

CAPITAL BUDGET MEETING

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Time of meeting: 6:30 p.m.

In attendance: Ed Forsberg (chairman); Donna Donnellan (Secretary); Timothy Hempton; Josette Burke; Al Tedesco; Noreen Gordon; Ann Healy

Also in attendance: Jim Johnson, Town Admin. (to briefly explain changes to Capital Budget requests); Tom Gregory, Asst. Town Admin

JIM JOHNSON:

- updated Capital budget request by School Dept. (deadline has passed but he has made changes);
- reflects needs of department (they added "FM Auditory system" (took away from others and recommends \$25,000)
- Parks Dept. - Recommends \$30,500 for playground and exercise equipment;
- dam phases in over 2 year period
- high school gym - consider blowing it out and add classrooms above it);
- replace bleachers, but they can be re-used.
- added in article numbers

ED FORSBERG accepted minutes from previous meeting (2/6/18) with correction to page 1, "Walpole Police Department", Paragraph 2: replace second work "tables" with "tablets." TIMOTHY HEMPTON seconded Motion - all in favor

Also in attendance:

DPW (Building Maintenance): Don Anderson and
Tom Perciaccante

REQUESTS:

- 1) OPR Infrastructure Improvements (\$1,950,000) - Presently has asphalt shingles; constant problems (ices goes to the ground); need backhoe to alleviate; replace asphalt with metal; better protection to help ice off the roof; Town Hall, Plimpton School, Town Hall and Boyden School have metal roofs; has 50-year warranty; add snow guards possibly to aid; if extra money, hopes to work on 6 boilers and windows
- 2) Emergency generators (\$300,000) - this would be for Bird and Old Post schools)
 - wires run through the trees
 - loses power (no generators)
 - lost power for 3 days recently
 - had to hold flashlights for students to get around
 - not partial generator
 - would use natural gas

- 3) Elm Street partial roof replacement (\$450,000) - this is part of an original church:
 - asphalt vertical
 - ceiling tiles gone
 - use barrels to catch water during rain storms

- 4) Sprinkler Nitrogen System (\$20,000) -
 - fill water and drain
 - oxygen causes rust (mic)
 - compressor fills with nitrogen
 - maintain pressure to keep water out of the system
 - Five (5) have been done; four (4) are left
 - DPW, Elm Street, Delaney and Willis treatment plants done

- 5) Asbestos Abatement Program (\$10,000) -
 - being proactive;
 - state checks up (requests updates)
 - goal is to remove asbestos before it becomes an issue

- 6) Equipment Emergency Repairs or Replacement (\$40,000) -
 - elevators, boilers, HVAC units
 - recover and get repairs without touching budget
 - carry it over year to year
 - presently \$3,000 in account
 - avoid delays for funding
 - goes through purchasing

- 7) Old Town Hall Study (\$15,000) -
 - Old Town Hall Reuse Committee presented
 - police exiting building mid-March, 2018
 - \$8,000 - \$9,000 assessment to look for hazardous material (asbestos, lead paint, etc.)

ENGINEERING: Maggie Walker

- no requests

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: Bob LeBlanc

REQUESTS:

- 1) Maple Grove Cemetery (chip seal roadway) (\$30,500)
 - perpetual care funding has approx. \$60,000 in acct.
 - this funding through sale of graves
 - Selectmen approve projects
 - presently has cracks, wear, uneven spots
 - chip seal with stone/oil
 - leveling course

- \$4.65 per square yard
- will approach Board of Selectmen
- can't use Chapter 90 funds (not public way)
- approx. 4,734 square feet, 100 ton asphalt
- if successful, would consider other cemeteries to be done

2) Old burial ground fence replacement (\$7,500)

- Route 1A
- abuts house between cemetery and fence
- fence falling apart
- Cedar Link quoted \$3,800
- Level burial ground w/ concrete block
- Add loan and build up
- fence & tree work
- 130 linear feet
- Abutter approves accessing driveway
- perpetual fund does not cover maintenance

