

Capital Outlay Committee

December 20, 2021

Remote meeting via Zoom

Present:

- Capital Outlay Committee: Eric Valentine, Kevin Flaherty, Davalene Cooper, Matt Goulet, Mike Donovan, Kevin Flaherty
- Claudia Eaton, Chair of the Bare Cove Park Committee, Ray O'Neill BCP Committee Member
- Randy Sylvester, DPW Superintendent, Matt Cahill, Assistant DPW Superintendent

7:30 PM: Call to order

Mr. Valentine called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm 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 recorded the meeting internally to accommodate the committee secretary who was traveling.

FY2023 Capital Budget Department Requests

Bare Cove Park

Mr. Eaton reviewed two project requests that both related to Building 80 which is located in BCP. Building 80 is an approximately 40,000 square foot building that is used primarily for storage for items such as the ranger's truck, landscaping equipment and dog park supplies. Built by the military, it is a solid building but in serious need of repair, especially the roof. There is also concrete rot that must be addressed. The requests break down as follows:

1. New roof based on an estimate supplied by Gibson Roofs, Inc.
 - a. \$360,200 for a metal roof which has a life of up to 50 years or longer
 - b. \$214,400 for an asphalt shingle roof with an expected life of 20—30 years.
2. \$25,000 for cement wall repairs.

There was discussion surrounding the high cost of the roof relative to the COC budget, the preference of asphalt over metal and whether there were other buildings within BCP that could provide the needed storage. What would happen to Building 80 if it further degrades and nothing is done? Mr. Eaton will seek other estimates in January and provide COC with firm estimates for the roof.

DPW, Highway, Transfer Station, Sewer

Mr. Sylvester gave a brief update on approved capital budget purchases. DPW is still waiting for two vehicles that are expected to arrive in September. Supply chain bottlenecks and chip shortages are major problems as well as substantial inflationary pressures for capital equipment. Equipment deliveries and contracted prices are guaranteed per State contract and aren't paid for until delivered.

DPW vehicle schedule requests:

1. \$5,000 for repairs to 2003 Mitsubishi diesel forklift
2. \$25,000 for trailer tires (36) and undercarriage repairs

\$18,000 for the replacement of the Mitsubishi forklift that was approved last year but was not purchased because it would now cost almost \$50,000 and would be lighter duty than required. The \$18,000 authorized for the forklift was repurposed to help purchase a backhoe. It makes more sense to spend \$5,000 in each of the next two fiscal years to extend the life of the existing forklift. This repair expense is not in the current DPW repair budget. Mr. Valentine noted that the \$5,000 request was well below the COC minimum threshold but that a good argument could be made to fund it as it alleviates the need to buy a new \$50,000 forklift.

The \$25,000 tire and undercarriage repairs are an annual expense. Inflation has not been a problem here so a continuation at this dollar level is appropriate.

Transfer Station project requests:

1. \$80,000 to replace cement pads at paper compactors
 2. \$30,000 to replace stationary compacting unit #1
 3. \$30,000 to replace stationary compacting unit #2
- \$140,000 Total

The transfer station periodically evaluates the condition of its trailers and tractors that are used to haul refuse to processing plants. It obtains replacement estimates to help with its decision making. It will be evaluating by year end whether to continue hauling its own or outsource under contract.

DPW highway vehicle request in order of priority ranking:

1. \$253,364 for a new catch basin cleaner replacing 2010 model.
2. \$49,354 for a new Hybrid Ford Explorer administrative vehicle (replaces 2014 model with 92,000 miles).
3. \$220,364 for new front end loader replacing 2013 Volvo loader with very high repair costs.
4. \$158,853 for new trackless John Deere tractor that can be used year round as snowblower, plow and lawn mower.

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5. \$47,220 for new Chevy 4 wheel highway supervisory vehicle with plow. Replaces 2013 model with 117,000 miles and \$14,000 in repair costs.

\$729,155 Total

Other requests that could be deferred are \$274,164 for new Elgin sweeper and \$80,860 for a new Chevy Silverado 1 ton dump truck.

DPW Project request:

\$10,000 requested to install a new fence between #101 & 105 Hersey Street to replace a fence which has been torn down. It is a safety issue and is considered critical.

Sewer project requests:

\$485,000 is requested for a total of six projects for new and/or replacement station equipment. While it seeks to follow its engineering plan on projects, it often needs to change priorities based on changing needs. Included in the \$485,000 is \$100,000 in ongoing inflow and infiltration investigation and remediation costs.

Minutes:

The minutes with final edits for the COC 12/13/2021 meeting was unanimously approved.

Matters not anticipated within 48 hours

None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

List of documents distributed at this meeting:

- Bare Cove Park capital project schedule
- DPW transfer station, highway and sewer vehicle and project schedules.