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Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Minutes
11:00 a.m. Site Walk – Windham Fire Department
September 5, 2013

Present

Sy Wrenn, Vice Chair, Planning Board Representative
Jennifer Simmons, Secretary, Citizen Member

Excused

Rob Gustafson, Chair 2013, Citizen Member
Al Letizio, Jr., Board of Selectmen Representative
Alan Carpenter, Planning Board Representative
Jerome Rekart, School Board Representative
Neelima Gogumalla, Citizen Member
Elizabeth Wood, Staff Advisor

The site walk began at 11:05 a.m. at the Windham Fire Station located at 3 Fellows Road in Windham. Chief Tom McPherson and Assistant Chief Edward Morgan were present.

Chief McPherson had the ambulance, which is a part of the short term request for replacement in 2014, brought out of the fire station for viewing. He explained that usually a front line ambulance is operated for 4 years before it is bumped down to a back-up ambulance. The back-up ambulance is used for 4 years and then is bumped down third line/rescue vehicle. Therefore, one ambulance gets approximately 12 years of use out of it. Chief McPherson said that 70% of the calls, coming into the station, are for EMS Services.

Chief McPherson had the Ladder-1, which is also a part of the short term request for replacement in 2014, brought out of the fire station for viewing. The ladder truck is a 1980 Spartan that was donated to the town in 2002 in memory of the victims of 9/11. The truck does not have many features on it and the request is to replace it with a "Quint." He explained that the Fire Department will be applying for a grant, from the Department of Homeland Security, in September/October. With the grant, 95% of the funding would come from the federal government with the remaining 5% coming from the town of Windham. The cost of replacement would be \$850,000. The town would be responsible for approximately \$42,500. If the town is not awarded the grant, the purchase of the truck would not be made. Chief McPherson explained that if the grant were to be awarded, it would be a win-win for the firefighters (safety) and the taxpayers (savings). The current ladder truck has a 100' ladder with an open, rear cab. It has no water tank/pump or pre-piped water way. So far, \$10,000 has been spent to rebuild the truck's engine. The truck has visible body rust and the steering column was just repaired. The "Quint" would contain a water tank/pump, a pre-piped waterway, and the necessary tools to do the job. The "tip load," on the current Ladder-1, is 200 pounds maximum weight on the ladder – unsupported. The "tip load," on the requested "Quint," would be 700 pounds maximum weight

on the ladder – unsupported. The cost, for the replacement, includes the truck, training of the firefighters, and the equipment.

Chief McPherson had a 2006 – 3,000 gallon Fire Tanker brought out of the fire station for viewing. The long term request for replacement, in 2015, is to replace Engine-2 with an additional Tanker. Engine-2 is a 1994 Freightliner Chassis (commercial). The NFPA Standards suggest a 15 year replacement of this vehicle. The engine is equipped with a 1,500 gallon water tank. The Tanker would be equipped with a 3,000 gallon water tank. The tanker would also include a portable tank on the side of it. The portable tank (3,000 gallons) is made out of canvas and works as a holding tank. It is filled by outside sources (other tankers, from surrounding towns) and works like a fire hydrant. The tanker is a higher standard vehicle and will increase our water capability. Because Windham has no municipal water, it is necessary for the fire station to bring its own water.

The site walk concluded at 12:03 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Jennifer Simmons

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