

Town of Stoneham Capital Committee Notes

January 23, 2024 8:00 AM (via GoToMeeting)

Attendees: Tom Barry, Ryan Brown, Kara Rozycki (Johnston), Cory Mashburn, Lauri Plourde, Leia Secor, Dennis Sheehan, Chief O'Connor, Brett Gonsalves

1. Approve meeting minutes of 1/16/2024
 - a. Motion by Jaime. Seconded by Cory Masburn. Vote: 5-0.
2. Meet with Police and DPW representatives to review their requests
 - a. Police Presentation by Chief O'Connor
 - i. **2 marked vehicles (\$150,000 total, \$75,000 each)** replacing 2013 and 2014 vehicles
 - ii. **1 unmarked vehicle (\$45,000)** replacing 2013 vehicle
 - iii. **1 motorcycle (\$30,000)** – this could be used at community events, schools, greenway, police recruitment and retainage of officers. Motorcycle requires officer training. Storage for motorcycle available.
 - iv. **Body worn cameras (\$305,000)** – approved in last contract, promotes transparency, improves law enforcement practices, data storage is same as other police hardware, public training required. Split between data and capital expense will be determined.
 - v. Operating budget will be required for officer training, data storage, service contracts, etc.
 - vi. Discussion of old vehicles. Can be kept in town if needed, or can trade in.
 - vii. NEMLEC offers training that Stoneham is member of
 - viii. Chevy vs. Ford discussion. Prices are comparable.
 - ix. Hybrid vehicle discussion. Difficulties state-wide with hybrid police vehicles.
 - x. Stoneham Ford has not provided police vehicles recently, would need to go through procurement process
 - b. DPW Presentation by Brett Gonsalves
 - i. Review of DPW Accomplishments
 1. Removal of 16 lead services
 2. Drinking water service survey underway
 3. Planted 28 trees in 2023, 2024 goal is 50.
 4. Paved 3 miles of roads
 5. Phase 8 sewer rehabilitation
 6. 1 ton dump truck and utility body truck added to fleet
 - ii. Cost of maintenance of aging vehicles. More than half of maintenance budget is spent on only a few vehicles. Truck repairs are expensive! Not recommended that these vehicles be kept longer than 10 years.
 - iii. **6-wheel dump truck (\$235,000)**
 - iv. **Pickup truck (\$70,000)**
 - v. **Front end loader (\$275,000)** to replace current from 1997
 - vi. **Snowblower attachment (\$150,000)**

- vii. **Hersam Street Drain Repair (\$50,000)** to replace/repair brick drain line where sink hole has formed. Safety hazard.
 - viii. **Cemetery Survey (\$20,000)**
 - ix. **GIS Flight (\$80,000)**
 - x. **MS4 (\$280,000)**
 - xi. **Upland Road Pumping Station (\$50,000)** – grinder pump failing. Awaiting quote. 16-week lead time.
 - xii. Dennis to check on availability of cemetery and water/sewer enterprise account funds to contribute to relevant items requested.
 - xiii. Brett to review all five Stoneham pumping stations.
 - xiv. Request from DPW to prioritize these items over streets/sidewalks.
 - xv. Future Item – trash totes. Trash Contract expires 6/30/2024. Toters will need to be purchased as manual pickup is no longer feasible. Town will need to consider annual charge.
3. Coordinate communications with department and committee heads.
- a. Dennis to coordinate with Departments. 2 presentations per meeting.
4. Next Meetings
Next Virtual Meeting: Tuesday 1/30/2024 at 8AM
- Adjourn: 9:20 AM