

TOWN OF HARWINTON

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Capital Equipment Committee Meeting Thursday – March 7th, 2019

Chairman Dave Bousquet called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Committee members present were John Fredsall, Bill Buys Jr, and Dave Bousquet. Pat Doyle was absent due to work and Jim Savenella was absent because he is in the south for the winter. The minutes from the previous meeting on January 7th, 2018 were passed out and reviewed, John made a motion to accept, Bill Buys Jr seconded the motion and the minutes were accepted unanimously.

The agenda for this meeting was the following:

- 1. Review the changing the type of truck to replace unit 11 with
- 2. Review rehabbing the road grader instead of replacing it.
- 3. Review replacing unit 50 John Deere Z- Track mower.
- 4. Revise the amount of money the Town will need to budget to purchase. Unit 11 (40,000lb dump truck), rehab Unit 25 (road grader), and replace unit 50 (2009 John Deere Z-Track mower)

The committee reviewed the new recommendation presented by chairmen David Bousquet. Dave's new recommendation is to replace unit 11 with a 40000 lbs. 4x4 plow truck with a wing plow instead, of 40000 lbs. 4x2 plow truck. This would give us a 2nd 4x4 truck to work the more hillier sections of the Town, and give us another piece of equipment with a wing plow to help out with winging operations. The other recommendation is to send the road grader out for a refurbishment to W.I. Clark instead of replacing it. This recommendation is based on the results from the engine oil and hydraulic system oil analysis and the fact the machine only get about 200 hours of use yearly. The figures for the new recommendations are as follows, Unit 11, \$ 195,000.00 with trade, and unit 25, \$25,000.00 for refurbishment and PM. After some discussion of the new recommendations Bill Buys made a motion to appropriate \$195,000.00 to replace unit 11 with a 4x4 plow truck and wing plow, and appropriate for unit 25, \$25,000.00 to do a refurbishment (Major PM) to extend its life expediency 7 addition years in Lieu of replacing it. John Fredsall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The committee then reviewed the replacement Of unit 50 the John Deere Z-Trac mower with collection system. The replacement figure for unit 50 is \$22,000.00. After a short discussion John made a motion to appropriate \$22,000.00 to replace unit 50. Bill Buys seconded the motion and it pass unanimously.

The total of this year's Capitol Equipment Depreciation is \$254,000.00 the amount the Town normally expends on equipment each year. The total of equipment purchases this year would be \$242,000.00. The Committee has recommended in the past for years when the depreciation amount is not reached in actual equipment purchases, that the balance be put into the Capitol Equipment Reserve Account. The members believe that it should recommend to the Board of Selectman and Finance that they appropriate \$242,000.00 for Capitol Equipment this year and the balance of \$12,000.00 be added to the Capitol Equipment Reserve Account, which will have a balance of \$185,132 as of June 30th ,2019. A motion was made by John and seconded by Bill to recommend to the Boards of Selectman and Finance for their action, a budget amount of \$254,000, for this year's equipment needs. The motion carried unanimously

With nothing else on the agenda the meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm

David J Bousquet,

Chairman Capital Equipment Committee

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