



Town of Chebeague Island

192 North Road, Chebeague Island, ME 04017

Public Works F.Y. 25 Budget Report

This year the PW budget does not recommend any changes. I have attached the memo from last year to provide some background information.

- Last year a tractor was purchased to save on the annual \$8,700 rental costs.
- Jamie from Affordable Well Drilling fixed the 1999 International. The town will pay him for this expense when the bill is received and he will turn around and purchase the old truck 10, bulldozer and grader. Items that were on the Public Works get rid of list from last year.
- Chuck Elder will investigate what the town can sell the 1940 tractor and the truck 4 for. The recommendation would be that any money from this be set aside for replacing the Gray F250. This vehicle is not in good shape and needs replacement.
- I would like the boards blessing to advertise and get rid of the old cruiser. We paid little to nothing for it when Cumberland Co brought a new cruiser to the island. It's been sitting with no use and many issues and if the board has no objections, I would like to find someone to take it off our hands.

The goal for the coming year is to finalize the cleanup of the equipment that is not needed.





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To: Bo Beaupre, Chair and Members of the Select Board
From: Viktoria G. Wood, Town Administrator and Charles Elder, Public Works
Date: February 6, 2023
RE: Public Works Budget Summary and recommendations

Public Works (PW) priorities to discuss in the Department Budget meeting on 2/11/23.

In discussing the PW budget, it was recommended to:

Lower Account 3100-4600 Cold Patch line to \$2,500. The reason is with new roads the crew feels confident that they don't need more than 18 yards of cold patch annually for filling potholes or when needed it for replacing culverts.

Lower Account 3100-4605 Culverts line to \$1,000. PW has not had a chance to replace the list of culverts but feel confident that they have a large enough supply on hand to complete the work.

Increase newly added Account 3100-2041 Technology. PW needs a proper laptop that is backed up by ION Technologies and has a town email on it. This would allow for better communication with the Town Administrator, vendors and for completion of Monthly Reports.

Eliminate Account 3100-4010 Rental of Equipment of \$8,700 if a new tractor is to be purchased.

Background information on some vehicles that have come up as questions in recent meetings:

- F250(grey truck) frame is coming off and it's not inspectable. It does not appear to be cost efficient to fix this. Getting rid of it is the PW recommendation. The plow can be kept because it can be put on the other vehicle (Red Ford truck 10).
- 1999 International is the old plow truck that was replaced by newly purchased 5500. 5500 experienced mechanical issues last winter. PW used the 1999 International as a backup. This year the new truck is running smoothly. However, after having used, it for a year it has become clear that the new plow truck is not as heavy or strong as the 1999 International. 1999 International has also been used to as primary vehicle to remove floats. PW has received additional information questioning their original recommendation about 1999 not being fixable. Jamie from Affordable Well Drilling informed Chuck that 1999 International can be fixed. Recommendation now is to fix 1999 International and continue to use that vehicle. Chuck believes that these are the things that need to be fixed- High Beam headlights hooked up, cracked frame welded, replacement of back leaf spring (support of the weight of vehicle), tie rod (connects steering wheel to truck). Chuck had spoken



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in January 2023 to Jamie who said that he will fix the 1999 International to an inspection passable state and provide the inspection sticker for the trade of the grader the PW crew is recommending getting rid of. He has also agreed to come to the island this spring and help PW crew evaluate the costs of the items needed to be got rid of.

Fixing 1999 International will provide 3 plowing trucks for the town. Large (1999 International, medium (new truck 5500) and small (Red Ford Truck 10).

Public Works Recommendation for purchases – tractor that can mow sides of roads. This will replace 1940 tractor and needing to rent annual equipment to maintain sides of roads (\$8,700 annual budget for equipment rental). This has been a discussion for the past 2 years and there is currently \$70,591 in PW Vehicle Reserve. Last year, the town was quotes \$84,386.17 for the cost of the tractor and loader. We are waiting on the quote for the cost this year.

Public Works recommendations of vehicle to get rid of:

1. Old cruiser- mechanical issues, broken window. Not worth town funds to keep. Has not been used regularly over the recent years to due unreliability.
2. Grey F250 pick up.
3. Old truck 10- chevy 3500 (was replaced by the Red Ford truck 10)
4. Bulldozer and a grader that don't get used or appear to have a need.
5. 1940 tractor
6. Truck 4 standard large plow truck- needs Class B license to drive. When Chuck went in for this license Cumberland's standard broke so he had to take his test on automatic which is why no current full-time employees have Class B license. With the current fleet, there is no need to spend town funds to get out employees to get that license. Town has been told that this truck could be sold in parts or as a hole. PW will follow up with any leads on this.