

Capital Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

The Capital Budget Committee held a meeting at 6:00pm on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 over Zoom.

The following members were present:

Edward C. Forsberg (Chair)	Noreen Gordon
Josette Burke (Secretary)	Leah McGuill
Cheryl Caron	Scott Wassel

The following member was absent:

Justin Haner

Also in attendance were Town Administrator Jim Johnson, Assistant Town Administrator Patrick Shield, Fire Chief Timothy Bailey, and Health Director Melissa Ranieri.

The meeting was called to order by Edward C. Forsberg at 6:02 PM

Capital Budget Overview

Town Administrator's Update: Jim Johnson introduced the two funding requests from the Fire Department and the Health Department, to be part of Article 4 at this year's Spring Town Meeting. One request is to replace an ambulance, and the other is to purchase new defibrillators.

Capital Budget Requests

Fire Department: Chief Bailey presented the department's request for **\$450,000** to purchase a new ambulance. Because of manufacturing delays and price increases, this request was fast-tracked from next Fall Town Meeting to this Spring. The current ambulance is a 2015 model with 75,000 miles and \$18,000 of repairs. Once the new ambulance is acquired, the old ambulance will be auctioned off and the proceeds will go towards the capital budget fund.

Health Department: Melissa Ranieri presented the department's request for **\$20,000** to purchase 9 new Automatic External Defibrillators. In addition to the AEDs, this money would also purchase 8 standard wall units and 1 special temperature-resistant wall unit. The AEDs have an eight-year warranty and the batteries will need to be replaced every four years (as part of the Health Department budget).

MOTION by Edward C. Forsberg to approve **\$450,000** for the replacement of the 2015 Horton Ambulance. Seconded by Josette Burke. The motion passed (6-0-0).

MOTION by Scott Wassel to approve **\$20,000** to purchase 9 portable AEDs. Seconded by Cheryl Caron. The motion passed (6-0-0).

MOTION by Edward C. Forsberg for favorable action on Article 4 for the amount of **\$470,000**. The motion passed (6-0-0).

Adjournment

MOTION by Cheryl Caron to adjourn. Seconded by Josette Burke. The motion passed (6-0-0).

The Capital Budget Committee adjourned at 6:20pm.