

TOWN OF NEW BOSTON
New Boston Capital Improvements Committee

October 19, 2022

In attendance at New Boston Town Hall: Fred Hayes - Chair, Matt Beaulieu, Jennifer Allocca, Donna Mombourquette – Board of Selectmen Rep, Ed Carroll – Planning Board Committee Rep
Staff present: Shannon Silver – Planning Coordinator and Sonya Fournier – Planning Assistant

Fred Hayes called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. He stated that the Committee would be hearing from the Library and Emergency Management departments.

Marti Wolf, Chair of the Library Trustees, and Tanya Ricker, Library Director, joined the Committee. Marti Wolf explained that the New Boston Library has one of largest teen programs in State. The library is lacking space and the teen books are in with the adult collection. The children's area is also crowded, with no room for new books or technology. The proposal on the CIP schedule for 2027 is a 1,600 SF addition on the side of the building closest to the Post Office.

Fire Chief Dan MacDonald joined the Committee regarding the Emergency Management Department. He explained that the proposal is to keep all the equipment on a regular 10-year cycle on the CIP list.

Fred Hayes stated that the Committee advised the Fire Department that it needed to work with the Town staff to draft a CRF for equipment.

The Committee discussed the Town Bridge Repair/Replacement CRF which currently sits at \$368,467. Jennifer Allocca stated that the additional amounts coming from the CRF for the Town portion of the projects are the Tucker Mill Road bridge projected at \$66,000 in 2023, the Gregg Mill Road bridge projected at \$72,500 in 2023, and the Dougherty Lane bridge for \$200,000 in 2023. The proposed deposit for this CRF will remain at \$40,000 each year through 2028.

Shannon Silver noted that she will rename the Fire Department Vehicle & Equipment CRF, to remove the word "Equipment." This CRF currently has an accrued amount of \$402,857. Fred Hayes stated that, if the Town's mission is to level taxation, then the proposed deposits into the CRF will need to be increased, as truck prices continue to increase. The next trucks are proposed to be purchased in 2023 and 2026. He suggested that this CRF's request should be bumped up to \$175,000.

Fred Hayes noted that the Hwy Truck Annual CRF lists all of the trucks as brand new. The Committee noted that it will not be possible to purchase four trucks in one year. The schedule of Truck purchases will need to be stretched out and the annual deposit into CRF increased to \$150,000 for the time being.

Regarding the Hwy Heavy Equipment Annual CRF, the Committee agreed with leaving the schedule at \$45,000, as proposed.

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Fred Hayes noted that no road improvement projects were presented to the Committee. The Committee agreed to leave the schedule at \$85,000 per year.

Regarding the Transfer Station request for a composting system, the Committee noted that this item has been bumped to 2028 and reduced to \$75,000.

It was noted that the Transfer Station trailer annual request should be increased to \$35,000.

It was noted that the ER System Maintenance line item needs to be identified as a CRF and increased to \$124,000.

The Committee discussed that the Library Expansion item needs to be funded for \$75,000 in 2027 and 2028.

The Committee updated the proposed school addition bond amounts to \$85,000 for 2027 and, \$461,125 for 2028.

The Committee discussed the Fire Station bond item. Fred Hayes asked how a bond amount can be included without knowing the amount for the proposed warrant article. It was noted that the Fire Department mentioned an approximately \$6.8M figure, which the Committee will use. The Committee broke this out as following for five years: \$172,495, \$1,017,552, \$983,250, \$948,750, and \$914,250.

**Matt Beaulieu moved to approve the meeting minutes of October 5, 2022, as submitted, and October 12, 2022, as amended. Seconded by Jennifer Allocca.
Voting: 5-0-0 motion carried unanimously.**

**Donna Mombourquette moved to approve the changes made to the 2023-2028 CIP Schedule, pending final review. Seconded by Matt Beaulieu.
Voting: 5-0-0 motion carried unanimously.**

**Ed Carroll moved to adjourn at 7:02pm. Seconded by Donna Mombourquette.
Voting: 5-0-0 motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,
Kristan Patenaude

Minutes Approved:
October 21, 2022