

**LITCHFIELD CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.
NORTHFIELD FIREHOUSE, 12 KNIFE SHOP ROAD**

Call to Order: Chairman Fran Carpentier called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Fran Carpentier, Jim Koser, Sean Fogarty, Raz Alexe, Erich Marriott, John Morosani, Michael Kostecki, Amaechi Obi, and Denise Raap.

Absent: None

Approve Minutes

a) Regular 1/11/22: Motion: J. Koser moved to approve the 1/11/22 minutes, and R. Alexe seconded. All voted aye except J. Morosani, who abstained because of absence, and the motion carried.

Election of Officers

a) Chairman: E. Marriott moved to nominate F. Carpentier for Chairman, and M. Kostecki seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

b) Secretary: J. Morosani moved to nominate D. Raap for Secretary, and S. Fogarty seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Review/Adjust Department Review Schedule: F. Carpentier said he put Fire & EMS on the agenda for tonight.

Review Department Requests

a) Fire & EMS Commission: Sean Fogarty spoke on behalf of the projects proposed by priority level, two of which are under consideration by ARPA funds; namely, the East Litchfield Fire exhaust system, and the Northfield Fire hose replacement.

Litchfield Fire Department Apparatus Ramp & Parking Lot - \$285,000

This involves the repaving of the lot, ramp, curbs, sidewalks, landscaping/drainage and lights. R. Alexe said this is a project that needs to be done before the subsurface is undermined to a point where it will be hard to recover. He also noted that the price of asphalt will be \$122/ton in the spring as compared to \$79/ton now. The window project, with monies allocated last year, is being worked on so that it may go to Public Works to send out for quotes. F. Carpentier suggested the price be amended, as it will be higher, and they agreed on \$310,000.

Bantam Fire Department Piping - \$242,250

S. Fogarty summarized this as replacing 30-year old piping that they have already spent \$40,000 of their own money on over the last two years. They are asking for help to stop the leaks, corrosion and deterioration of the system. Jane Golding, Trustee at the Bantam Fire Co., explained that the pipes were done in the original construction in 1992, and they have been repairing piecemeal as problems arise. More must be done, and she explained the scope of the work. They are monitoring the boiler water and adjusting the PH as necessary. They estimated 80% of the piping is steel. R. Alexe said the price of steel

has increased by three-fold and stainless steel by two-fold. They need to keep everything in good repair, as they are a Town emergency shelter.

Northfield Fire Engine 1 Replacement - \$850,000

S. Fogarty said their Engine 1 is almost 30 years old and due to be replaced. It is a pumper and one of the key pieces of equipment. Dave Carroll and Jack Hodges were there to present. D. Carroll said their 1995 Spartan Gladiator went through a refurbishment in 2005. The engine has reached its original forecasted service date and replacement parts are hard to find for the truck. There are no safety features. They can add no more weight to the truck, as its suspension system has reached its maximum weight. Refurbishment of the truck would cost \$.5 million and would add 10 - 15 years of service. With a delay in replacement, they can anticipate a 10% - 15% price increase each year. F. Carpentier asked if \$850,000 would be the price if signing today, and they said it would be about \$800,000. They were asked about the residual value of the truck, and they did not know, but the money would go back into equipment.

Fire Ponds - \$10,000

We request money every other year through the Fire Marshal's office for fire ponds. This \$10,000 could cover 2 - 4 projects involving fire ponds, hydrants and maintenance.

East Litchfield Fire Exhaust System (ARPA Request) - \$40,000

This system is a diesel exhaust capture system to keep fumes out of the firehouse. It was discussed last year but was pushed out. Now that they are doing the ceiling project they felt this would help keep the firehouse clean and avoid future problems. This is required by the FPA. They are now bringing it back under ARPA.

Northfield Hose Replacement (ARPA Request) - \$50,000

S. Fogarty explained that Northfield would like to replace all of its key hose that has deteriorated over time. This should last for 10 years.

D. Raap said the ARPA committee that just met today decided that the \$40,000 for the exhaust system would be put into Capital and not funded by ARPA. Further, she said the \$50,000 for hoses was put into Capital and not funded by ARPA. D. Raap also noted that Fire Marshal Chris Wilcox's \$6,000 ARPA request for field Ipads and an ID badge printing machine was sent back to his operating budget.

Review CIC Meeting Schedule: It was agreed to review the BOE/DPW Facilities requests at the 12/13/22 meeting, review the rest of DPW at the 1/27/22 meeting and finalize and make a recommendation to be presented to the Board of Selectmen.

Adjournment: **Motion:** R. Alexe moved to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. and J. Koser seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Denise Raap
Secretary