

CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING – CHARLEMONT TOWN HALL

November 6, 2018

Present: Tracy Hall, Tony Walker, Ron Smith, Frank Mooney; also present – Town Administrator Peg Dean; Guest – Dana Johnson

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m. by the Chair, Tracy Hall.
2. The Committee discussed with Dana Johnson his answers to the Inventory questions which he brought to the meeting. Dana mentioned that he sees no sense in purchasing used ambulances, as you wind up with other peoples troubles, and the maintenance costs would be higher. He also does not recommend mounting the truck body on a new frame, because of mismatch issues. The current ambulance has 43,000 miles on its diesel engine. But he says the enormous amount of time that the truck is idling puts a strain on the engine, and it was rebuilt once. He estimates the cost of a new ambulance at between \$250,000 and \$270,000.
3. Dana was asked to rank his three capital requests for FY 2020. His response:
 - a. Ambulance
 - b. Wages - \$40,000 for on-call staff
 - c. Active shooter protection
4. Active shooter protection: Dana would like 4 sets of equipment for the truck at a total cost of \$5,000.
5. Highway Department: was scheduled for an interview, but never showed.
6. Police Department: no response to requests for submission of forms. Tracy will follow up.
7. The next Committee meeting was scheduled for November 27, at 1:00 p.m.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Smith

Documents reviewed:

Ambulance Department answers to Interview questions

Ambulance Department Capital Request Forms

This document is a draft until approved by the Capital Planning Committee.