

## Town of Stoneham Capital Committee Notes

January 2, 2018 4:00 PM Town Hall, Conference Room

Tom Barry, Ryan Brown, Marie Christie, Kara Johnston, John Macero, Tim Waitkevitch, Anthony Wilson

1. Approve Meeting Minutes of 12/19/2017
  - a. John Macero made motion to approve minutes, Marie Christie seconded.
  - b. Vote: 7-0 Approved Minutes
  
2. School Department
  - a. Technology - \$100,000
    - i. Chromebooks in an effort to go 1-1 in grades 5-6 (Chromebooks would stay in school), 7- 10 (Chromebooks allowed to go home)
    - ii. Learning Management System done through Google throughout the Stoneham School System
    - iii. Chromebooks could help to reduce future textbook costs as well
    - iv. The school will educate parents regarding low cost wi-fi programs through RCN and Comcast (Verizon currently does not offer)
    - v. Training will be provided for teachers
  - b. Athletics - \$70,000
    - i. Bus trips previously \$250 flat rate. Now, trips are paid hourly and via mileage. Bus expenses have doubled and are typically \$114,000 annually.
    - ii. If the schools had two vans, could save at least \$30,000 in bus expenses.
    - iii. Outside of athletics, vans could be used for special education between 8:30am-2pm. Transition programs provide transportation to work, etc.
    - iv. Vans could be stored in the school's garages near the football field.
    - v. Vans could be used by Senior Center, and other partnered community groups.
    - vi. Will provide the Committee with a picture in state bid list.
  - c. School Building Equipment-
    - i. Elementary School Chillers (\$300,000) to be moved up to 2019 (Colonial Park and South School) (original chillers from 2001-2002). Summer schools, athletics, and rental groups use the schools in July and August.
    - ii. Energy Management System (\$100,000) – Antiquated systems currently in the three elementary schools. Upgrade will allow the systems to match. Value comes from prior estimates. Will provide quotes to Capital Committee from multiple vendors when available.
    - iii. Security Radio System (\$25,000) –Radios that are compatible with networks similar to fire and police departments. Under law, school needs to be connected to fire and police departments. Administration, transportation, nurse, custodians would have radios and would work across schools. Frequency would

be set up specifically for the schools. Antenna is available at the middle school. Safety issue.

- iv. Phone Upgrade (\$50,000) – High school and middle school phone systems were upgraded previously, so elementary school phone system would be brought up to match.
- v. 4WD All-Terrain Vehicle with plow (\$25,000) – Currently using a golf cart.
- vi. Flashing Crossing Sign (\$25,000) - considering solar powered signs
- vii. Stoneham High School “New wing” Roof (\$350,000) – extensive roof repairs have been done and the roof keeps leaking. Roof study done 3-4 years ago condemning the roof and recommending replacement. Roof can be penetrated easily. Potential new high school would not be for at least 6 years.
- viii. Old Central School Infrastructure Upgrade (\$500,000) – Boiler had a leak last year. Old boiler is from 1953 wrapped in asbestos. Current rental costs of Old Central School covers entire school system maintenance budget of \$400,000. Lease goes through the end of 2019. Life of the school needs to be discussed with the School Committee and Town Administrator.

### 3. Town Planner

- a. Green Communities Energy Updates (\$400,000)
  - i. Town received Green Community status and previously signed Utility Incentive Agreements which allows the town to receive utility incentive grant funding. Looked into Town lighting costs for town buildings (town hall, senior center, ice rink, library, DPW) and will perform upgrades under Green Communities Grant Funding Program.
  - ii. Under the Green Communities Program, the town pays for capital expenses up front, and receives grant funding rebates. The \$400,000 would be paid up front by the town, and could receive \$250,000 in grants. May need to move school energy management system up as part of FY 2019’s Green Community Expenses.
  - iii. Financial Timeline will be provided to the Capital Committee.
- b. Downtown Stoneham Configuration Complete Streets Improvement Program (\$50,000)
  - i. Roadway improvements design based on MDI Study.
  - ii. MPO delegates funding in transportation grants for shovel-ready projects. Projects under \$5 Million. Need a professional design study in order to receive grant funding from MPO. Request is for funds for a design, in order to be able to apply for the grant.

### 4. Police

- a. Speed Radar Trailer (\$16,240) – Police Dept. currently does not have a working radar trailer. May be able to be purchased under mitigation money. Sign could also be used for town announcements.
- b. Firearms Replacement (\$20,350) – should be replaced every 7-8 years. All firearms need to be replaced all at once.
- c. Marked Police Vehicles (\$112,000) – two marked vehicles. Also requested in operating budget at town meeting.

- d. Unmarked Police Vehicles (\$35,000) – one unmarked vehicle. Also requested in operating budget at town meeting.
  - e. Potential Future Police Station Upgrades: Additional boiler for redundancy, windows, insulation, roof should be replaced in 5-10 years.
5. Next meetings:
- a. 1/9: Fire Department, Department of Public Works, Recreation
  - b. 1/11: Library, Arena, Historical Commission, Golf

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM (Marie Christie made motion to approve, Anthony Wilson seconded, Vote: 6-0).