

Capital Budget Committee

Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2021

Remote Participation via Zoom Host Barry Goldman, Chair Capital Budget Committee

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Members Present: Robyn Hunter, Rob Andrews, John Quackenbush, Cindy Devall, and Barry Goldman

Call to Order

Barry Goldman opened the meeting by calling it to order at 7:00pm.

Approval of Minutes: December 16, 2020 were approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Reports of Department Liaisons and Updates of Capital Requests

Town House Roof Replacement

1. Karl Warnick, Superintendent of Buildings met with the Committee to discuss the request to replace the roof, which is now approximately 100 years old.
2. Many different parts of the roof: Main sloped areas covered by slate installed when building 1st built, 1923, flat portions, copper parts, downspouts, cupola and clock tower, and underlying structure.
3. Four years ago, leaking in valleys and new copper was put in.
4. No insulation in roof.
5. 10 years ago, valleys were coated.
6. Substantial replacement performed of damaged and deteriorating slate.
7. Roof needs complete replacement and updated materials.
8. Costs estimated to be as much as \$900,000.

Protective Services Building

1. Roof that was in poor condition and had to be frequently repaired was replaced with a new higher quality roofing material on budget.
2. HVAC system was replaced with substantially more energy efficient heat pumps along with new air handling equipment. The cost was partially offset by a Green Community Grant.

Police Department Requests for New Portable Radios

1. Present portable radios are 12 years old.
2. Average lifespan is 10-12 years

3. The present radios cannot communicate with adjacent towns
4. New radios will be digitally compatible with neighboring towns with a private channel for secure police department communications.

Resolution

Upon motion made and seconded, it was unanimously resolved that the request of the Police Department for the purchase and installation of 25 digital portable radios up to the amount of \$75,000 is hereby approved and recommended.

Next Meeting-Planned to take place January 28, 2021

Motion to adjourn made, seconded and unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barry Goldman
Chair Capital Budget Committee
