

**Board of Selectmen Budget Meeting - Capital Expenditures  
December 18, 2013 (Draft)**

**First Order of Business:** Chairman Donna Damon called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

**Selectmen Present:** Donna Damon, Mark Dyer, David Hill, Herb Maine. **Absent:** Susan Campbell

**Also Present:** Town Administrator Eric Dyer, Deputy Clerk Gloria Brown and John Wilson

**Second Order of Business:** Budget Workshop – Capital Expenditures

John Wilson presented the packet of materials starting with the last page first to see where we're headed. Next he reviewed our priorities from this same meeting a year ago.

Comments during line-by-line review:

9010 Dredging:

- Ron is on track for a federal project for matching funds for dredging. The Town's match for the project will be significant: \$200,000 - \$250,000 to dredge just the channel; \$400,000 - \$450,000 for the channel and the mooring field.
- We're saving at the appropriate rate for the lesser project.
- Once the federal project is approved, the expectation is that the feds will take care of the project perpetually.

9015 Wharf Reserve: same allocation as last year, to cover wharf repairs and/or engineering studies

9016 Barge Ramps: no allocation, sufficient reserves for planned repairs

9060 Harbormaster Vessel: allocation to begin rebuilding reserves depleted by purchase of skiff outboard motor.

9030 Facilities: added \$2000 for upcoming door expenses

9035 Vehicle Reserve: added \$5000 to cover eventual replacement vehicle

9040 Grant Matching Reserves: Some reserves were depleted this year. Added \$10,000.

9042 Paper Streets: added \$5000 for legal review for potential challenges

9045 Revaluation Reserve: nothing additional

9070 Coastal Access:

- Stairs are needed at the ends of Fenderson and Cordes Roads.
- The Land Trust wants to open a trail on the Curit property.
- Need estimate for steps
- More info will be available after January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Purpose of coastal access to repair after natural disaster or initiate new paths/stairs?

9075 Cemetery: potential plan to acquire more property

9080 Cousins Island Parking Reserve:

- Look at CTC lease
- Need Memorandum of Understanding with CTC

9020 Floats & Gangways: need Coastal Waters workshop to define float plan

9012 Fire Ponds: Currently, we're reactive not pro-active; need a strategic plan for fire ponds

9025 Fire Truck Reserve:

- Suggestion: independent consultant: Swans Island, North Haven, Maine Islands Coalition

9192 Ambulance and Equipment:

- Separate rig from equipment
- Fire Chief has increased the estimate for a replacement rescue unit
- Requests for communications tower and additional bay on the public safety building need concrete proposals with documentation
- Are there alternatives to keeping and housing an old ambulance?
- Help Fire Dept. develop a vision; set priorities; recruitment plan; estimate personnel/training needs; procedures for bringing proposals to the Board of Selectmen

9050 Paving:

- Note new minimum for a mile of road
- Mark: \$200,00 is too much of an increase; recommends \$150,000
- David suggested getting an estimate to pave the whole island at one time and looking into bonding it.
- For now leave at \$200,000.
- Eric reported that the Road Committee met last Wednesday; they want to add two members to the committee

9055 Public Services Equipment:

- Allocation has been reduced. May be able to purchase a small grader used instead of new.
- Note: some public services items may end up in the operations budget because they are too small to be considered capital items.

9195 School Bus: Can the school be reimbursed for the bus by the state?

9197: School: putting aside funds for new roof, doors, windows, but maybe some grants available.

Looking at the revenue side:

- State revenue sharing is expected to be down.
- Short fall re: transfer station
- Look at alternatives at the transfer station
  - Composting
  - Pay per bag
  - Are we charging adequately?
  - Punch card program
- Special reserve for shellfish conservation
- It would be helpful to have a description of all the reserve accounts and how much in each
- Income from tie-ups and floats to go into a separate account?

**Third Order of Business:** Adjournment at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria J. Brown, Deputy Clerk