

Board of Selectmen Budget Workshop & Meeting Minutes, February 26, 2014

The Board of Selectmen will hold a Budget Workshop on Wednesday, February 26th, 2014 at the Island Hall beginning at 6:00 pm.

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

Also present: Eric Dyer, Gloria Brown, John Wilson, Lisa Israel, Mark Minkler, Ernie Burgess, John Ash, Bruce Riddle, Claire Ross, Denise Bonville, Megan, Kim and Ralph Munroe, Paul Belesca, Nancy and Bob Earnest, Christopher Loder, Martha J. Hamilton, Beth Putnam, Mike Conroy, Jennifer Corson, Skip Dyer

This workshop covers Capital Expenditures, Department 9000. John Wilson, Chairman of the Capital Budget Committee presented the proposed capital budget.

Administration

9030 Facilities

- Fire barn: 2 overhead doors to be added?

9035 Vehicles

- Current amount is to replace two vehicles over time
- In addition, cemetery committee is looking for a "hearse-type" vehicle
- Also talked about a multi-use vehicle

9040 Grant Matching Reserve

- Should a grant be viewed as an "unforeseen opportunity"?
- Discussion re: removing this line and adding money to contingency in operations
- But it couldn't roll over to another year if it was in operations budget
- Consensus to leave as is

9042 Paper Streets

- Previous balance was essentially wiped out by Board of Selectmen vote on February 12 to expend up to \$10,000 from the Paper Streets capital account for a survey at Sunset Landing.

9045 Revaluation

- The account has sufficient reserves to complete the work

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- Eric reported that Assessor Bob Konczal will request spending some of these funds for digital conversion of property cards.

9070 Coastal Access

- Two projects are planned, but no estimates yet: steps at Cordes Road and Fenderson Road
- A future project will be at the Curit property shore

9075 Cemetery General Fund

- No proposal yet

9080 Cousins Island Parking Lot Reserve

- Nothing in town budget; it's funded through lease agreement with Chebeague Transportation Company

Marine Assets

9010 Dredging

- No plan in place yet, but expected to be a large project in about two years

9015 Stone Wharf Reserve

- Duffett survey proposal came in over \$300,00
- No plan in place yet, need to find another engineer

Side note: the ramp at the Stone Wharf is moving out and needs to be stabilized. If Prock Marine does the dredging; their engineers could do some measurements while they're here.

9016 Barge Ramp

- No specific work is planned. After dredging, the situation may change

Side notes:

- Side of the barge ramp needs some repair (not capital expense)
- Stated need for concept plans for some of these categories
- Wave break engineered by Klinschmidt
- Contractors are not held accountable; need a clerk of the works
- Try a tire floating camel outside the wave break
- Perhaps an ordinance change to limit size of boats and number of boats inside the wave break
- Wave break needs maintenance; tighten bolts

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- Integrity of the pressure treated wood used in the wave break needs to be tested, may be full of worms
- There are wave breaks like ours at Rockland and Matinicus; it would be helpful to know what their experience has been.

9020 Floats

- Recommendation from the floor to add \$6,000 for replacement floats. Consensus was agreement with raise this line to \$12,000. Plan is needed.

9060 Harbor Master Vessel

- \$2000 recommended

Public Safety Assets

9012 Fire Ponds

- Need a plan: a map showing where fire ponds are; what is needed for maintenance

9025 Fire Trucks and Equipment

- Plan is to replace a truck in about 5 years
- 120 foot tower

9192 Rescue Vehicle and Equipment

- Plan is to replace the rescue unit in about 8 years
- Defibrillator replacement needed now; Lisa is researching for a grant

Public Services Assets

9050 Paving

- Suggestion to update our road plan to include capital maintenance
- Suggestion to consider ordinance change to increase membership of road committee

9055 Public Service Equipment

- Replacement of a big dump truck in about 8 years

9057 Recycling Compactor

- Need for barrier/awning/curtain to keep out snow and driving rain
- Question re: life span of compactors; maintenance has been minimal

9058 Easements & Drainage

- No specific plans
- Suggestions for projects on Capps Road and across from Claire Ross; may need some engineering

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Discussion:

- Need an account for Sunset Landing Committee? More information and/or preliminary plan may be available in the next couple months.
- Identified need for \$25,000 for initial planning to go into operation budget under Planning: Engineering
- Suggestion to identify a line such as "Development" but not fund it yet; but anticipate capital funding will be needed at Sunset and other places for development
- Other segments which might need lines but do not yet have plans include Land Use and Conservation

9197 School Capital Reserve shows up in school budget

Discussion:

- This capital budget is about \$100,000 over last year.
- Recommendation to reduce paving by \$100,000

Donna apologized to everyone who was offended by Selectmen attending a hurriedly-scheduled meeting in Freeport on Monday. Explanation and discussion followed

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

The Board of Selectmen will hold a Special Meeting on Wednesday, February 26th, 2014 at the Island Hall beginning immediately after the Budget Workshop.

This meeting was deemed unnecessary by the Selectmen and was not held.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria J. Brown
Deputy Town Clerk