

MONTAGUE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 9, 2022

In Attendance:

CIC Members: Gregory Garrison (GG), Jason Burbank (JB), Chris Menegoni (CM), Ariel Elan (AE)

Water Ramsey (WR), ATA
Tom Bergeron (TB), DPW Superintendent

The CIC meeting minutes for September 14th and September 21st were approved.

JB Moved
CM Second
Unanimous Vote

ATA-WR updated the CIC on ongoing projects, including Town Hall Roof, Montague City Road Flooding, Montague City Road Emergency Repair, CWF projects

The board discussed the increased funding request for the replacement screw pumps at the CWF. The cost for replacement increased from \$800,000 to \$2,500,000. The specifics of the cost increases are to be discussed during a future meeting with the CWF superintendent.

Discussions on the DPW discretionary account. TB outlined the vehicle needs for the DPW for FY 2024. TB requests funding at a town meeting for two one-ton pickup trucks. Both trucks are to replace a 2008 one-ton and a 2010 one-ton pickup. Both trucks will be equipped with a plow and sander, one truck will have a dump body. The funding request is for \$180,000.

There were discussions on the DPW discretionary account. TB wants the fund to remain at 100K annually. This is to be used for emergency repairs and small equipment replacement. CIC would like the select board to approve purchases from the discretionary fund that exceeds \$24,999. WR to draft policy guidelines for the CIC to review and recommend at a future meeting.

Questions were asked about the sale of existing vehicles and where the funds from those sales are recorded. WR to update CIC next meeting.

The committee was informed that the CWF is withdrawing the winter STM request for the septage intake renovation for the screw pump replacement request. The \$2,500,000 is what is being requested. Engineering is underway to determine the full scope. The USDA has grant monies available, but the percentage of grant assistance can only be determined after the town has voted to fund the project. No estimate of the expected percentage was provided.

A discussion was had on how this project cost increased and how the true cost was missed in the original submission. The select board has approved current ARPA funding for \$800,000. The CFW would have to borrow the remaining \$1,700,000.

WR updated the CIC on ARPA funds and ARPA fund requests. WR explained that the select board guidelines are currently to seek quality projects. WR reviewed the ARPA requests that had been reviewed favorably but not yet encumbered. There are \$895,550 that are unencumbered.

The next meeting date was set for November 16th at 3 PM.

Motion to adjourn made by AE

Second by JB

Unanimous Vote