

LITCHFIELD CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.  
REMOTE MEETING BY LIVE INTERNET VIDEO STREAM AND TELEPHONE

**Call to Order:** Chairman Fran Carpentier called the remote meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. with all members present: Sean Fogarty, Rax Alexe, James Koser, Barbara Putnam, Denise Raap, John Morosani, Michael Kostecki, Erich Marriott and Amaechi Obi.

**Approve Minutes**

**a) Regular 11/10/20: Motion:** J. Morosani moved to adopt the meeting minutes of November 10, 2020 and J. Koser seconded. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

**Review of Department Requests – DPW**

**a) Vehicles & Equipment:** R. Alexe presented on the three pieces of equipment for 21/22 that includes an electric forklift that is OSHA compliant (\$38,000). Secondly they are seeking a 2003 dump truck replacement (\$190,000), as it is beyond its viable lifetime. Finally they are asking for a pick-up truck (\$18,000) to replace the truck that was crushed by a falling tree during a past storm. He noted we will have the COG's new sweeper on our premises for sharing with six other towns. We have tested it, sweeping the Town three times. There were a few problems with it that will be addressed.

**b) 30 Year Road Plan – Review and Update:** R. Alexe said he was impressed by the software (\$5,500) for a program of prioritizing the conditions of the roads to bring them from a level 5.5 to 9, which is very acceptable. In order to get this done in a certain amount of time, the Board of Selectmen preferred the option that would invest \$1.75 million/year for 30 years. Using \$1.5 million from Capital and \$250,000 from TAR money, we can accomplish this goal with an investment in \$1.5 million each year in Capital. Fran Carpentier noted that with bonded debt dropping dramatically over the next 4-5 years, we may be in a position then to ramp up the investment in the road plan.

**c) Bridges:** R. Alexe said he is trying hard to avoid the 50/50 State/Local Bridge Program by doing in-house engineering and using Cardinal Engineering's help. They will also use other options for a life expectancy on Headquarters Rd. and Goodwin Hill Rd. bridges of 40-50 years. There won't be a 75 year life expectancy as in the Local/State plan, but the 40-50 years is acceptable. They will save a lot of money in combining the two projects, about \$300,000.

The four Preservation Project bridges, Duck Pond, E. Litchfield. Sawmill and Wheeler Roads, \$222,440, get 80% of the cost from State and Federal, leaving 20% for the Town's share.

**d) Roads:** R. Alexe noted we have received the STEAP grant for North Shore Road for \$128,205, reducing the CIP request for major roads from \$1,660,184 to \$1,531,979 and the total proposed DPW budget to \$2,427,419.

Work on Fern, Moosehorn and Turner Roads is continuing. We are getting \$500,00 from STP (Surface Transportation Program) for Fern Ave, and \$1.25 million in LOTCIP funds for Moosehorn/Turner Roads. He is asking for \$45,000 for some of the engineering/construction fees, and they are doing the drainage in-house for Fern Ave. There is money from last year for Moosehorn/Turner Roads. They are anticipating construction for Camp Dutton and Beach Street, drainage and paving on E. Litchfield Road, and in-house drainage work on North Shore Road with paving after. In-house paving is planned for Mike Road from

Goodhouse Rd. to the corner of Seherr-Thoss Drive. Town Hall drainage is overdue, as there are failing pipes and connections to the catch basins. They also need to divert underground pipes at the skating rink. They will do the work in-house, and the \$95,000 is only the cost of the materials.

F. Carpentier asked Raz which road project he would defer if we need to reduce the budget. He chose East Litchfield Road but also said he would have a hard time deferring it.

The group reviewed briefly the past projects for Park and Recreation and the status of completion.

**Adjournment:** **Motion:** E. Marriott moved to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. J. Morosani seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

Denise Raap  
Secretary