

**WILBRAHAM CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2009
7:00P.M.**

Present: Bob Quintin, Bob Boilard and Marc Ducey
Absent: John Strandberg and Mike Mazzuca

The committee met with Town Engineer Ed Miga at the Highway Department. They discussed vehicle replacements for the DPW department. The three vehicles scheduled to be replaced in FY2010 are the mower, catch basin and a pick up. Ed Miga said the catch basin is a priority and should not be moved to FY2011. The Catch Basin is used year round for many different jobs including snow plowing. He will see what he would get for a trade in or possibly use it as a back up.

He recommended the mower and pick- up truck be moved to FY2011.

Ed discussed the “shovel ready” projects he gathered together for the economic stimulus plan. Some of these projects include the culvert rehab on Brookmont Drive, Red Bridge over River, Red Bridge over canal, and geothermal project at Town Hall.

Mary Ripley lives on Main Street and was present to discuss flooding problems she has been experiencing due to flooding issues on Woodland Dell. The area of her home is an area called the 100 year flood zone. Within the last couple of years, there have been several severe storms that have caused tremendous flooding down Woodland Dell into her yard. She came to the committee looking for an answer to her problem. Ed said he is proposing to design and construct a bypass drainage system to lower the probability of flooding in her area. In the meantime, the DPW has built a trash rack that will be placed in the Woodland Dell culvert to hold back large debris going into the pipes.

Ed Miga took the committee members for a tour of the DPW garage and adjourned after the tour.

The next scheduled meeting will be on March 12th with the Fire Department and Library.

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