3) High Risk Tree Removal (\$35,000)

- previously received \$27,000 grant (\$7,000 from insurance agency and \$20,000 from Dept. Conservation Rec.)
- Inventory done September - December, 2017
- tree health survey
- can prioritize tree removals
- maintain good records

4) Synthetic Turf Replacement (\$50,000)

- this is for Turco Field @ high school
- Scheduled for replacement 2020
- requires maintenance until replaced
- has 12-15 year life span (we are at 11 years)
- next time would be drainage (estimated \$580,000)
- have been putting \$50,000 aside each year

5) Pavement Renovation WHS tennis courts (\$77,000)

- 2 courts are "pretty bad"
- Pavement cracked (water seeps in and opens concrete)
- both at High School and Johnson Middle School
- goal is to seal cracks
- 2 layers pavement sealer
- 6 tennis courts and basketball at high school
- Johnson has 2 tennis
- possible legal liability if not repaired
- using all 6 at the high school
- pavement needs attention
- \$53,560 for the high school

- \$23,432 for Johnson Middle School

AL TEDESCO suggested that we “tradeoff” the \$50,000 for the synthetic field this year and transfer it over to tennis; question how much is in the fund. TOM GREGORY will get this information

ANN HEALY brought up that one gets approved and others not. ANN HEALY and NOREEN GORDON indicated that their daughters play tennis at the high schools and are aware of the disrepair.

BOB LEBLANC stated if “field isn’t safe, they stop using it.”

ED FORSBERG indicated there was a \$100,000 gift for Turco Field, making Al’s statement more viable to tradeoff one year for the field.

TOM GREGORY will provide actual figures for the Turco Field Fund.

6) Playground and Exercise Equipment (\$40,000)

- Woodward Playground
- O’Brien Company contractor
- add age-appropriate sign
- add 1 more structure (Topsy Turvey Spinner to accommodate ages 5-12)
- maintain standard
- \$15,027 update
- \$2,000 - \$8,000 for exercise equipment (rope, chest back press, pull ups)
- needs to be professionally installed
- \$9,750 apparatus
- \$5,850 for installation
- DPW picked up another section from Town of Taunton

7) Allen Dam Vegetation Mgmt. (\$50,000)

- Margaret, Chris and Bob meet
- too much vegetation
- 8 - 10” thick
- needs removal
- 20’ below slope
- Predominantly vegetative on Washington Street
- needs to go back to standards
- stumps to be pulled out and ground up
- Jim Johnson changed figure to \$30,000
- July/August are vegetation time;
- would get mosquito control involved;
- conservation may be involved;
- filed notification

- 8) Replace Kubota Tractor (\$47,000)
 - it is a 1987 (31 years old)
 - steel cage
 - roadside brush operation
 - operator has to look over shoulder
 - multiple uses within Parks Department
 - replace with newer hydraulic & power capabilities
 - turf tires come with new one
 - (Jim indicated) can use for snow and slice seeder

- 9) Turf Grass Care Aerator (\$30,000)
 - presently spend \$10,000 - \$12,000 to subcontract
 - ability to do more
 - culture practice
 - opens soil
 - bring in house
 - Norfolk Power assists with machinery

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: Tom Perciaccante
REQUESTS:

- 1) 2003 Sterling Dump w/ sander (#225) - (\$165,000)
 - difficult to find parts
 - needs dump body and hydraulics
 - needs cooling lines
 - hopefully trade to make up difference

- 2) 2004 Ford F-450 Utility (#732) (\$55,000)
 - has 140,000 miles
 - vehicle travels extensively
 - utility body and engine work

(on a side note, Tom mentioned that the WPD 2013 Ford Fusion the committee discussed last week (2/6/18) was towed in and is inoperable at the moment)

