

Minutes of the Planning Board Meeting held on October 22,
2001 at the Department of Public Works

Presents: Paul Dillon, Chairman; Paul Hurley; Scott Curry
and Jody Lehrer

Staff: James Clarke, Director of Planning and Rod Fuqua,
Principal Planner

Attendees: James Keefe, Contract Administrator & Walter
Flynn

Meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M.

1. CAPITAL BUDGET

Police Cruiser Replacement - Chief Rodney Rumble

The Chief explained that last year he requested ten (10) cruisers and ended up with seven. With money from Sithe, he purchased one (1) 4-wheel drive vehicle. One (1) extra car was purchased through a grant and air base money. Within the next five (5) years, he would like to have ten (10) cruisers. He has saved a lot of money on cruisers in the past by going with Quirk - \$1,000 per cruiser. With AMI he received nothing (0). They are looking at other cars other than the Crown Victoria. The problem is that all the cars are down sizing.

The basic price for a vehicle is about \$26,000. Some equipment can be transferred from one vehicle to another. Everything is done to utilize the old equipment. He is very serious about vehicle maintenance. Cost - 260,000 each year for 5 years.

Mr. Hurley asked how many cars are on patrol at one time?

The Chief said five (5) vehicles and two (2) self rovers as backup. As part of our routine patrol, we are trying to establish a 6th district with the air base. You have one sergeant, and unmarked detective cars on patrol. Cars are passed down to the detectives. There are 5-8 cars on the street. Total cars - 28.

Discussion ensued relative to the vehicles and mileage.

Mr. Hurley asked if having central maintenance was a benefit?

Chief Rumble said it has been successful. They respond and they do a good job. His maintenance budget has been turned over to the central budget. Everything including gas, is taken from this account. Parts under warranty, are taken to Goode Ford to be replaced.

Mr. Keefe asked if the Chief used the Greater Boston Police Council?

The Chief said he shops around to get the best buy.

He has no intention of replacing the 4-wheel drive or the wagon.

Mr. Fuqua said as we are projecting out five years, could the 4-wheel drive or the wagon show up at the end?

The Chief said he does not think the wagon will unless they are forced to use it more then they use it now.

Upgrade of Computer System

The Chief said they have to go with the NT System (New Technology) but not for a few years. He does not want to jump into something that has a lot of glitches. This will have to be talked about in FY 03 instead of FY 05. The current technology is obsolete and there will be no support for it in a couple of years. He also wants to see where Payomet is going. The anticipated ball park cost is \$385,000 and he is not sure if this includes training.

Mr. Hurley asked if the current system was installed in the cars as well as the station?

Chief Rumble said yes, everything is the same. They are going to give us the program but we are still going to pay. If Payomet works out, it will be a little cheaper than going with someone else. This application is for software.

Fire Department - Acting Chief, Joseph Davis

Emergency Apparatus Repairs, Tower #1

He is looking to have work done on the spare aerial ladder truck. There is no spare aerial apparatus in this community. \$87,000 is to replace the automatic transmission, rebuilding the hydraulic cylinders, replacing the wiring at the top of the aerial, replacing a hydraulic turntable motor, pump testing the valves, installing a water tank and installing updated emergency working lights. This truck (a ladder & a pumper) will service the town for a number of years if we do the repairs.

Discussion ensued relative to the above.

Mr. Fuqua asked if the Chief had looked at any other response vehicles for medical emergencies?

The Chief said no, because the correct manpower is required

to respond with that vehicle. If you go to a car fire or accident, you need the equipment on the truck to do the job. In responding to home medical calls, the engine or ladder would go with the ambulance.

Fire Apparatus Replacement Engine Co. #1

Replacement of Engine Co. #1 (North Wey.), formerly Engine Co. #2 which is a Max CF 600 pumper. The Board received a copy of a letter from Chief Deacon dated last year, stating that the truck should be replaced. We need two to three spares. This truck will replace the one in North Weymouth. Cost - \$350,000.

Discussion ensued relative to the above.

Mr. Hurley asked if the truck would come fully equipped?

The Chief said he wants the truck fully equipped. He explained his reasons.

Mr. Keefe asked how many trucks were in the town?

