

Town of Charlemont, Massachusetts

## Capital Improvement Committee meeting minutes

For Wednesday January 3, 2018, 7pm at Town Hall

In attendance: Capital Improvement Committee Chair Tracy Hall, members Ron Smith and Tony Walker.

1. Called to order at 7:31pm.
2. The CIC met with Police Chief Jared Bellow. The new cruiser is in service. It is all wheel drive, more car than SUV, a Ford Police Interceptor all wheel drive. It is similar to the Explorer, with more rugged wires. Going forward the Police Department will order four-wheel drives. They will spray the underbody with Lanolin. From the factory they're coated with oil wax.
3. The bigger old SUV is still running and running ok. The plan is to avoid using the new vehicle. The big SUV has winter tires on it. The Department has put winter tires on in the winter, but not studs. (Asking the Insurance company about studs, it is a risk.)
4. A new vehicle would be all wheel drive. The SUV is a little higher up off the ground to handle deeper snow, mud or uneven ground. Another full-size SUV can fit a lot of equipment for river patrol, and special events. It can pull a trailer. If we got a new vehicle we would replace the 2004 SUV, which would then need to be auctioned. The old cruiser was auctioned.
5. There is one request for a vehicle this year, one vehicle in 2022, and there is a request for a new radar sign.
6. The cost of the vehicle has increased to \$39,500. The Town was given donations to make up the difference to afford installing equipment.
7. The request for a new radar sign was discussed. The first time he tried to fix the radar sign it didn't work, the circuit board was fried and to repair would cost the same as buying brand new. The new ones are half the weight.
8. Jared left at 7:46pm.
9. The Committee thanked Fire Captain Shane Furlon for his patience and began their appointment with him.
10. Reviewing questions from the Capital Improvement Committee  
The raft will not be motorized. It will be blown up on site. The rescue truck most likely will not have a Cascade system at this point, but they do have a Cascade system already.
11. On a motion from Tony, 2<sup>nd</sup>d by Ron, the Capital Improvement Committee approved correction from previous 10-10 meeting minutes to 10-9-17 meeting minutes. Ron – yes, Tony – yes, Tracy – yes. All in favor.
12. On a motion from Tony, 2<sup>nd</sup>d by Ron, the Capital Improvement Committee approved the minutes from 12-19-17. Ron – yes, Tony – yes, Tracy – yes. All in favor
13. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday January 9, 2018 at 11am.
14. Tracy will compose a list of questions to email EMD Michael Walsh.
15. Adjourned at 8:36pm.

Respectfully submitted by Peg Dean

Draft documents until approved by Committee

Documents viewed

Email: CIC questions

Reviewed Police, Fire, and EMD requests