

MEETING MINUTES
CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
Wednesday, December 20, 2023 – 7:00 pm
Select Board Meeting Room
21 SOUTH MAIN STREET, UXBRIDGE, MA

RECD UXB TOWN CLERK
2024 FEB 8 PM 5:04

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeanne Daley
Eli Laverdiere
Craig Haringa
Nicholas Simonds

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Paul Hutnak	DPW Assistant Director
Paul Morante	Highway Superintendent
Kurt Ginthwain	Uxbridge Town Accountant
Steve Sette	Uxbridge Town Manager

1. Call to Order:

It being 7:03 PM, the meeting being properly posted, duly called and a quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by Jeanne Daley – Chairman.

**Roll Call Taken Jeane Daley here, Craig Haringa here, Nicholas Simonds here.
Eli Laverdiere was in attendance, he arrived at 7:06 pm.**

2. OLD BUSINESS

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. DPW – CAPITAL PROJECTS

Paul Hutnak presented updates to the committee. Last Fall the DPW was given monies for an F550 and an F350. They were able to find an extended Ford Chassis for the F550 so they are going to be able to put a dump body on there with an L-pack and a tool box. This will be used as a projects truck. F550 is at Madigan's should be in by spring. The F350 is up and on the road

At this meeting they requesting money for vehicles and equipment due to the hire of key people that are skilled and the DPW is trying to do more sidewalk work and milling/paving bad sections of the roads. They were able to purchase a roller through their budget which will be used with the new vehicle for the milling and paving of the roads. They are looking at 3-year leases to help get vehicles in house sooner. They are looking to purchase a loader and looking at a 3-year lease.

They want to put together a plan to beef up what they are doing and starting with a large amount of purchases this year.

Below are the purchases they would like to request funding for in order

1. A replacement for H-13 a heavy six-wheeler and the cost is \$130,000 for 3 years.
2. A loader which will be an additional loader. L-1 is becoming loose and not safe for driving down the streets but can be used in the yard. The loader will also be used with a snow blower attachment for blowing snow in a truck. The cost is \$90,000 for a 3-year lease.
3. Snow Blower that will go on the loader to help clear snow downtown faster and help blow snow into a truck. They can also clear snow from an area faster.
4. Compact Loader/skid steer which is a high tract bob cat which they chose for the additional number of attachments they can get for it and get a lot of work done. They would get a pick-up broom, comes with a milling machine, brush cutter and mulcher mainly for storm water basins, and a snow blower for that for around smaller areas and looking into the future, it can be used on the shared use lane on 146A and a small paving machine and these are all rolled into the total amount of this purchase.
5. Jet vac truck for a replacement for H-7. This is a 7yard debris, a real jet vac truck that they can use on the culverts that they need to get out. It has a 9-foot side reach and can reach down 35 feet.
6. They looked at several trucks and the top two were Western Star and a MAC truck. Paul explained the differences between the both and the prices were \$163,000 for the Western Star and \$153,000 for the MAC Truck and they both included a plow. They decided that they were going to go with the Western Star which comes with a 5-year 100,000 warranty.

Eli asked Kurt Ginthwain about the 3-year lease plan and Kurt does not feel this is a good plan. Kurt suggested that the town go through a bond, band, or purchase outright with capital planning funds. A discussion was had on this. Eli said the totals for the following using a 3-year lease plan is the Truck \$390,000 Loader \$270,000 the other loader \$240,000 and the jet vac truck is \$580,000 the total for all is \$1,455,000. Paul Hutnak explained that they have been looking at 3-year leases to own and wanted to know if this was an idea they could use or should these go through bonds or bands? Kurt Ginthwain explained that by summer the bonds could be as high as 5-6% and if paid up front you would save these interests. Steve Sette said the DPW is hiring more employees and this will also help decrease the prevailing wages that are being paid because more of the work could be done in house if the equipment is purchased and they had it. At this time Kurt said the Capital Account has around \$4,200,00 and he would rather pay it from the capital account rather than put the cost of the interest on the tax payers.

Eli explained to Paul Hutnak and Paul Morante that at this time we are putting together all capital projects, we will go through them all and after all Capital projects have been received these will be voted on.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

On hold until next meeting.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 17th and we will have the school in for the presentation and update of their Capital Projects.

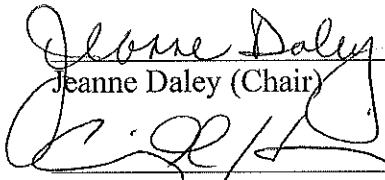
6. ADJOURNMENT at 8:03 PM

- a. Motion by: Eli Laverdiere
- b. Seconded by: Craig Haringa
- c. Roll Call taken: Craig Haring yes, Jeanne Daley yes, Eli Laverdiere yes, Nicholas Simonds yes.
- d. Motion carried 4-0-0

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jeanne Daley.
Minutes approved by the Capital Planning Committee

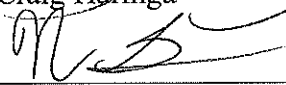
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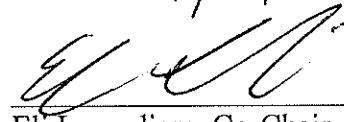


Jeanne Daley (Chair)

Craig Haringa



Nicholas Simonds



Eli Laverdiere, Co-Chair

Brian MacDonald