The Chief said fifteen. He is thinking of donating the 67 Maxium to the Fire Museum.

Vehicle Apparatus Replacement, Forest #3

This is a replacement for a 1980 half ton pickup truck with a 200 gallon water tank and pump. He will probably go with a 3/4 or 1 ton 4-wheel drive vehicle. Cost - \$25,000.

Discussion ensued relative to the radio system.

Vehicle Replacement, C-2 (FY03)

Replacement of a 1997 Ford Expedition Deputy Chief's vehicle. In 2003 this vehicle will be six years old. The current vehicle would be passed down to the Fire Prevention Officer or the Training Officer. Cost - \$42,000.

Vehicle Replacement, Forest #2 (FY03)

Replacement of a 19 year old 1982 Ford F250 3/4 ton pickup. The present vehicle could be used as a service truck or go to the DPW if they had a need. There is no trade-in value. Estimated cost - \$25,000.

Discussion ensued relative to using the trucks for plowing and the estimated cost figure.

Vehicle/Apparatus Replacement, Forest #5 (FY04)

Replacement of a 1983 GMC pickup which will be 18 yrs. old. This is in South Weymouth on Park Avenue. Estimated cost - \$25,000.

Vehicle Replacement, Sedan (FY04)

Replacement of a 1994 Ford Crown Victoria sedan used by the Fire Prevention Officer. Estimated cost - \$22,000.

Apparatus Replacement, Engine #5 (FY04)

Replacement of Engine Co. #5 1992 KME Pumper currently 9 years old. There is a problem with getting parts. This truck covers the whole district. Estimated cost - \$360,000.

Apparatus Replacement, GMC Rescue Squad (FY05)

Replacement of a 1980 21 year old rescue squad. The Federal Government shot down the request for a pumper. These vehicles are very expensive and you have to make them last. Cost - no figure.

Apparatus Replacement, Emergency 1, Ladder Truck (FY04)

Replacement for a 1984 ladder in East Weymouth. The Chief gave the Board a brief history of this item. This ladder would be used as a spare. Estimated cost - \$850,000.

Discussion ensued relative to the above replacement vehicle with regard to bids and mutual aid.

Tele Communications, Hardware, Printer & Software (FY03)

Purchase of computers and software to link everything together. Cost - no figure.

Mr. Hurley asked why the Cable TV Co. did not install?

The Chief said that was one thing they were supposed to do. Station #2 is connected to the Town Hall. Software for this system would be around \$70,000-\$80,000. It is a system that allows communication between the stations, a fire reporting system, automatic dispatch, recall, and the initial fire report. We do not have that now. He gave a brief history with regard to this item.

Fire Equipment, Hose, Tools & Other Equipment

Purchase of various diameters of hose, rescue tools and other equipment i.e. thermal image cameras. Also replacement

of one Forest pump. Increases in utilities ate the whole of last years budget. There are no spare hoses. Cost - 60,000.

Discussion ensued relative to the costs for the thermal image cameras and the pump.

Air Compressor

The compressor at East Weymouth will not fill 60 minute high pressure bottles. A 30 minute bottle does not cut it. If we could get a compressor that would reach 6,000 pounds, it would last a long time. Cost - \$34,750

Furniture Replacement

There is no money in the budget for furniture for Station #1 in North Weymouth and Station #2. We have some bed frames and some chairs in the recreation room. He has no money in his budget for this item. Cost - no figure.

Fire Fighting Equipment, Bunker Gear

The gear is now 16 yrs. old and falling apart. One hundred and sixteen (116) sets of full turn out gear (tops & bottoms) is needed. The gear is \$1,200 a set and is custom fitted to each person. The old gear will be kept as a back-up and is cleaned. If there is a grant available, he would be happy to apply. Cost - 152,100.

Computer Software, Personnel

Cost for this item \$36,000.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - Jim Limbey, Director &
-Dave Cawthorne, Tech. Coordinator for School Dept.**

The general objective is to extend the wide area network beyond what was set up initially to meet the needs of getting Munis operational. There are some operational requirements of the School Dept. that are pushing that need. Are they going to manage themselves or are we going to manage together? We looked for the best and most cost effective way to do that which for the Town was to share its resources.

