

# MONTAGUE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

## Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, Feb 7, 2024 3:15 PM**

### REMOTE MEETING

#### **In Attendance:**

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

Town Staff: Water Ramsey (WR)- Assistant Town Administrator

#### **Meeting called to order 3:15PM, GG Presiding**

1. Approve any outstanding meeting minutes

***MOTION** to approve minutes of 1/24/23 by LR. Seconded by CM. CM-AYE, LR- AYE, GG- AYE, AE- Abstaining. MOTION PASSED*

2. Pioneer Aviation Runway Ramp Project as Capital Project (\$152,315)

Airport Manager Bryan Camden introduced the project. This is part of the Selectboard's strategy to address a revenue shortfall at the Airport due to the planned solar project falling through. This represents a 5% local match for a \$3M project funded by Fed and State. Local match would typically be funded by Airport Enterprise Revenues. Because this is being proposed to be covered by the town, it is coming through CIC review as capital request. This is a 3 phase project to be completed over 3 years. The CIC agrees that the need is well documented and planned for. The project is identified in the Capital Plan. The project will improve safety and will enable the airport to (indirectly) collect and expand revenue streams.

3. Department of Public Works proposal to replace failing 2002 Dump Truck (365,000)

DPW Superintendent summarized the request. This would replace the 2002 (single axle) dump with a new 10 Wheel dump. The 2002 was scheduled for replacement this year. Tom was hoping to get one more year out of it, however it did fail last month. The truck inconsistently starts and wobbles over 35 MPH. Both internal and external mechanics have been unable to make the repairs. The planned 10 wheeler will enable more efficient salting and hauling operations. It will unlock efficiency with in-house public works projects such as culvert and paving jobs. It is a 10-12 month lead time for the purchase. The cost differential for single axle vs the 10 wheeler is about \$35K.

4. Staff Updates

-Updates to current capital requests from GMRSD, CWF, and DPW

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Town Hall Parking lot project budget upped to 295,000 to reflect solid quotes for the demo of the outbuildings, the curbing, and a 10% contingency. GMRSD updated quotes still forthcoming.

-FY25 USDA Community Facilities Grant Opportunity

Town has received the grant in the 30 to 40K range several times in the past for a cruiser and pickup. The size lends itself well to vehicle purchases. This year's strategy is to pursue funding for a cruiser which is on a predictable replacement schedule.

5. Topics not anticipated in the 48 hour posting requirements: none

*MOTION to close the meeting at 4:07PM by AE, LR Seconded. JB. CM-AYE, GG- AYE, AE- AYE, LR- AYE JB-AYE. MOTION PASSED*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Walter Ramsey

Next scheduled meeting Wed Feb 14 3:15PM via ZOOM