jr., Valerie Desmond, and Michael D. Yunits

Members Not Present: George Burgess and Michael Thomas

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

Data Processing/Communications

Charlene Fisk, Director of Communications

Director Fisk was asked by Town Manager Yunits to explain the need for the Gasboy fuel system upgrade. Ms. Fisk explained that the current system is failing. The proposal will be for all software and hardware to upgrade the system.

The Director then reviewed the Data Processing Five-Year Plan, explaining that it is an ongoing plan to replace hardware on a rotating basis so that all computers do not fail at once.

The Communications Department's Five-Year Plan was then reviewed with the Committee. There is a need to upgrade the fire alarm system. This is the same system that existed in the Town Hall before the move to the new Police Station, and the circuit boards need to be replaced. Mr. Kimball asked if the technology for the proposed system will be obsolete soon and whether everything would be wireless. Mr. Kimball requested that quotes be obtained to convert to a wireless system. Director Fisk will look into the matter. Fire Chief Schleicher asked the Committee to keep in mind that this system handles all alarms in businesses, and there would be a cost to the businesses to upgrade as well.

Director Fisk discussed the importance of the requested radio comparator replacements, explaining that this system regulates radio communications, it is failing, and it needs to be replaced.

Fire Department

Chief Paul J. Schleicher, Sr.
Captain Alvan Fuller, III

Chief Schleicher discussed the Fire Department's Five-Year Plan. The first item is the purchase of an ambulance for \$240,000. The Chief indicated that the Town Manager had requested that the ambulance be purchased with cash to save on finance charges. The ambulance fees have been raised to assure that there are sufficient funds in the account. Mr. Kimball asked what the current balance of the Ambulance Fund was, and the Chief replied that it was about \$800,000.

The next item is the ladder refurbishing. The Chief called upon Captain Fuller to explain. Captain Fuller informed the Committee that it is 14 years old, and parts need to be replaced. Chief Schleicher added that the estimates are in the \$18,000 range. The Chief is requesting \$20,000 because when you begin working on a vehicle that is 14 years old, you more than likely will find some other issues. Captain Fuller explained that the repairs will include suspension, tires, and radiator repairs. The Chief then stated that the \$75,000 is for a payment on the pumper that was previously approved, and the \$42,000 request is to replace a sedan.

The Chief told the Committee that he has not requested money for the remodeling of the Burgess Station because he knows the Town Manager is working on that and the funds were approved previously. The Chief stated that in the future, the Town needs to look at a new station on the East side of town. This issue was raised in the recent ISO report. The needed renovations to the Chartley Station have been moved to FY19, and the Town Manager recently approved funding for a roof repair at the station.

Police Department

Chief Brian M. Clark

Chief Clark presented the Five-Year Capital Plan of the Police Department and discussed the Department's needs for FY15. The cruiser replacements are part of the ongoing plan. The Chief plans to replace either the 2010 Dodge Charger with 95,000 miles, the 2006 Ford Expedition with 123,000 miles, or the 2011 Dodge Charger with 75,000 miles and the Ford Crown Victoria with 109,000 miles.

Chief Clark informed the Committee that he is looking to replace the Department's tasers. The Chief has included funding for 5 tasers in his FY15 budget proposal, and he is looking to purchase 17 tasers through capital to meet the needs of the Department. The tasers are outdated and are no longer being made or maintained, although Bridgewater State has expressed an interest in possibly purchasing them from the Town.

Chief Clark stated that he would like to purchase the Coplogic on-line reporting system for \$10,500. The system will be a time saver for officers, and the public will be able to file reports on line. Officers will no longer need to return from the field to do this work. Ms. Desmond stated that the \$10,500 is for the purchase, but she was interested in learning whether there are licensing and maintenance fees. The Chief replied that there would be a \$3,000/year expense.

The future needs of the Police Department were then presented by Chief Clark. The Police Station is need of repairs, and there are issues due to the type of construction. The building should have been a brick building. Another future need is the Nextgen system. The Pamet system is currently being used, and Chief Clark stated that the Fire Chief would be in agreement that the Pamet system in not a good system. Director Fisk added that Pamet was recently purchased by a Texas company, and it is moving farther away. Chief Schleicher said that as we talk on regionalization, we find towns are all using different systems.

List of Documents and Other Exhibits used at Meeting:

Five-Year Capital Plan

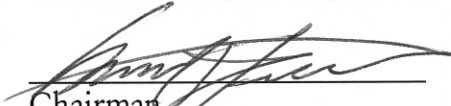
Back-Up Materials/Quotes for Departmental Capital Requests

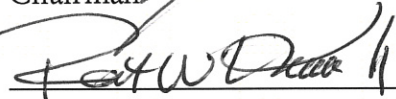
A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Kimball, seconded by Ms. Desmond to adjourn. It was voted 3-0 to adjourn.

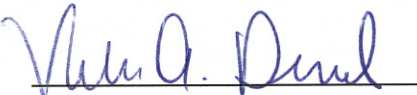
The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE


Chairman





Minutes Approved by Committee on: March 5, 2014