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CAPITAL EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING THURSDAY JANUARY 17th, 2013

Chairman, John Fredsall, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Committee members present were, Tom Pollack, Stephen Camp, and myself. Bob Santamaria and Jim Savenella were unable to attend. The minutes from the previous meeting on July 26th, 2013 were passed out and reviewed. Stephen made a motion to accept with Tom's second, and the motion to accept was unanimous.

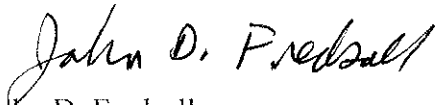
The agenda for this meeting was to go over the equipment needs for the 2013-2014, budget year. A review of the updated list of the capital equipment, owned and operated, by the Town was reviewed by the committee. It was noted by the members that the depreciation amount has increased to be \$211,530 per year, and that the Town only appropriated \$190,000 last year for equipment when the annual depreciation was \$202,510.00. The entire amount was used to purchase Unit #5, a #40,000 lb. 4x4 plow truck with a wing attachment.

John presented his thoughts for the coming year for the committee to consider and made a note that he had been asked by the Selectman's office to consider replacing the Town car, a 2000 Ford Crown Victoria and the Animal Control officer's truck, a 1998 C-10 Chevy pickup truck. The other piece of equipment is #20, the 2002, 3-yard loader. All three items are at or past their scheduled replacement dates. John presented some cost estimates and trade values that he had obtained to replace this equipment. A small SUV to replace the Crown Vic can be obtained for approximately \$25,000. The old car has virtually no trade value. The pickup truck for the Animal Control Officer can be obtained for about the same amount. Again the old truck has very little trade value. A new loader is between \$180,000.00 and \$185,000.00 with a trade value of between \$35,000.00 and \$40,000.00. The members discussed these numbers and priorities to come up with a plan, which would not overtax the capitol equipment budget for this year and stay within the annual depreciation amount.

After some discussion the committee came up with what they felt is the best solution to hold the line and actually slightly reduce this year's budget request from the depreciation schedule, while obtaining the best use of these new vehicles and equipment. The committee recommends that \$150,000.00 be budgeted to purchase a new 3-yard loader with the trade-in making up the difference. The members think that a new ½-ton, 4x4 pickup should be purchased for the Public Works Department and the 2009 Ford Ranger pickup, #12, be transferred to the Animal Control Officer. The reasoning is that Public Works will get more use out of the new truck while the Animal Control Officer's truck sees much less use and #12 is still in good condition and will serve in its new role for a good length of time. The committee recommends an outright expenditure of \$25,000.00 for a new SUV Town Car. The total for this year's equipment purchase would be a not to exceed budget amount of \$200,000. While this amount is \$10,000 more than last year it is still \$11,500.00 below the annual appreciation amount, which is the usual amount the Town appropriates each year for capital equipment. Members did note that the Town should continue to expend the depreciation value that is on the Capitol Equipment List in order to not fall behind in the maintenance of the Town's equipment. This will be a continuation of the last number of years where the Town would be appropriating less than that amount. This year that number is \$211,530, but in the spirit of trying hold the line on the budget the committee will recommend to the Board of Selectman the \$200,000.00 amount. A motion was made by Tom and seconded

by Stephen to recommend the budget amount of \$200,000.00 to replace the loader, Unit #20, the Town Car, #15 and the Animal Control Officers truck, #26. The motion carried unanimously.

With nothing else on agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John D. Fredsall". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John D. Fredsall
Chairman, Capital Equipment Committee

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