

**WEYMOUTH PLANNING BOARD**  
**Town Hall, Council Chambers**  
**December 6, 2011**  
**Minutes**

**PRESENT:**

Walter Flynn, Chairman  
Dave Chandler  
Sandra Williams, Vice Chairman  
Mary Akoury, Clerk  
Paul Hurley

**ALSO PRESENT:**

James Clarke, Director, Planning & Community Development  
Robert Luongo, Economic Development Planner

Chairman Flynn called the December 6, 2011 meeting of the Planning Board to order at 7:00PM.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

**Fire Chief Robert Leary**  
**REQUESTED VEHICLES**

#5 Chief Leary stated that a few months ago he got two new vehicles replacing C4 and C5. Also replaced at this time was C1, the Chief's car. Two new 2011 Ford Explorers were purchased.

#6 Chief Leary stated this engine is 15 years old with 140,000 miles on it. The request is to refurbish the engine. Chief Leary stated he wonders if he should just buy a new one, the engine is in very poor condition. To refurbish the engine would cost approximately \$200,000 to purchase a new engine would cost approximately \$600,000.

Ms. Akoury asked when the Chief will decide if the vehicle should be refurbished or replaced. Chief Leary stated soon, within the year.

#7 1997 Expedition; the goal is to purchase a new vehicle and pass this vehicle down to training. Need to change the cost amount on CIP to \$75,000.

#8 Mac Engine - this engine was first purchased in 1986 as Engine #2, reassigned as Engine #1 in 1993, designated as reserve in 2004. This Engine does not have good compartment space and has never been refurbished. Mr. Chandler asked if the Chief was interested in just a ladder truck or a pump truck or a combination of both. Chief Leary stated that it is his opinion that Quints, as they are called, try to do more than then can. The Quint has less room on its vehicle for equipment. Chief Leary would rather have separate and distinct vehicles for distinct duties with personnel on each vehicle.

#9 Replacement - this truck does not fit the mission of the WFD. Need sufficient horizontal reach; especially with the expected building at Southfield. There is not a truck in Weymouth currently that could handle a fire at the proposed buildings at Southfield. This is a request for FY13. Mr. Chandler asked, when South Shore Hospital is pulling up new buildings doesn't anyone speak up and say that Weymouth Fire Department cannot accommodate the building. Chief Leary stated that he personally has tried to speak to that issue many times, now he hopes

that he can get a new truck to accommodate the issues in the town. Mr. Chandler asked, doesn't the Town of Weymouth need this new truck because of the new buildings at SSII? Chief Leary stated no, WFD needs the truck because of the new 4 story homes being built at Southfield. Mr. Chandler asked if Chief Leary is consulting with Southfield regarding a new fire truck. Mr. Clarke stated, for clarification, the new truck would be helpful on multiple levels, not just for South Shore Hospital or Southfield as we already have tall buildings such as Union Towers and Weymouthport.

#10 Spare '97 Expedition, in poor condition. FY14, replace with general use pick-up.

Ms. Williams asked Chief Leary if he has put the vehicle requests into any sort of priority. Chief Leary stated #6 and #8 are priority 1 and 2 respectively.

### **Fire Chief Robert Leary**

### **PROPOSED BUILDING, GROUNDS AND EQUIPMENT**

#2 New Fire Station South Weymouth, a 5th fire station is proposed to serve Southfield. The consultants view is if built on Route 18 it would serve the town/area best. Mr. Clarke stated that it should be clear that Southfield could go in a different direction. If it is a mutual deal Weymouth could pay a portion, but it may not go that way. Mr. Akoury asked who do Southfield businesses pay taxes to. Mr. Clarke stated they go to Tri-Town; legislation says taxes will pay for Tri-Town.

#3 Turnout Gear Replacement - Chief Leary stated that because of changes in standards he hopes to replace 1/5th of the equipment every five years.

#4 Hydraulic Rescue Tool Set - getting to end of their lives. The goal is to get rid of all pieces more than 30 years old.

#5 Fire alarm in office area - was installed in the late 1970's with Federal Funds. The goal is to move dispatchers into the next room, move communications area into 2nd room, purchase new radio console and increase communication in a smaller space; which will bring fire prevention down to the first floor (it is currently not HP accessible). Mr. Clarke asked if this was identified in the ADA Plan; Chief Leary stated yes.

#6 Renovate remainder of living quarters at Station #2 - replace floor, mason, stairwell, and furniture. Ms. Akoury asked how many female fire fighters are there in Weymouth. Chief Leary stated one and she is at Station #1. Ms. Akoury stated that the town needs to create female space at Station #2 also.

