

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE
Minutes of October 17, 2017

Present: Jeff Pappas; John Osborne; Kevin Cuniff; Jim Scanlon, Steve Crowder, Fire Chief Robert Lay, Fire Capt. Richard York.
Absent: None
Location: Groveland Town Hall, Selectman's Meeting Room.

Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:30 PM.

The Chair announced that this would be his last year serving on the committee.

J. Scanlon gave an overview of possible financing options for future capital improvements as discussed by the Groveland Finance Committee.

Fire Chief R. Lay and Capt. R. York arrived for the scheduled meeting. The Chair distributed copies of the updated Fire Dept. Current Inventory sheet and a draft of the Capital Plan and initiated a discussion about the equipment needs of the Fire Dept.

There was some discussion on the radios that were purchased as a result of the approval vote at the last Town Meeting.

The Chief stated that the equipment needs and priorities of the Dept. had not changed in the past year.

There was discussion regarding replacement of the Dept.'s Squad 1 vehicle which had been scheduled for replacement last year but, was removed from the Capital Improvement warrant article by the Selectmen at the last Town Meeting.

J. Scanlon questioned the Chief on the condition of the current Squad 1 vehicle and requested that the Chief provide past maintenance records for the vehicle which the Fire Chief agreed to send to the Chairman.

The possibility of obtaining a mechanic's inspection report documenting the condition of the current Squad 1 vehicle was discussed however, it was determined that it would be cost prohibitive given the Fire Dept.'s current budget.

The Fire Chief presented alternative vehicle options for the replacement of the Squad 1 vehicle which could expand the capabilities of the Fire Dept.

The concept of establishing an ambulance service in Groveland was discussed which included the potential for providing additional income to the Town.

The condition of the current Fire Dept. radio system infrastructure, currently scheduled for replacement in the upcoming fiscal year, was discussed. It was agreed that there was a need for updated quotes on the cost of replacement.

The meeting with the Fire Dept. concluded. Chief Lay and Capt. York left the meeting.

J. Scanlon agreed to gather additional information on the condition of the Squad 1 vehicle and the radio system for inclusion in the CIC presentation to the Selectmen.

There was discussion by the committee regarding its past interactions/communications with the Groveland Board of Selectmen and what steps needed to be taken to improve communications going forward.

There was discussion on the apparent lack of funding available from the Town for Capital Improvements.

It was agreed that there was a need for more detailed and fact-based presentations of capital requests made to the Selectmen.

Next meeting was scheduled for October 27th at 7:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Recorded by J. Pappas

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