

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING – CHARLEMONT TOWN HALL

January 12, 2018

Present: Tracy Hall, Ron Smith, Tony Walker; also present – Town Administrator Peg Dean

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:12 a.m. by the Chair, Tracy Hall.
2. Michael Walsh, Emergency Management Director, appeared to discuss his capital requests. As for the sandbags, there was a question as to how the bags would be filled in an emergency. Would there be enough volunteers to fill thousands of bags? In any case, Michael said the bags were a “low priority” as far as he was concerned. The containers, since the cost is well under \$5,000/year, can be handled through the regular department budget. They might also be purchased through a successful EMPG grant award. As for the generator, a needs assessment needs to be conducted, and Mike will get back to us on that. Mike Walsh and the Interim Fire Chief Dennis Annear, will assess the space needs of a new fire station and where it could be possibly located. The CIC will also be involved in the study.
3. New Interim Fire Chief Dennis Annear appeared to review his Department’s budget requests. For the Brush Truck request, it is hoped to get a grant award to cover most of the cost, but the Town would have to contribute \$10,000 toward the cost. Jaws of Life: the old ones will not cut through some of the new car materials, meaning we need a new set. There are two requests for the equipment for a total cost of \$30,000. A grant is in the works, and if awarded, we would have to cover 5% of the cost. Dennis is suggesting we budget now for one tool at the full cost of \$15,000, in case the grant is not approved. A suggestion was made that the Town should look at more grant opportunities. Thermal Imagers: it was agreed to put that request off for now, as the present ones seem to work. Defibrillators: there was a Committee question of how much for just one? Engine #2 replacement: Dennis thinks the projected price of a new truck is “too low”. He will check on the size needs of a new truck.
4. Next CIC meeting: January 17 at 6:00 p.m.
5. Review of minutes of the January 3, 2018 meeting: correction to item #7, insert “the radar sign” after “fix”. Minutes were approved as corrected.
6. The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Smith