

Capital Budget Committee

February 1, 2021

Minutes

Approved 4-0 3-22-2021

CBC Members Present: Wakeman, Dick, Dormitzer, Franklin, Host

Mr. Wakeman opened the meeting at 1900 with the above quorum present.

Facilities: Brian Joyce presented the following request:

2021 Dodge Ram 2500 Truck with Tool Box Body, Lift Gate, Plow and Radio (\$57,725)

Request was made to purchase the 2021 Dodge Ram to replace a 1997 Ford F 250 that is at the end of its life. This replacement has been requested twice but the current unit is no longer operational so the request is now critical. The plow package will support plowing of driveways and school property. Concerns were expressed about corrosion being a dominant cause of condition deterioration in town vehicles, and it was asked that Brian research procedures and neutralizing agents aimed at reducing corrosive damage to town vehicles.

DPW: Brian Joyce presented the following requests:

Stand Up Mowers (\$17,500)

Request was made to purchase (2) Wright Stander Stand Up Mowers to replace 15 and 20 years old units. Stand up mowers are used to mow 2 million sq ft open areas around town weekly throughout the spring and summer.

Slope Mower (\$48,305)

Request was made to purchase a Harper 72" Slope Mower to mow steep grades like those adjacent to the playing fields. These areas are currently mowed with ride on mowers, which can flip over on steep grades and are subject to engine damage from oil displacement.

Bucket Truck (\$95,000)

Request was made to purchase a 2020 F450 outfitted with a Versalift Telescopic Aerial Bucket Lift to allow DPW to perform tree maintenance and elevated activities like roof repairs. The town generally spends \$50k annually to contract these services.

Wood Chipper (\$38,600)

Request was made to purchase a Brush Bandit 200XP to replace the current John Deere Model 250 acquired in 2004 that has over 3500 hours on it. In addition to debris removal from roadways after storms, the wood chipper is used monthly to service debris brought to the RFT

on Brush Days held every month from April to November. CBC commented that the functionality should be determined by needs, not simply how our last unit was configured. Rental of a 12" chipper is approximately \$1k weekly, but can be difficult to land a rental when big storms hit Cohasset and neighboring towns.

Salt Shed (\$500,000)

Request was made to replace our existing 400 ton capacity Salt Shed from 1985, that has significant damage to its roof and wall sections with a new 2000 ton Salt Shed. Two shed designs are under consideration: (a) Wooden Salt Shed by Advanced Storage Technologies, and (b) a concrete, galvanized steel Fabric Roofed Quonset Shed by Greystone Construction. In addition to discussing which type of shed to consider, CBC members stressed that as a town we still have many open questions about our salt process, salt usage and since the last shed has stood on its current location over 35 years, is that the right location for the future.

There being no further business we voted to adjourn at 21:35pm

Respectfully submitted

Susan Franklin