

Town of Franconia
Capital Improvement Planning Advisory Board
3 October 2022 • Time: 1530 • Town Hall

Present: Steve Plant, Larry Plate, Danielle Dawson, Jan Cole, Dan Walker, Monica Laflamme, Peter Grote, Trevor Presby, Kim Cowles
Others: Chief Rick Gaudette, Asst. Chief Tyler Gaudette
Regrets: N/A
Absent: Paul Schmucker

I. Call to Order / Opening Remarks

- A. The meeting was called to order at 1534.
- B. Chairman Steve Plant shared a reminder to be done by 1700 pm as there is another meeting immediately following the CIP and that two sets of minutes will be approved during this session.

II. Approval of the Minutes from 19 September 2022

Motion: To approve the minutes of the 19th as amended
Motion By: Dan Walker
Seconded By: Jan Cole
Carried

III. Additions to the Agenda - approval of Sept 26th minutes

IV. Approval of the Agenda - accepted as amended

V. Business Arising out of the Previous Meeting - None

VI. Fire & EMS - Chief Rick Gaudette, Asst. Chief Tyler Gaudette

- A. The Fire Department Heads, Chief Rick Gaudette and Asst. Chief Tyler Gaudette, brought forth six items for the CIP highlighting that Ladder48 would need replacement within 5 years.
 - 1. Engine 1 - 2003 Kenworth Tanker
 - 2. Engine 2 - 2023 Pierce Enforcer Engine
 - 3. Rescue 2 - 2009 Ford F-550
 - 4. Ladder 48 - 1996 Simon-Duplex/Smeal Truck
 - 5. Rural Water Supply
 - 6. Ambulance 1 - 2007 Ford F-450

Asst. Chief Gaudette stated that Engine 1 recently had the pump rebuilt, however, the frame and body are in fantastic condition. The 25-30 year replacement cycle is reasonable. The current estimate to replace Engine 1 is ~\$450k. Trevor Presby inquired as to how many times the pump had been rebuilt, to which, Asst. Chief Gaudette shared this was the first time and it is to be inspected routinely every year.

Engine 2 is a new engine approved via warrant article in 2022 which the town will take delivery of in late 2023. Asst. Chief Gaudette recommended a 15-year replacement cycle and replacement cost of \$669,754.14 (current price).

Rescue 2 is planned to sell after taking delivery of the new Engine 2. It will not be replaced and is expected to sell between \$35k-\$50k.

Ladder 48 is showing wear and tear. Asst. Chief Gaudette shared that during its routine pump inspection, the mechanic stated that replacement parts are no longer being made. When a piece of fire apparatus hits 30 years, the certification has the potential to limit capabilities. Ladder 48 was purchased at 20 years old. Asst. Chief Gaudette recommended replacing Ladder 48 in 5 years with a ladder truck 10 years of age or newer at approximately \$400-500k. This would be estimated to last the town 15-20. The CIP agreed to adjust the account balance for \$400-500k for replacement in 5-years. Asst. Chief Gaudette noted that the industry is currently seeing a 20% increase in prices.

Asst. Chief Gaudette's ideal fleet consists of three apparatus: the new Engine 2, a Ladder truck (Ladder 48), and a tanker (Engine 1).

The rural water supply account currently holds ~\$11.8k and funding for repair of buried tanks ceased several years ago. Chief Gaudette stated that funds in the account are intended for maintaining static water sources on private land for use of fire suppression. Kim Cowles inquired about the pond at Lovett's which is in need of water. Chief Gaudette further clarified that the fire department cannot be prohibited from using a rural water source if deemed necessary, however, private property does not allow maintenance and the owners are not currently willing to have the town fund this project. The previous estimate for re-dredging a pond was \$7k for the water source on Wallace Hill Rd.

Danielle Dawson asked where fire department equipment is funded from. This is from the Fire Dept Safety Equipment Expendable Trust which currently holds \$73k. The trust is used for funding safety equipment such as airpicks. Chief Gaudette suggested purchasing 2 every year instead of having to replace all 12 at once. Trevor Presby instead suggested to appropriate the value of 2 airpicks annually to this account.

Asst. Chief Gaudette said that A1 is due for immediate replacement with current lead times being 24+ months. He procured a quote from Allegiance to replace A1 with an F-550 for ~\$350k. The cost of a stretcher would range between \$30k-\$50k. The cardiac monitor with portable ventilator was recently replaced and could continue to be used. It was funded by a \$50k grant and \$5k from the town. When asked about maintenance, Asst. Chief Gaudette said that if properly

maintained, there is no reason that a new truck would not last 10 years. Jan shared the current account balance of \$250k.

B. No motions were made during this session.

C. Task:

1. Calculate the appropriation for Ladder 48 (**Next Meeting**) - *Jan Cole*
2. Define what equipment falls under the expendable trust and recommend appropriation (**24 October 2022**) - *Asst. Chief Gaudette*

VII. Spreadsheet Updates - next work session is Thursday, October 6, 2022.

VIII. Q&A - Action Tracker

- A. How is Recreation Dept. handled? The decision was made to discuss the Recreation Department on 17 October 2022.

IX. Additions to the Agenda

A. Approval of the Minutes from 26 September 2022

Motion: To approve the minutes of the 26th as amended

Motion By: Dan Walker

Seconded By: Peter Grote

Carried

X. Adjournment

- A. The meeting was called to adjourn at 1659.

XI. Next Meeting 17 October 2022 (Holiday on 10 October 2022)

Danielle Dawson - 16 October 2022