

**NEW DURHAM PLANNING BOARD
New Durham Town Hall
October 3, 2017, 7:00p.m.**

Present

Scott Drummey, Chair
Bob Craycraft, Vice Chair
Rod Doherty, Selectman Representative
Dot Veisel
Jeff Allard

Also Present

Laura Zuzgo, Administrative Assistant
Terry Jarvis, Zoning Board of Adjustment
David Swenson, Board of Selectmen

Call to Order

Chair Drummey called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

Public Input

None.

Agenda Review

Chair Drummey added continuation of CIP Report.

Capital Improvement Program Committee Report

The Board continued their review of the CIP report. Ms. Jarvis noted the Fire Department report had not been included with the first copy but was provided for review and discussed. There was discussion of the difficulty solar panels cause for firefighters in climbing on roofs, necessitating a need for more extensive ladder trucks. The \$157,000 amount for the purchase of air pack equipment is calculated in the event that grants and other sources of funding are unavailable. The replacement dates for various equipment were discussed. Ms. Jarvis explained that in past years many accounts were not funded in order to maintain the tax rate but the CRF and ETFs have balances to help fund the recommended expenses. She stated the most common issues raised by department heads was the lack of facilities and the suggestion is to seek a qualified group of architects and engineers do a full facility review. Ms. Jarvis explained the purpose of the CIP is to look at the ten year plan for the Town and to identify what is needed over the next ten years to meet the identified needs. The funds that are actually expended start with the Board of Selectmen. There was a discussion of the ups and downs of funding and spending changes with changes in administration as well as the different options in future planning. Concerns were presented regarding having the facilities studies and the expenses incurred. Mr. Allard voiced concerns in funding the purchase of a fifth police

cruiser that was not budgeted for in the past. The Board discussed the requested installation of upgraded scales at the solid waste facility and whether the costs can be recouped. It was proposed to table this item and instruct the CIPC to research more information.

Mr. Allard made a motion to reduce the funding of the facilities studies by \$40,000. Motion failed for lack of second.

Mr. Craycraft made a motion to reduce the line for the police cruiser by \$45,000. Mr. Allard seconded the motion. Motion 4-1-0. Ms. Veisel opposed.

Chair Drummey made a motion to reduce the line for the solid waste facilities scales to \$2,000 and further research be done to establish the cost benefit analysis for installing the scale. Mr. Allard seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0-0.

The Board reviewed the CRF accounts. Mr. Allard presented concerns with funding so much for the highway vehicle CRF. There was further discussion of the police cruiser CRF and suggested to maintain the current funding amount. There was also discussion about maintaining the level of funding for the 1772 Meetinghouse but Terry Jarvis clarified the work is beginning to move forward.

Mr. Allard made a motion to reduce the CRF funding line for police cruisers from \$25,000 to \$16,800. Chair Drummey seconded the motion. Motion passed, 3-2-0. Selectman Doherty and Ms. Veisel opposed the motion.

Mr. Allard made a motion to reduce the CRF funding of the 1772 Meeting House from the recommendation of \$50,000 to \$20,000. Chair Drummey seconded the motion for discussion. Discussion: It is unclear how the funding recommendation amount was determined. Ms. Jarvis explained the CIP committee recommended the 1772 Meetinghouse committee put together a plan showing expected funding and expenditures. Mr. Craycraft stated he would be abstaining from this vote as he is a member of the Committee being discussed. Ms. Veisel stated she would like to see it at \$30,000, noting she is aware of foundation and roof work needing to be done. Ms. Jarvis noted the committee set a goal of having the project completed by the 250th anniversary in 2019.

Ms. Veisel made a motion to amend the funding to be \$30,00 for the 1772 Meetinghouse CRF. Chair Drummey seconded the amendment to the motion. Amendment passed, 4-0-1.

Amended motion passed, 4-0-1.

Chair Drummey made a motion to accept the CIPC Report for 2018 to 2020 as amended. Mr. Allard seconded the motion. Motion passed, 5-0-0.

Other

Mr. Swenson stated regarding the ordinance on Merrymeeting Watershed Overlay District, several wording modifications were suggested by legal counsel.

Approval of Minutes

Meeting of September 5, 2017 – Edits were made. **Ms. Veisel made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Selectman Doherty seconded the motion. Motion passed, 3-0-2.** Mr. Craycraft and Mr. Allard abstained.

Meeting of September 19, 2017 – Edits were made. **Ms. Veisel made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Allard seconded the motion. Motion passed, 3-0-2.** Mr. Craycraft and Selectman Doherty abstained.

Chair Drummey stated he wants to plan for the Zoning Ordinance hearings. He presented copies of the ordinance for review and discussion at the next meeting.

Adjourn

Mr. Allard made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Craycraft seconded the motion. Motion passed, 5-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Riel, Recording Secretary