

TOWN OF STONEHAM
CAPITAL COMMITTEE
TOWN HALL
JULY 26, 2016
MINUTES

PRESENT: T. Barry, Chair; M. Christie, L. Olson, W. Previdi, T. Waitkevitch, A. Wilson. Also: D. Piatt, Town Accountant

The meeting opened at 4:00 PM.

Kevin Covino, Groundskeeper, summarized the work being done at Unicorn and The Oaks to keep the greens and tees in playable condition. The irrigation system is 40 years old, twice the expected life of such a system, and is beset by numerous leaks and lack of wiring to about 50% of the course. Most shutoff valves do not hold so the entire system needs to be drained to make repairs. Some new heads, a central controller, and pressure pump have been installed, but the Town will need to consider a replacement of the entire irrigation system in the near future at a cost of \$500,000 - \$750,000.

Chief Matt Grafton presented his plan to purchase two sets of turnout gear for all firefighters and to initiate a five-year replacement plan. Many firefighters currently only have one set of gear. Various grants or the state budget might be able to help fund some of these costs. Discussion also centered on the desirability of replacing the wired alarm system to the southeast corner of Town with a redundant wireless system due to planned construction in the area. The firestation itself will need extensive repairs in coming years, and it may make sense to consider a substation in the southern end of Town. The desirability of additional vehicles was noted.

Ellen McBride noted the need to consider repairs to the heating system (\$20,000) and roof (\$35,000) at Whip Hill. The widening of the driveway could be postponed as a lower priority. The Whip Hill deed and endowment were summarized for new members.

Maureen Canova discussed the need to replace the back deck, ramp and stairs at the Senior Center at an estimated cost of \$68,000.

Upon motion by M. Christie, seconded by W. Previdi, it was voted to approve the June 23 minutes.

The next meeting will be August 2 at 4:00 PM.

Upon motion by M. Christie, seconded by A. Wilson, it was voted to adjourn at 6:10 PM.