#7 Replace Station #1, North Weymouth - Chief Leary stated that Station #1 is actually two buildings that don't work well together. They were built in roughly 1936. The station is not set up for modern apparatus.

### **Police Chief Rick Grimes**

### **Police Captain Joe Comperchio**

### **REQUESTED VEHICLES**

Chief Grimes stated the Police Department requests seven (7) replacement vehicles each year at a cost of \$35,000 per vehicle. This is how the Police Department sustains their fleet.

#11 Chief Grimes stated that WPD did purchase 7 new vehicles last year at a cost of \$245,000. Chairman Flynn asked when the Caprice will become available. Chief Grimes stated the Caprice will not be available for a while. The Chargers do not work well; 2010 Chargers are off the road with a month of heavy repairs needed. Chief Grimes suggests wait for next production year on the Chargers. Chief Grimes stated his fear of going with the Chargers is with the GM rush to get the cars ready there are no replacement parts available. The cars are made in Australia and that is where the replacement parts are from also. The Tahoe's were received very well by the officers. Chairman Flynn stated that he spoke with approximately eight officers and none of them liked the Chargers, didn't like the blind spot. All of the officers like the Tahoe's. Chief Grimes stated that this request was not entered into lightly. The request is for 7 Caprice but if they were delayed he would go with the Tahoe's again.

#12 Evidence Van - always in the request line.

#13 Prisoner Transport Van - problem with body rust. Has 67,000 miles on it and it is a 1999.

#14 Motorcycles - All in good condition. One is a little behind the ball; would like to replace that one. New Harley Davidson has tire improvements and satellite features.

#15 Incident Command Vehicle

#16 K-9 SUV - when put out 7 new vehicles, can roll 7 old Tahoe's into these two positions (#15 and #16). Getting 2004 Crown Victoria for K-9 for \$1,400.

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**IN PROCESS**

#16 New Roof on Police Station - water damage to records; portion of roof has been replaced; while fixing the small leaks it appears that the roof was not put on properly in the beginning. Mr. Chandler asked what the warranty on the roof is. Chief Grimes stated that he was not involved in that process. Chief Grimes stated that he hates to sit here in front of the Planning Board and ask for a new roof because a lot of other good work could be done in town with \$800,000 besides a new roof. Mr. Clarke stated that an architect has been chosen for the project. The roofers on the bid said they could add a fencing feature to the roof to eliminate the problem with ice falling from the roof.

#17 HVAC - group needs to come in and turn a/c on in summer and then in winter same for heat.

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**PROPOSED BUILDING, GROUNDS AND EQUIPMENT**

#43 Planning Department item - Chief Grimes stated he would like to speak in support of this item. There is a problem at the current Police Station with Handicap Parking and pedestrian access is not good and makes it difficult for people visiting the station.

#44 Card Access and Security Cameras - they have gone to a card swipe system at the police station. There are still areas that should be secured more than others. With software this new card system will allow critical information to be documented. Would like to upgrade cameras. Deficiency in views of outside of building. In many instances police department will receive a call from someone driving by the police station to say that there is a fight going on in the parking lot outside. The need for these cameras is critical. Captain Comperchio stated the doors were covered under a grant. The doors are estimated at \$1,600 per door. The cameras for outside are \$2,500. Chief Grimes stated there is a blind spot in the booking area. There are things that should be in play that are not.

#45 Exterior Windows - thermo pane gaskets in windows are broken - new energy efficient windows are needed.

Ms. Akoury asked who built the Police Station. Chief Grimes stated Callahan.

### **FORM A**

Weathervane development; this is a transfer of land from lot 10 and 11. Mr. Chandler made a MOTION to APPROVE the Form A. Ms. Williams SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED. Mr. Hurley abstained.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meetings of the Planning Board will be held on December 13, 2011 at 7:00pm

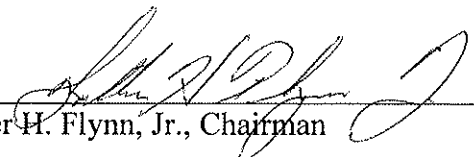
### **ADJOURNMENT**

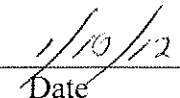
At 8:50PM, there being no further business, a MOTION was made by Mr. Hurley to ADJOURN and was SECONDED by Ms. Akoury. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Callbeck  
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

  
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Walter H. Flynn, Jr., Chairman

  
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Date