- 4) 2006 Ford F-555 with plow (#314) - (\$60,000)
 - plows snow
 - has 150,000 miles
 - engine is rotted

WATER DEPARTMENT: Rick Mattson and Bill Abbott
REQUESTS:

- 1) Cast iron water main replacement #3 (\$1,825,000)
 - approximately 1 mile of replacement

- some were installed in the 30's, 40's and 50's
- iron in pipes leaves a yellow tint
- cast iron steel lined with cement
- water main replaced design (from water retained earnings)
- 6 phases (Burns Ave., Brook Lane, Riverview Pl., Pine Street (Rt. 1 to Sharon Line) and mason Street
- approximately 165 miles of pipe need replacing
- late 70's to present day cement lined
- Next: South St., Washington St. to Pine, Colony Dr.
- a/c pipe (6 years)
- 14 ½ miles of asbestos pipe (expensive); Allston Drive done 2 years ago;
- trenches unravel
- overlay road
- cutting asbestos is a problem
- Dispose properly

Water Treatment process (TBD)
NO ACTION by Water Dept.

Generator Installation (\$150,000)

- Washington Wells #5 and #6
- engine-driven drives
- put coupling in and start engine (not safe or reliable)
- strictly runs pump
- replace with true emergency generator
- natural-gas powered

Various Equipment Purchase (\$52,000)

- A) Replace air compressor
- B) Obtain solar-powered message board (presently shares with WPD)
- C) Trailer to move road plates (currently using Highway Dept); transport pipes; crush fenders; can haul mini-excavator

2) Potential MWRA Connection with Norwood (\$250,000)

BILL ABBOTT presented:

- permit, design & construction
- supplement local supply
- over 1,000 housing units & Siemens access supply
- can't add well
- crosses 3,600' swampland
- environmental damages
- MWRA supports 60 communities
- 18 of the 60 are partially supplied
- need Norwood approval
- demonstrate adversely impact to other communities
- has to be approved by state legislators, governor, and

DEP

- we have water management
- connect to Norwood
- make application to MWRA (only deliver water)
- Entrance fee paid over 25 years (example is 1,000,000 gallons = \$5,000,000)
- Norwood charge for bringing water
- \$3,500 per 1,000 gallons
- switch flat rate to “including block rate” so those with higher usage pay more;
- reconfigure piping
- 25% peak user; 75% average user

JOSETTE BURKE: Stated she was against this because it could “open up for builders.” TIM HEMPTON agreed. Both questioned using it strictly in commercial areas. RICK MATTSON suggested a pipe to Siemens from Rustic Road. DONNA DONNELLAN brought up Siemens would be singled out to pay the higher rate and would most likely object. TOM GREGORY indicated that “this is a tremendous opportunity for the town.”

SEWER DEPARTMENT: Rick Mattson & Bill Abbott

REQUESTS: (all from “retained earnings)

- 1) Equipment replacement (\$425,000 less trade-in) 2002 truck
 - 16 years old
 - in disrepair
 - maintains sewer, catch basins, excavations
 - 9-yard debris container
 - wants 12-yard/10 wheel chassis
 - useful
 - sanitary sewerage
- 2) Sewer pump Rehab/Replacement (\$360,000)
 - Leonard Road 1998
 - Chandler Avenue early 1980's
 - aging equipment
 - present day inventions (flushable wipes, etc.) causes problems
 - 2 more stations coming
- 3) Vehicle Replacement #411 & #462 (\$55,000)
 - 10 year cycles
 - (TOM) indicated one is a 2006 4-wheel Ranger
 - other is 2006 E250 van
- 4) Portable Generator (\$85,000)
 - some do not have
 - septic pump to pump
 - trailer-mounted generator to run pump
 - can use at other locations

- mobile unit

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in Executive Conference Room

Motion to adjourn meeting made by AL TEDESCO

Motion seconded by JOSETTE BURKE

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Donnellan

Capital Budget Committee, Secretary