

HARWICH CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 21, 2019 - 4:00 P.M.
Small Hearing Room – Town Hall, 732 Main Street, Harwich

Members Present: Chairman, Rich Larios; Chris Harlow; Peter Wall, Angelo LaMantia; Bruce Nightingale

Members Absent: Joe McParland; and Dana DeCosta

Others Present: Christopher Clark, Town Administrator; Carol Coppola, Finance Director

Call to Order: Chairman Larios called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Mr. Clark distributed a February 8, 2019 version of the Town of Harwich Capital Budget Request Summary (FY20-26).

Meeting Minutes: November 29, 2018 approved unanimously on a motion from Mr. Nightingale, seconded by Mr. Wall.

Update of Capital Budget

Mr. Larios explained the need for this meeting, there have been a change to the plan. Mr. Clark provided an explanation for each change.

1. Fire Truck - Quint Pumper/Ladder Added to replace Pumper 2020 and Ladder FY 2024: The Chief has reviewed this and has changed this to a Quint Pumper/Ladder instead of an individual Pumper and Ladder. The cost is \$1,000,000 vs. \$2,000,000 for two vehicles. The Quint is on the plan for FY2021 for \$1,000,000. Previously the pumper/ladder was on for FY20 at \$600,000 and \$1,400,000 in FY24 for a ladder truck replacement. Mr. Larios asked if this would require a new Quint vehicle in FY26; is the life of this vehicle as long as that for the pumper or the ladder? Mr. Nightingale stated that the Fire Department has been requesting this type of dual vehicle for many years. There is plan for both the replacement of the pumper and the Quint. The ambulance replacement has been put off one additional year. Mr. LaMantia suggested showing the out years where a new vehicle would be requested. Mr. Nightingale made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harlow to remove the \$600,000 from this year's Capital Plan. Discussion ensued as how to simplify the vote by accepting the Plan as presented. This was accepted, and the motion voted unanimously was to accept the Capital Plan as presented.

2. Wastewater – Update on DHY and potential Impact on Capital Budget – This partnership has been moved out to FY21 and the cost is still “to be determined”. There was a brief discussion as to the reason for putting this out 1 year. There is special legislation at the state to create the DHY group formally, because it was not voted by the State legislature this past session it has to go back to the starting gate. It is not anticipated that the Special Legislation will be in place for this next Town Meeting, but perhaps a special in the fall or at the 2020 town meeting. The phases of the projected project are also being looked and may result is a change of the phases. A brief discussion ensued regarding the impact of the sewer line on the Lower County Road improvements. The overall phases of the CWMP will be moved around somewhat depending on the DHY project. Mr. Larios asked how the “rephrasing” is being sent out to the property owners. The plan would only change if the DHY partnership takes place; which would save Harwich ~\$40,000,000. Will a delay in East Harwich phase cost the Town additional funds/costs? A brief discussion ensued. Administration will be prepared to discuss this for the Town Meeting. No vote necessary.

3. Pet Crematory - Crematory Removed per Cemetery Commission – The Cemetery Commission has informally voted to remove the crematorium from the capital plan. This has already been removed from the plan. The completion of the pet burial ground remains on the plan. A brief history of the spending for the pet burial ground was provided. There is a petitioned article on the warrant to “rescind” the burial ground. Mr. Clark explained that unless the Cemetery Commission votes to not move forward with the pet cemetery the land would remain with the Cemetery Commission. \$70,000 has already been spent on this burial ground.
4. Green Cars Delayed – This was in for FY20, the funding has been removed. As this was under \$50,000 the COC did not vote on this.

IV. Old Business

1. Update on status of electricity to the new cart barn at Cranberry Valley GC – Mr. Clark provided a brief update. Eversource has been difficult to work with on this. They hold an easement to the pump house and there is a direct bury. They are now taking the stance that they do not have an easement and it is the Town’s responsibility. The approach the Town has decided to take is that 1) electric carts will not be used this year; 2) a temporary service is being looked at to provide the needed electricity to open the garage doors etc. Six possible vendors did look at the site for solar; as part of this the chosen vendor would have the responsibility to do the three phase power connection. A discussion ensued about the possibility of just having solar to charge the carts. The charging would only take place during day time hours. The Town is working with Eversource to get the necessary permits to move the electric line from the existing cart barn to the new cart barn so that the old cart barn can be demolished. Mr. Harlow asked if this delay would affect the tax payer, Mr. Clark stated that it would not.

Mr. Nightingale asked about funding in FY21 for the Harbor relative to Allen Harbor and moving this out to future years. A brief discussion ensued.

Mr. Clark will send out to the COC the plan that Ms. Coppola put together regarding costs to taxpayers.

Mr. Nightingale asked when the bids are due on Lower County Road. They are due shortly. Mr. Clark did explain that the cost was \$5.5M in the original request, but it is in the warrant at \$4.5M. If the cost does come in higher, then \$1M would be used from the Chapter 90 and Debt Exclusion for Roads. This changes has also been made on the plan.

V. New Business: None

VI. Discussions: Town Meeting is May 6, 2019th. March 2nd is the budget hearing meeting date, this will be posted so that the COC can attend.

VII. Next Meeting Date: Thursday, April 25, 2019 4:00pm.

Adjourn

On a motion from Mr. Wall, 2nd by Mr. Nightingale the meeting adjourned at 5:01pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Charleen Greenhalgh, Recording Secretary
Adopted: