

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of Medway
Capital Improvement Planning Committee
Senior Center – 76 Oakland Street
November 15, 2022 – 7PM

MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Karen Nowicki, Nicholas Fair, Darren Laforest, Brett Fagan

Committee Members Absent: Sarah Raposa

Community Members Present: Pete Pelletier, Sean Harrington, Julie Harrington

1. Call to Order: At 7:11PM, Ms. Nowicki called the meeting to order.

2. Public Comments: There were none at this time.

3. FY24 Capital Plan (5 Year Plan)

- DPW / Water / Sewer / Parks

Ms. Nowicki noted the request for \$750,000 towards roads and sidewalks; however, there is a surplus in the fund, which decreases the cost to \$500,000.

Mr. Pelletier noted that this request will be relayed to the Select Board. He also cited existing damage to the roads, primarily as a result of high levels of usage, as well as salting during the winter.

Mr. Pelletier also noted that there are currently 6 salting trucks in rotation, but some require replacing. He also noted the potential to auction off trucks that are no longer being actively utilized. The funds are then returned to the general fund.

Mr. Pelletier also cited the department's need for a new whacker with skid steering, as it would increase safety and accessibility.

Ms. Nowicki raised the issue of bridge asset management. She advised that 2 of the bridges in question have already been addressed, but 8 bridges require evaluation. She noted the potential to seek grants for maintenance and repairs.

Mr. Pelletier clarified that \$50,000 of the requested amount is to seek professional evaluation of the reports on the bridges.

The committee discussed the potential to split the cost of bridge asset management into two phases over the course of two years.

The committee addressed the request for Vehicle 348 to be replaced, which is a standing mower. Mr. Pelletier noted that this vehicle is required for frequent usage at multiple venues in town, so it needs replacement.

The committee also discussed the request to replace truck 3. Mr. Pelletier clarified that this request is predicated on the desire to complete jobs more expeditiously; he noted that replacing this truck would allow the department to make less trips and therefore finish jobs at a faster rate.

The committee also discussed the request for replacing the fencing at the middle school softball field and the baseball field. They noted that the best approach would be to do both fences at the same time.

The committee addressed the request for an irrigation well study. There are 10 wells in Medway, all of which have unique issues, including burnt out motors and screening problems. Mr. Pelletier noted that the study would assist with clarifying relocation options for some of the wells. The committee noted that the undertaking with the wells could be done in phases. Mr. Harrington agreed with this, but noted that this approach could potentially increase the overall cost over time.

The committee also reviewed the request to replace vehicles 413 and 418, each of which would be \$90,000.

Lastly, the committee reviewed the sewer flow and filtration request. Mr. Pelletier noted that the town is essentially at capacity regarding the existing sewage system. He noted that the \$75,00 request incorporates cameras to identify trouble spots in the current system. The committee inquired if this cost could be covered by grant money, but Mr. Pelletier clarified that this is a separate issue.

Representing the Board of Parks, Ms. Harrington noted two requests: a recreation van and a multi-sport court at Choate. She noted that the original plan was to put a peace garden in the park, but that there is high demand for basketball court access. She identified the area behind the Ide House across from Cassidy Field to possibly create a basketball court. She noted that she is working on quotes and collaborating with the Community Preservation Committee on this matter. Ms. Harrington noted that this would allow for the opportunity for leagues, street hockey, basketball, tennis, and other recreation.

In terms of the van, Ms. Harrington noted that the town has expanded their programming. She cited the need for transportation to and from after-school programs and sports. She noted that this would create more flexibility for parents and ameliorate the current need for citizens to use their cars to facilitate certain aspects of programming.

4. Committee Updates

Mr. Fagan confirmed his upcoming meeting with the schools on December 6, 2022.

Mr. Laforest confirmed his upcoming meeting with the library on November 29, 2022. The committee noted existing issues with curbing and parking at the library, as well as the possibility to extend outdoor space for events and programming.

5. Open Discussion

This item was not addressed at this meeting.

6. Minutes for Approval (10/18/22, 11/1/22)

This item was not addressed at this meeting.

7. Tentative Meeting Schedule:

- 11/29/22 - Library / CoA
- 12/6/22 - Schools / IT
- 12/20/22 Town Hall / Town Manager

8. Motion to Adjourn: At 8:26PM, Mr. Fagan offered a motion to adjourn. Mr. Fair seconded this motion, which passed unanimously. VOTE: 4-0.