

## Capital Outlay Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: February 22, 2021

Location: Zoom / Virtual

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### Attendance:

Committee Members Present: Eric Valentine (Chair), Kevin Flaherty (Secretary), Matthew Goulet, Town Treasurer Jean Montgomery (non-voting), Davalene Cooper (representing Advisory Committee), Libby Claypoole (representing Advisory Committee)

Others Present: None

Chair Eric Valentine called the meeting to order at 7:38 pm.

### Meeting Minutes:

- The Committee approved the minutes for the following meetings by roll call vote (Libby Claypool was not present for the minutes vote): January 20, January 25, February 1, February 8 and February 22.

### FY22 5-Year Capital Plan Deliberations:

- The Committee resolved all open items from past deliberations and unanimously approved a final recommended FY2022 capital outlay plan as follows:

1. Tax Levy	\$2,597,700
2. Municipal Waterways Fund	\$40,750
3. User Rates/Charges	\$3,337,000
4. Other	<u>\$4,190,189*</u>
Total	\$10,165,639

*\*The Committee agreed the "Other" funding source total can be revised to align with the total funding for capital related Warrant Articles subject to approval at Annual Town Meeting.*

Matters not anticipated within 48 hours:

- FY21 Capital Funding Repurpose Request (Police Department):
  - The Police Department requested to repurpose a total of \$37,000 of FY21 capital funding to allow the purchase of 7 Ford hybrid police cruisers instead of the previously approved gas models and cover the cost of purchasing new cruiser equipment after subsequently determining the existing equipment was not transferable/compatible with the new 2021 Ford cruiser model redesign.
  - The hybrid cruiser option cost \$3,500 more per vehicle but is estimated to save \$4,381 in fuel cost and eliminate 36,880 pounds of CO2 annually. The additional cost of new cruiser equipment is approximately \$4,000 per vehicle
  - The additional funding to cover these additional costs will come from 1. \$13,000 from the previously approved upgrades to the evidence room and 2. \$24,000 by deferring the replacement of automated defibrillators that have a useful life of 10 years versus the original estimate of five years.
  - Chief Jones made inquiries with the Mass State Police as well as surrounding towns (e.g. Cohasset) on their experience with Ford's hybrid police cruisers. The feedback received was consistently positive with no reliability issues experienced to date. The Mass State Police have approximately 200 hybrid police cruisers in service or on order State-wide and have shown to offer better performance than gas powered vehicles.
  - The Police Department's FY21 capital funding repurpose request was approved by the Committee by roll call vote of 4-0-0 (Libby Claypool was not present for the repurposing vote).

Adjourn: 7:54 pm.

List of Documents Distributed at this Meeting:

1. FY 2022 Budget 5-Year Capital Plan - Revised Draft
2. Police Department FY 2021 Capital Repurpose Request Letter