

**CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OFFICE BUILDING
THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2009
7:00PM**

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

Also Present: Ron Rauscher, Tom Sullivan

Ron Rauscher said there is approximately \$73,040 in surplus funds from FY2008 and FY2009 completed projects. He is recommending the surplus funds be used to fund a new fire alarm system at Soule Road School. It is a 30 year old system that is not up to today's codes, although the fire codes are grandfathered. He said the new system is a priority according to the Building Inspector and the Mechanical Engineer Robert Hall.

The committee reviewed the Roy Brown report and discussed other projects for FY2010. Some items that are being considered are window repairs at the Stony Hill and Mile Tree schools, completion of the window project at the Library, replacing windows at the Town Hall and a ductless split air system at the Little Red School House.

Chief Nothe had requested an aluminum rescue boat. They currently have an inflatable boat that is several years old with some problems. The rescue boat would cost \$20,000 and has a much longer life expectancy.

The committee reviewed a letter from Ed Miga regarding the drainage problems on Woodland Dell Road and Main Street. He is requesting \$50,000 to install additional drainage on Main Street. The total project will cost \$350,000 but the \$50,000 will allow the Highway Department to start the project and do much of the work in-house.

The members had many questions regarding this issue and have invited Ed Miga to attend the next meeting on April 16th.

Tom Sullivan made a suggestion to the committee regarding alternative ideas for a new fire station and police station. He said the cost for a Public Safety Complex would be more than \$10M. As the capital projects are getting less and less every year and many of the safety issues have been addressed, the committee could begin looking at bonding for larger projects such as renovating the Fire Station. The debt service will be reduced in the next few years and the town could fund for a larger project under the 2 ½ levy limit.

The next scheduled meeting will be Thursday, April 16, 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

Nancy Johnson
Assistant Town Accountant