

Capital Outlay Committee

January 24, 2022

Remote meeting via Zoom

Present:

- Capital Outlay Committee: Eric Valentine, Kevin Flaherty, Davalene Cooper, Matt Goulet, Mike Donovan, Kevin Flaherty and Michelle Monsegur,
- Jennifer Young, Director Elder Services
- Linda Harper, Library Director, David Mehegan, Lucy Hancock, Joanne Mitchell, Library Trustees
- Steve Murphy, Fire Chief, Lou Lachance, Deputy Fire Chief, David Levinson, Deputy Fire Chief

7:32 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. “

FY2023 Capital Budget Department Requests:

Elder Services

Ms Young gave an update on Elder Services spending to date.

- Department has been fully operational since July.
- Vehicles lack of use during covid shutdown caused for some added maintenance expenses.
- Expecting delivery of a Toyota Camry hybrid in August that was approved last year. Vehicle to be used to transport seniors to medical appointments.
- Request this year for a new 14 passenger Front Runner minibus with room for 2 wheelchairs and which can lower to ground level to provide easier access.
- New minibus cost is \$113,500 but is expected to be 80% covered by a Mass DOT grant.
- Grant awards to be announced in April/May time frame.
- A second identical minibus will be requested next year but will cost 30% more per DOT (\$149,00). Grant should be available next year as well.

\$113,500 requested for full cost of minibus but will be reduced to \$22,600 with grant.

Library

Ms Harper gave an update on capital projects to date:

- Lobby tile replacement is ongoing.
- Potential traffic flow, parking lot expansion and walkway feasibility study to begin.
- WIFI replacement is underway as well as furniture and computer replacements.

Capital funding requests are as follows:

1. \$20,000 for ongoing computer and technology replacements
2. \$20,000 for replacement furniture
3. \$88,000 (\$77,000 + 20% contingency) for roof repairs to vestibule connector area. This area is original to the 2000 renovation and leaks. Work includes new rubber membrane and replacements of rotted wood and slates. COC has asked for a copy of the contractor's quote.

Fire Department

Four large capital projects as well as the cost of a new fire engine pumper will be covered under a Town warrant article. The ambulance ordered in 3/21 will arrive this month. Turnout gear ordered expected in May. Delays may result in a new vendor for this years gear order. Cardiac monitors approved last year are in contracting stage. Quotes sought for smoke detectors and furniture.

Vehicle requests:

1. \$63,000 for new Ford Explorer Limited Hybrid. Replaces 2012 model with 93,000 miles.
2. \$80,000 for new Ford F-350 extended cab pickup. Replaces 2012 model with 76,300 miles. Pickups replace SUV's so contaminated gear is not stored in passenger compartment.

5 capital project requests in order of priority:

1. \$50,000 for turnout gear (16 sets). May seek out new vendors due to delays.
2. \$76,000 for 2 additional cardiac monitors for spare/reserve ambulances.
3. \$75,000 for removal of old municipal fire alarm wires from telephone poles. Quote from Hingham Power which includes overtime costs. Other vendors would be cheaper.
4. \$30,000 for SCBA washer. Requested last year. Used to decontaminate air packs from carcinogens.
5. \$10,000 for replacement sign for station #3.

Repurpose request:

\$15,000 was approved 2 years ago to replace pipe wrap insulation at station #1 (not spent due to new HVAC spending request in Town warrant). Request to repurpose to create a necessary new office with 2 additional windows for ventilation. A formal quote will be obtained as well as approvals from select board and ADCOM.

Fire capital requests under Town warrant:

1. \$500,000 for station #1 tile roof replacement
2. \$70,000 for station #1 portico and exterior trim replacement
3. \$150,000 for station #3 roof repair/replacement
4. \$720,000 for station #1 HVAC

Minutes:

None

Matters not anticipated within 48 hours

None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm.

List of documents distributed at this meeting:

- Elder Services capital project summary
- Library real estate and project schedule
- Fire Department capital project and vehicle requests