Shutesbury Capital Planning Committee Meeting

March 16, 2022, 5:30 PM

Members present: Ellen McKay (EM), Ajay Khashu (AK), Bob Groves (RG), Steve Sullivan (SS), Michael Broad (MB)

Guests: Becky Torres, Kristen Burgess (Acting Police Chief) (KB), Mary Anne Antonellis (Library Director)

Minutes from previous meeting approved as amended.

Next meeting (with Finance Committee) 3/22/22 at time to be determined

Discussion of Police Department requests:

Mileage on 2015 Cruiser is 102,375, 2016 cruiser is 102,375, 2018 cruiser is 40490. Oldeer vehicle is likely to have transmission and other issues including under-carriage rust. AK asked about trade-in value. KB suggested \$1,000-\$1500. RG suggested getting bid from Greenfield Ford. KB noted that delay will likely raise price but current quotes will hold until summer.

Speed board price will also be held. Replacement batteries are about \$50 and last around five years. Traffic information can be downloaded.

Vote to approve purchase of speed board as bid passed unanimously.

Vote to approve purchase of a new hybrid cruiser for \$53,377 passed 4-1. AK aye, RG no, MB aye, SS aye, EM aye.

Discussion of request for new Ford Interceptor SUV for Chief:

RG suggested using old police cruiser as in the past. AK said that the old cruiser was not suitable.

Vote to approve purchase of new vehicle passed 4-1. AK aye, RG no, MB aye, SS aye, EM aye.

Discussion of request for new Highway Department dump truck:

RG suggested purchase should wait until new Highway Superintendent is hired.

Vote to purchase new Peterbilt 10 wheel dump truck as requested for \$225,000 passed 3-1 with 1 abstention. AK aye, RG no, MB aye, SS abstained, EM aye.

Vote to purchase new Finance Department Software for \$19,690 passed unanimously.

Discussion of School Department asphalt shingle roof:

Bob Groves suggested that the proposal should include an estimated amount to cover the cost of performing the work. Others suggested that there was too much uncertainty without an engineering study to determine the scope.

Vote to approve up to \$60,000 for an engineering study of the Elementary School asphalt shingle roof passed unanimously

Vote to approve \$25,000 for the new library building fund, contingent on not receiving the state grant passed 4-1. AK aye, RG no, MB aye, SS aye, EM aye.

Hope to have decision on state grant by next meeting.

Next Meeting will be with the Finance Committee on March 22, 2022, at a time to be determined.

Meeting adjourned: 6:43 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Michael Broad