



Town of Nantucket
Capital Program Committee
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Members: Stephen Welch (Chair), Jill Vieth (vice chair), Richard Hussey (Secretary), Jason Bridges, Kristie Ferrantella, Pete Kaizer, Christy Kickham

MINUTES

Thursday, August 26, 2021

*This meeting was held via remote participation using ZOOM and YouTube,
Pursuant to Governor Baker’s March 12, 2020 Order Regarding Open Meeting Law*

Called to order at 10:02 a.m. and announcements made by Ms. Vieth.

- Staff: Brian Turbitt, Director Finance; Terry Norton, Town Minutes
- Attending Members: Vieth, Hussey, Bridges, Kaizer, Kickham
- Absent Members: Welch, Ferrantella
- Late arrival: Bridges, 10:17 am
- Early departure: Hussey, 10:56 am
- Department Heads: Steve Murphy, Fire Chief; Sean Mitchell, Deputy Fire Chief
- Documents used: FY2023 Fire Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Requests

Agenda:

- Motion **Motion to Adopt the agenda.** (made by: Hussey) (seconded)
- Roll-call Vote Carried 4-0//Kaizer, Hussey, Kickham, and Vieth-aye

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

II. OVERVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF FY2022 CAPITAL REQUESTS & OUT-YEAR

I. Nantucket Fire Department (NFD)

- Discussion **Murphy** – Reviewed progress of previous-year capital projects: equipment. The Advanced Life Support (ALS) program is finally up and running.
- Kickham** – Asked when the replacement cycle for SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) starts again and about the technical rescue equipment.
- Murphy** – SCBA replacement will be rolled into the operating budget. Explained that the technical rescue equipment is not just trench rescue but also confined space, high angle, etc.
- Vieth** – Asked if any other departments have technical rescue equipment.
- Murphy** – Yes, Sewer has confined-space rescue equipment and gave us some to supplement them. Reviewed the FY2023 CIP requests: \$75,000, Active Shooter Response (ASHR) is protective equipment for responding to a hostile event; \$65,000, Administrative Car is for the Training/EMS Officer; \$60,000, ALS equipment; \$110,000, Firefighting Foam-Disposal and replacement, this is an estimate based upon other departments around the State, and we’re looking for any Federal or State money; \$370,000, Replace Ambulance 3, 2013, on replacement schedule; \$400,000, Replace Portable Radios - the Select Board hopefully will accept a FEMA grant, which would cover 95% of costs; \$105,000, Replace SCBA, year 3 of 4; \$75,000, Replace Utility Truck, 2005; \$325,000, Technical Rescue Equipment, spoke briefly about this; and \$50,000, Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV), for use at events.
- Vieth** – Confirmed NFD is requesting 4 vehicles plus the ambulance and if that is normal for their CIP requests.
- Murphy** – Explained the replacement cycle for the various vehicles.
- Kickham** – Asked how the UTV might differ from a pickup and, if it were street legal, would that improve response time.

Murphy – A UTV fits through a crowded space better than a pickup; being street legal wouldn't improve response time. He sees this as a staged asset rather than a response asset.

Vieth – Asked if they would want more UTVs

Murphy – No; lifeguards have All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV) with towed baskets for moving patients to where they can be transferred to an ambulance.

Kickham – Asked if ALS is reserved for one ambulance or if there is an ALS packet for remote vehicles.

Murphy – No, it comes down to State licensing.

Kaizer – Asked if the UTV can be outfitted with a full stretcher.

Murphy – He has it priced out with a Stokes Stretcher, which allows safe treatment of a person during transport; if this vehicle gets used appropriately, it could become a more versatile vehicle by replacing the Stokes Stretcher package with another package. We would use this at an event as a mobile first-aid station; if someone needs to be transported, they can call for an ambulance.

Vieth – Asked if there is value in looking at a small car for “lower-threat” emergencies.

Murphy – Those cars are used for nurses or supervisors responding to a call. Massachusetts law requires any transportation of a patient be only in an ambulance.

Vieth – Asked if the fire foam disposal and replacement can be phased rather than all done in one year.

Murphy – There are cases where we must use foam such as a fuel fire; it could be phased but the question is should we when there is a safer product. The new foam replacement is about \$35 a gallon and it costs a lot to get rid of the old FFF foam; that's why the money is so high.

Kaizer – Asked if this is the same product the Airport uses.

Murphy – The FAA is requiring the Airport use a military grade foam; they can't use this new universal “green” foam.

Kaizer – About the ALS, asked if this is the last ambulance to be outfitted; also asked about the portable radios.

Murphy – This is the last ALS request; hopefully, it will then fold into the operating budget dependent upon the monitors and their replacement schedule. The portable radios are all 800 Digital Trunk. The NPD has a request to replace their radios, which are different, but we can communicate with them.

Kaizer – Asked about the ASHR equipment.

Murphy – It's an National standard put through after the Las Vegas shooting. This would be a one-time request; we are buying equipment that will last.

Vieth – Asked about any out-year items.

Murphy – He's worked with Mr. Welch on the vehicle replacement schedule. The big one coming up is construction of a new 'Sconset Station, which could staff an appropriate crew; he brought it forward as a placeholder a couple of years ago and did a feasibility study, which precluded the reuse of the existing structure. The current station is a historic building, so we would need another site; we've looked at properties. A target date of FY2025 is possible but it's an aggressive timeline.

Kickham – Asked if the new station could be manned at current staffing or would he have to hire people.

Murphy – He isn't considering staffing it; however, he sees no sense in construction a new building that can't house staff should be become necessary sometime in the future.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Green Sheet/Committee Reports
 - a. Kickham: Coastal Resilience Advisory Committee met with ARCADIS.
2. Good of the Order
 - a. None
3. Date of the next meeting
 - a. Thursday, September 2nd, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Motion to adjourn at 11:07 am. (made by: Bridges) (seconded)

Roll-call Vote Carried 4-0//Kickham, Kaizer, Bridges, and Vieth-aye

Submitted by:

Terry L. Norton