

Town of Rockland, MA
Capital Planning Committee

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DATE: Thursday, February 9, 2023, 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Rockland Town Hall, Lower Conference Room 1st Floor

ATTENDEES: Richard Harris, Chairman
Chris Fulton, Vice Chairman
Bill Principe
Doug Walo
Linda Sternfelt, Secretary

GUESTS: Chief Nick Zeoli, Deputy Chief Jerry Eramo, Town Administrator Doug Lapp

ABSENTEES: Lauren White

Chairman Harris called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

The committee reviewed the minutes of the February 2, 2023 meeting. Mr. Principe made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Vice Chairman Fulton seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chairman Harris reviewed the Police Department items on the existing capital plan. Deputy Chief Eramo said that the two Police vehicles in the FY 2023 plan have been ordered but are not in yet. He asked that the vehicles currently in the plan remain there, and that two additional cruisers in the total amount of \$110K be added for FY 2028. The Deputy Chief asked that the AC and rubber roof currently in the plan for \$160K stay in the plan for FY 2024, but noted that the price for these items has increased. The Deputy Chief provided quotes for both the rubber roof for the Police Station, at \$97,725, and for the AC unit, at \$119,100. He asked that these be reflected as two separate items in the capital plan. Chief Zeoli asked that the parking lot be moved into FY 2024, as it poses a safety hazard. The current cost for the parking lot is \$250K.

Chairman Harris asked if there were any new capital plan requests for the Police Department. Deputy Chief Eramo requested \$140K to replace tasers for all 34 officers in FY 2025. The current tasers are twelve years old and were purchased used.

Vice Chairman Fulton made a motion to place the items requested by the Police Department on the capital plan. Mr. Principe seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chairman Harris reviewed the list of items for Town Hall that are currently on the Capital Plan. Town Administrator Lapp asked that the \$75K per year for town capital projects remain on the plan, and that \$75K be added for FY 2028. In FY 2023, much if not all of the money allotted for this purpose will go to address water issues at the Town Library.

Chairman Harris asked if there were any new items to add to the Capital Plan.

Town Administrator Lapp requested \$300K for a new generator and an upgrade of all electrical panels for Town Hall in FY 2024. The Town Hall's current generator is being used by the Fire Department and is not sufficient to power all of Town Hall. It also requires an electrician to be present to hook it up each time it is used. Town Administrator Lapp also requested two electric vehicles for Town inspectors to use. The cost of those is \$70K, and they are needed in FY 2024. Town Administrator Lapp is also in process of getting estimates for heating and A/C upgrades for Town Hall, as the Town can no longer get parts for those systems due to their age. Those upgrades will be needed for FY 2026.

Ms. Sternfelt made a motion to place the items listed by Town Administrator Lapp on the capital plan. Mr. Walo seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chairman Harris asked if there was any New Business to come before the Committee. There was none.

Chairman Harris indicated that he would reach out to the Library and the Board of Health to determine their availability to present their lists of capital plan revisions and/or requests to the Committee at next week's meeting.

Mr. Walo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Sternfelt seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Sternfelt, Secretary