

CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes Nov 8, 2023, 6:30 PM
Scituate Town Hall - Select Board Hearing Room

I. Committee Attendees, Richard Taft, Michael Gibson, Tom O'Grady, Maura Curran, Chris Carchia

A) Invitees Nancy Holt (Town Accountant)

II. Call to Order

III. Approval of Agenda – 5-0

IV. New Business

A) Transfer Station – Kevin Cafferty, Eric, Will

- i New Gate and Key Card Entry for Transfer Station \$150K – Improves security, requires ID entry.
- ii Discussion for raising rates for commercial waste versus residential rates. Commercial rates in Marshfield are lower than in Scituate. Marshfield subsidizes some of their transfer station costs through its general fund. Construction and demolition fees generate a significant portion of Transfer Station revenue.

B) Sewer Enterprise –

- i Design for N. Scituate Sewer Expansion \$2.2M – Design time may take up to 2 years and is required as part of any sewer expansion. Funds will be borrowed and supported by Enterprise Receipts. Additional debt service and capacity is meant to balance with capital expansions. Design is being done with flexibility to accommodate whether the service will be connected to Cohasset or part of the water facility expansion.
- ii Major Repairs \$250K – In use structures that need repair at the sewer treatment facility that were identified in an initial site 2022 study. Some of the concrete repairs would not begin until spring. An additional sewer facilities study will be done to provide a more comprehensive understanding of repairs or upgrades that will be needed.
- iii First Parish Pump Station Design Bid \$165K – Pump station is past its useful life and needs replacement. The pump station serves (3) schools and town hall.
- iv Non-Recommended projects, Gate, HVAC upgrade, Sewer VAC Truck. Gate does not have security or key entry. HVAC at the plant is not fully operational. International Truck is 1998 model. The truck is used to clear sewage clogs and back up. The main reason for not recommending these projects was a lack of receipts in the Enterprise.

C) Water Enterprise

- i West End Investigation of Test Wells \$100K – test wells are used to find new areas for potential increase in water capacity.
- ii Well 17A Upgrades - \$100K. - work to increase capacity at this location.
- iii Replace Truck 33, \$89K – Oldest utility body truck in the fleet.
- iv Design and Construction of New Storage Tank \$3.3M - Engineering contract is out with the project in design phase. Current tanks need to be replaced. Tanks are used to level out the pressure for the water lines in the whole town. Different alternatives in the design are being considered. It is possible that the project could be replaced with the Humarock water main replacement.
- v Replace Truck 39, \$74.8K – As a diesel truck, repair costs have been increasing. Replacement truck will be gas.
- vi Water Main Replacement \$3.0M – Continuing project for waterline replacements.
- vii 10-year water meter replacement project \$250K – More accurate radio linked meters.
- viii Electronic upgrades to all wells \$190K –
- ix Old Oaken Bucket - \$130K – Eliminates pond algae. It was not recommended because the town is anticipating it would go in the current fiscal budget. The pond status is very severe.

D) Discussion New Hatherly School, Tom Raab

- i HVAC and Incentives – School Building committee has a subcommittee dealing with sustainability. Next Subcommittee meeting will focus on a lifetime cycle cost analysis. Life cycle cost analysis is all encompassing but the installed cost for hvac systems is what is paid for under the special budget tax.
 - a AE is asking the sustainability committee to decide on which HVAC system to select for final construction. The AE is inclined to recommend geothermal HVAC systems due to potential for Federal incentives. Some federal incentives on operating cost of water source geothermal systems. MSBA made a presentation to the school committee on the varied incentives available.
 - b Capital Planning Representation is interested in direction on how to evaluate other HVAC scenarios.
- ii School approval of funds will happen at a special town meeting on April 29th.

V. Old Business/Other Business

- A) Review of prior departmental submissions
- B) Review of upcoming meeting agenda

VI. Approval of minutes

- A) Motion to approve, 5-0.

VII. Adjournment, 5-0