

Capital Outlay Committee

January 10, 2022

Remote meeting via Zoom

Present:

- Capital Outlay Committee: Eric Valentine, Kevin Flaherty, Davalene Cooper, Matt Goulet, Mike Donovan
- Michelle Monsegur, Assistant Town Administrator for Finance
- Leslie Badger, Animal Control Office, David Jones, Police Chief, Ken Corson, Harbormaster, Joseph Driscoll Head Assistant Harbormaster, Ryan O'Shea, Deputy Police Chief, David Petitti, Administrative Lieutenant

7:31 PM: Call to order

Mr. Valentine called the meeting to order and read the following statement:

“This meeting is being held remotely as an alternate means of public access pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021 temporarily amending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law. You are hereby advised that this meeting and all communications during this meeting may be recorded by the Town of Hingham in accordance with the Open Meeting Law. If any participant wishes to record this meeting, please notify the chair at the start of the meeting in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, § 20(f) so that the chair may inform all other participants of said recording. “

Mr. Valentine asked if any participants were recording the meeting.

FY2023 Capital Budget Department Requests:

Animal Control

\$60,000 for a new Ford F-150 gas powered police pickup. This will replace a 2015 civilian pickup with 76,000 miles. The cost includes all accessories and is net of anticipated trade in value. No hybrid pickup models are currently on the market.

Harbormaster

Jet docks are requested in each of the next two years. It would be part of a new docking system for the storage of its two patrol boats that are kept in the Shipyard. The jet docks are anticipated to be incorporated in the design of the MBTA's new ferry pier. The patrol boats would be stored alongside the ferries and would both provide cost savings and align with the Town's green initiative. \$10,000 annual savings in boat slip rental fees and eliminate the periodic painting of the boat hulls with expensive and toxic anti-fouling paint. **The jet docks would not be purchased if the MBTA project does not move forward.**

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1. \$20,000 for the purchase of a jet dock for Marine 2. This is net of a \$16,000 security grant. An additional request for \$45,000 for a second jet dock for Marine 1 will be needed. Combining the dock purchases will save on shipping and assembly. Fiscal grants over three years are expected.
2. \$75,000 for the net cost of a refurbishment of Marine 1 (12 years old). The total cost is \$300,000 but is being heavily subsidized through a \$225,000 Port Security grant. The boat will get all needed repairs and upgrades as determined by the manufacturer. A replacement boat would cost \$1.2 million. This repair will extend the life of the boat by at least 10 years.
3. \$25,000 for the purchase of a new engine for Marine 3 (pump out boat). The engine is not operational and the maker (Evinrude) has gone out of business. Will replace with a Suzuki engine which is more fuel efficient. There may be a new grant from Marine Fisheries to help cover some or all of this cost as well.
4. \$5,000 for the purchase to two tasers to help with responding to on water issues. **Potential cost savings if taser purchases are consolidated with the Police in the future.**

Police

The first hybrid cruisers went into service in July and have been well received. Annualized gas savings of \$34,600 to date. Police want to buy 4 hybrid cruisers and 3 administrative vehicles, adding one additional vehicle to the fleet. The additional patrol car is justified because: 1. 3 new officers are being added this year, 2. officers would be assigned to a specific car which should improve accountability for the cars' condition and, 3. eliminate doubling up of officers during Covid.

\$216,776 for 4 hybrid Ford Explorer police cruisers

\$160,944 for 3 hybrid Ford administrative vehicles

\$144,890 for 25 cruiser camera replacements

\$138,653 for 75 body cameras. Implementation now covered under Police union contract. The 75 cameras will cover all full and part-time personnel and allow for spares as needed. Cameras cannot be easily shared. **A grant is being pursued for the cameras but any award will not be known for 2-3 months. Purchase should not be delayed in light of police accountability needs.**

\$17,000 for the cost of 15 bullet proof vests (ongoing).

\$20,000 for the purchase of a search and rescue drone. A drone is now available only on a shared basis with other area police departments and is administered by Wellesley Police.

Having our own drone has many advantages: infrared for night vision, mapping crime and accident scenes, searching inaccessible areas, public safety, etc. Several officers will be trained as drone pilots and be on call as needed.

Minutes

None

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Matters not anticipated within 48 hours

None

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 PM.

List of documents distributed at this meeting

- Animal Control vehicle schedule
- Harbormaster capital project request schedule
- Police Vehicle and capital project schedule