

TOWN OF HARVARD

CAPITAL PLANNING & INVESTMENT COMMITTEE (CPIC)

Minutes of Dec 14, 2015 Meeting in Hapgood Room in the Old Library

Present: Heidi Frank, Teresa Jardon, SusanMary Redinger, Debbie Ricci, Ken Swanton, Lorraine Leonard

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 AM

Public commentary: none

The November 30 minutes were amended and approved unanimously, moved by SusanMary, second by Heidi

Kyle Hedrick, Cindy Russo, and Rich Nota reviewed the water proposals. The FY17 request for \$69K is to address rising salt levels in town wells on Pond road by diverting run-off 50' beyond the wells. It will also prevent a petroleum spill from getting into the wells. The FY17 request for \$25k for water system mapping is to meet a state DEP requirement to document the water system. CPIC asked them to provide a better basis for the cost estimate for the mapping project, and to investigate how it would tie into other town mapping and GIS efforts. The FY20 request for a generator was briefly discussed, and it was pointed out that this should be coordinated with other town generator requests.

There were no follow up questions for Rich Nota on his DPW capital requests.

SusanMary reported that the schools have withdrawn their request for \$100k in FY17 for a roof replacement at the Hildreth Elementary school (HES), and instead will patch problem areas. A consideration is that the MSBA may recommend a larger project at HES be rebuilt than just the Kwing, but even if we get word in January that MSBA is going ahead, we will not know the town's options for another 9-12 months.

Ken reported that the fire department's proposed fire alarm system with 13 boxes will not require additional boxes to relay the signals between them as they are close enough together already.

Debbie reviewed a projection of annual debt payments and reported that free cash this year is expected to be \$1.36M, which is much higher than expected. Lorraine reported that much of the increase was due to aggressive pursuing of overdue taxes. Debbie reported that the meeting of the chairs of the selectmen, finance committee, school committee and CPIC had identified that paying off some of the town hall renovation costs and some of the CPIC debts were two things being considered. The CPIC debt includes about \$125k for Pond Rd parking and the forestry fire truck.

We reviewed our meeting schedule for January and identified 3 dates: Jan 4 at 8:15AM, Jan 13 at 6PM and Jan 25 at 8:15AM. At our January 4 meeting we will do the ratings of the FY17 proposals and the recommended funding sources of each. CPIC members were asked to bring their ratings with them to the meeting.

Adjourned at 10:15AM