

**Capital Improvement Committee
Town of Willington
40 Old Farms Road
Willington, CT 06279
January 23, 2021
12:00 PM
Special Meeting Minutes**

Physical Tour of CIP Projects

Members Present: Chairman Stuart Cobb, First Selectwoman Erika Wieceński, Christina Mailhos, Cari Donaldson, Orlando Rodriguez and Stef Summers.

Others Present: Troy Sposato; Director of Public Works, Chief Moore; WFD#1, Chief Snyder; WHFD and members of the public.

The meeting of the Capital Improvement Committee was called to order at 12:00PM by Chairman Cobb at the Public Works Facility.

Public Works – 49 Hancock Road

Troy Sposato showed the PW backhoe. He stated we use it at the transfer station on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays then we use it for digging out catch basins and whatever we need to do on the road. It is a 2015 John Deere and has 3,571 hours on it which is about 600 per year.

Chairman Cobb asked if it was paid for or is on a lease.

Troy Sposato replied I believe it's paid for but I'm not positive.

Steph Summers asked if there are any issues with the machine.

Troy Sposato replied no, we did buy a new bucket for it this year because the old bucket broke pulling out a stump. We have replaced the tires on it and done some other normal maintenance.

Troy Sposato showed the F-450 dump truck. He stated I would like to replace it this year, it is a 2006 and on a 10 year cycle should have been replaced in 2016. It has 81,094 miles on it. This truck gets used in the summer for our cold patch and any small odd jobs we do and we currently use it to plow our parking lots including the schools. We have been having some motor work done to it and as you can see the rust is an issue. We make sure all the trucks are washed after each time it snows and try to keep them as clean as possible because we don't know when we will be able to replace them.

First Selectwoman Wieceński asked if the current salt spreader will fit on the new truck they are requesting.

Troy Sposato replied it will come with a new spreader with the whole plow package.

Orlando Rodriguez asked how much money they could get selling this truck.

Troy Sposato replied it really depends and no one has given us an estimate yet.

First Selectwoman Wieceński asked if they are recommending trading the truck in.

Troy Sposato replied no, we would sell it on our own.

Troy Sposato showed the 2020 Freightliner and stated it has 2,737 miles on it.

Troy Sposato showed the 2011 International and stated we are trying to replace this next year and have done some motor work to it. This truck gets used every day.

Troy Sposato stated the next truck is Lou's truck the International. This would be kept as a spare because it doesn't have any of the emissions on it.

Troy Sposato stated this next truck is Jeff's and is the second newest in the fleet. He stated this is a Freightliner identical to the white truck.

Troy Sposato showed the spare GMC truck. He stated when we used this truck to plow last year I was getting phone calls every storm saying the truck broke down.

Troy Sposato showed the 2007 maroon truck. He stated it has 206,000 miles on it and we bought it used. We still use this truck daily.

Troy Sposato showed the roadside mower that he stated was purchased last year.

Troy Sposato stated if we are allowed to purchase the excavator we would trade in the JCB Backhoe that does run because it still has some value.

Troy Sposato showed the John Deere Loader and stated it should be replaced in 2025, it is 20 years old. This gets used to load the trucks, mix salt/sand, and pick up trees, it gets used a lot.

Chairman Cobb asked what the replacement cost is.

Troy Sposato stated could be around \$200,000 but I'm not positive. They have found some metal shards in the oil the last few times it has been changed.

Troy Sposato stated we purchase the yellow truck from the Town of Putnam. It doesn't replace anything we are just using it as a spare for trucks that continuously break down. We purchased this truck out of our operating budget.

Troy Sposato stated this is the other mower it is a 1993 and we use it to mow at the transfer station and sometimes to do some roadside mowing.

Troy Sposato showed the chipper and stated it was purchased in 2015.

Troy Sposato showed the smaller roadside mower.

Troy Sposato stated our sweeper was purchased used a few years ago.

Troy Sposato showed the current salt shed. He stated there are roughly 200 tons of salt and about 200 tons of sand. We use about half of that on a regular storm so storage can be a problem. He stated you can see where it is cracking.

Willington Hill Fire Department

First Selectwoman Wiccenski stated the parking lot for at Willington Hill was on the 17-18 CIP plan.

Chairman Cobb stated Chief Snyder had told them it was determined that the amount of money that was allocated for the project was found not to be enough and they redistributed the funds.

First Selectwoman Wiccenski stated the property across the street from the fire house belongs to the Fire Department not the town.

Orlando Rodriguez asked how many calls we get per year between the two fire stations.

Chief Moore replied almost 900.

Chief Snyder stated this is truck 149 which is a 1991 and typically the trucks are only in service for about 25 years but this truck is holding up pretty well.

Chief Snyder stated this is the service truck we are trying to replace on the CIP plan.

Chief Snyder stated we also have the bay floor replacement as a request for CIP and you can see the cracking on it.

Mike Makuch stated the floor is from 1954 and has been completely cleaned and coated once since.

Orlando Rodriguez asked why they are replacing the service vehicle.

Chief Snyder stated it has the rust on the wheels, the transmission slips when it's cold and the exhaust manifolds are cracked. This truck goes on every call and would be replaced by something similar.

Chief Snyder stated we have the plans for the new fire house across the street because we have to squeeze these trucks into the bay and they have to be positioned just right to get out on a call. We also have very limited office and storage space.

Orlando Rodriguez asked why they don't expand the current fire house.

Chief Snyder replied we have already exceeded the foot print of this property.

Willington Fire Department #1

Chief Moore stated this is our service vehicle it is a 2015 F-350. This plows both of our fire houses in the winter and it's what our staff uses to trim branches down that are on wires. It has about 48,000 miles on it. This will probably show up on the plan for replacement in another 2 years or so.

Chief Moore stated this is the ambulance and what makes the money for fund 17. The pickup truck and the ambulance were bought the same year so it is also a 2015. It has just over 115,000 miles on it. We have put about \$7,000 in maintenance into it this year which is getting high. We would eventually like to add a second ambulance.

Chief Moore stated this is our 2003 squad which is a multi-purpose truck. It does fires, rescues, etc. This is usually the first truck on the scene. The body of this truck shouldn't rot but we have had the sub frame replaced because it rotted out.

Chief Moore stated the next truck is a 2017. This carries 2,000 gallons of water and about 2,200ft of large diameter hose.

Chief Moore stated at our other station we have a truck which is a 1990 International truck.

Cari Donaldson asked if they bought this truck with budget money.

Chief Moore replied it was purchased through fund 17.

Christina Mailhos asked where they would put a second ambulance.

Chief Moore replied at the other station.

Chief Moore stated as you can probably feel it is drafty in here which is why we need the aprons and concrete fixed. You can also see the water stains from where it allows water in.

Chief Moore stated we have the drawings for the fire house addition so everyone can take a look at them. About 4 or 5 years ago the town paid for the original survey.

Chief Moore showed the facility. He stated as you can see its tight quarters.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski stated this is also our Emergency Operations Center when we have storms etc. We shared the space with the people who are sleeping here so we cannot be here between the hours of 9:00PM and 7:00AM.

Chief Moore stated we have greatly outgrown this space.

Mike Makuch moved to adjourn at 1:50PM.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski seconded the motion.

Vote: All Yes.

Respectfully Submitted:
Catharine Holcroft
Recording Secretary

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