The operating platform requirements have changed and need to be met fairly quickly. We are three (3) versions behind. The bottom line we need to get into compliance within a years time. That means buying upgrades or new operating systems for all computers. It means upgrading or purchasing new hardware to meet the requirements of that operating system.

We need to establish the capability to maintain critical operations in the event of some unexpected event. We are trying to establish a game plan for creating another operating environment.

Wide Area Network Hardware is required to begin merger with the Town and School - \$30,000 for 1 year.

Mr. Cawthorne said that all the schools are not connected together.

Mr. Dillon asked if any of this was mandated by the State Board of Education?

Mr. Cawthorne stated that each school is required to have a content filter. Approximately \$15,000 a year is paid for a content filter. When the location is centralized, it will cost about \$2,000 to \$2,500 per year. The State is working on providing a substantial amount of money for schools that are working towards compliance with the 2003 benchmark standards.

With regard to computer hardware replacement (#198), the State is requiring us to get to a 5/1 student to computer ratio. Right now we are about 8/1. We are talking about 2,000 computers for student use - five (5) computers per classroom. We just recently completed a bond issue that got us off the ground. Cost - \$100,000/year for six years.

We are currently using the DOS version of the administrative software (#197). The reason we have not switched is that we do not have a wide area network in place. Cost \$165,000 for one year.

Funding for the Microsoft academic licensing program (#196) will bring the school system into compliance with the new program. Cost - \$50,000 for one year.

Mr. Limbey said one of the needs is the hardware replacement cycle (#31). You need to have the ability each year to revolve the equipment. Once the processor slips below standards it is stuck. You need to phase in new equipment as needed. Cost - 45,000/year for six years.

The centralized back-up system (#30) will allow us to back-up all of the servers on a regular cycle. Cost - \$40,000 for one year.

The network disaster recovery (#32) will allow us to re-establish critical applications in another location in the event of a disaster at the Town's primary computer center. Cost \$26,700 for one year.

The School's telephone system is on the way out and the equipment is no longer supported. There is no wide area network in place. Cost - telephone system (WPS) maintenance (#106) is \$250,000 for one year. (revised from \$100,000)

Mr. Keefe asked Mr. Cawthorne to speak about the quality of the School Dept. computers.

Mr. Cawthorne stated that 400 MacIntosh computers and approximately 250 PC computers were purchased out of the bond issue.

Mr. Cawthorne and Mr. Limbey continued with regard to the above.

Mr. Fuqua, referring to the hardware replacement program, asked what is the turnover on all the equipment both within the schools and at IT (6 yr. span).

Mr. Limbey said that three (3) years is the standard life.

Discussion ensued relative to the above.

Ms. Lehrer asked if they could download the free software off the EPA's web site (www.energystar.gov)? It enables sleep mode on a server and saves energy. It overrides any individual attempt to disable the sleep mode.

2. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Fuqua stated that on the re-application for Kentucky Fried Chicken, Tricon has submitted a letter requesting to withdraw without prejudice.

Motion by Mr. Curry, seconded by Ms. Lehrer to allow Tricon to withdraw without prejudice.

All in favor. So voted unanimously.

With regard to Jackson Heights subdivision, Mr. Fuqua stated that Brian Nelson has requested an 18 foot cape cod burm. This is a change on the layout (24" to 18").

Discussion ensued relative to the above.

Motion by Mr. Hurley, seconded by Mr. Curry to leave the burm at 24".

All in favor. So voted unanimously.

NEW MEETING SCHEDULE

Mr. Fuqua said under the Mayor's direction, meetings on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of every month need to be eliminated.

New meeting dates: November 26th & 27th
December 10th & 11th

Next meeting dates: October 29, 2001 - Capital Budget -
Planning Department.

Mr. Fuqua is recommending holding the School Dept. and the
DPW until the end. Town Hall offices will be in next.

Mr. Flynn will be interviewed by the Council on Monday,
October 29, 2001. (Nominated to replace Karen DeTellis)

Motion to adjourn. So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette M. Cignarella
Recording Secretary

APPROVED

James Clarke