

CIP Committee
Draft Minutes
Wednesday, July 15, 2015
6:30 pm

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm in the Fire Station Meeting Room

Present: Steve Felton, Ingrid Heidenreich, Susan MacLeod; Absent with notice: David Toth
David Ruell, Norm DeWolfe

Library: Library Trustee David Ruell presented the worksheet, noting not much has changed from previous one. The trustees have met with consultant Tom Ladd and he has been retained to do a study to determine what a facility for Ashland should include, and also to look specifically at the Old School building as a possible site, including the weight-bearing capacity of the floors. Mr. Ladd does consider the building a bargain at \$750,000 as compared to having to build a new facility. There is no due date for the study. It was felt that the price for the Old School would not go down much more if at all. Tri-Cap has approached the SAU Board regarding easing the deed restrictions and was asked to draft suggestions to be considered.

Currently there is the \$25,000 in capital reserves, but donations are under \$2,000 as fundraising is difficult until there is a plan with a goal to promote. Hopefully the study will provide the trustees with the information to formulate a goal, and then grant seeking and fundraising can proceed. For 2016 warrant, they will again ask for \$25,000 capital reserves with endorsement from BOS. Recently the library requested permission to purchase surveillance cameras for security issues, (for one, DVD's have been stolen), but were turned down by the Scribner Trustees.

Town Administration: The committee reviewed the Memo dated July 14 from Paul Branscombe with new estimates for work. There was some confusion regarding the cost of flooring tiles and carpeting in the Town Office and Police Departments being a different configuration from the previous write-up. For the tiling of the stairway (front of building), how much of the hallway is included? For the back stairs (PD), previous estimate was to remove carpet and replace with rubber treads. The estimate for carpeting seemed high in square footage and price, so another contractor needs to be contacted for another estimate. The fire escape repair and brickwork for the Town Hall not estimated for cost or timeline.

Minutes from July 2, 2015: Steve motioned to accept as written; Susan seconded; 2 in favor, with 1 abstention.

Police Department: Chief Tony Randall talked about his consulting with Holderness Police Chief regarding their truck – its cost, usefulness, etc. and feels it may be the best option as the next replacement vehicle. For equipment, the department has a new camera (\$5,000) already, so equipment for vehicle would be around \$20,000. Will ask for capital reserves of at least \$20,000 for 2016. Currently, the Expedition has a rusted tailgate and some bodywork which both need to be addressed before winter (\$1,100). There is not much contingency money in the budget, and the chief is being cautious not to go over budget. The condition of the vehicle again brought up that they are not kept undercover, and that there is no space in the current location of the station to address that. There was discussion regarding how regionalization of police departments would work, the pros and cons, the actual costs and implications and if there was a model to follow (researching Pennsylvania was suggested).

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 30, 2015, 6:30 pm at the Fire Station. 6:30 pm: Park & Recreation; 7:00 pm: Fire Dept.; 7:30 pm: Water & Sewer

8:01 pm: Motion to adjourn, all in favor.