

**Winchendon Capital Planning Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

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**Members Present:** Michael Barbaro, Chair, Mary-Jo Galat, and Thomas Kane

**Presenters:** Police Chief David Walsh, DPW Director Al Galant.

The meeting as called to order at 6:02 p.m.

**1. Police Department Proposals.** Chief Walsh reviewed the proposed capital purchases for the Police Department.

a. Portable Traffic Monitoring Device. Chief Walsh spoke of the flexibility to address traffic concerns in various parts of town with this equipment. (cost: \$10,000) (Operating Budget or Free Cash)

b. Cruisers. The Chief would replace a 2014 K-9 cruiser and an unmarked cruiser. (cost: \$90,000) (Operating Budget)

c. Cruiser Cameras. Adding cruiser cameras would provide more transparency to the police work. (cost: \$44,725) (Possible R and B request.)

**2. DPW Requests.** DPW Head Gallant reviewed the DPW proposed capital purchases.

a. 10 Wheel Dump Truck. The truck will replace a 2002 truck with 130,000 miles on it. The 2018 truck purchase will be paid off this year and this new truck could assume that debt amount. (cost: \$201,455) (3 yr. bond)

b. Replace DPW building roof and septic system. These requests have been on the list for a couple of years with the hope of trust fund support. The Committee recommends combining the two projects and either include in the operating budget or allocate free cash to complete the projects.

c. Road Repairs. Mr. Gallant expects \$455,158 of Ch. 90 funds to be available to the Town this year.

d. Asphalt Hot Box. Mr. Gallant explained that he planned to request an Asphalt Hot Box for the 2022 budgeting cycle. He explained that the Hot Box would facilitate the use of hot mix rather than cold mix for road repair. The CPC felt strongly that this should be included for consideration in the 2021 budget cycle.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Kane