

Presentation of 2010-2015 CIP Matrix to the Planning Board
Tim Redmond, CIP Chairman

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Introduction:

The role of the CIP Committee is an advisory one. The Committee accepts capital improvement requests from Department Heads, town utility Commissions and the School Board. All requests are evaluated to ensure Master Plan priorities are met and that the health, safety and welfare needs of the Town are considered and addressed. When considering requests, the Committee attempts to smooth the matrix over the next six years in an attempt to prevent unnecessarily large tax fluctuations.

At this time I would like to thank the members of the Committee for their time and devotion to the process. Other members include Fred Plett, vice-chair; Earl Carrel, Matt Monahan, Bill Gordon, Budget Committee representative Roger Richard, School Board representative Sue Tremblay and Board of Selectmen representative Nick Campasano. Special thanks go to staff members Planning and Economic Development Coordinator Steve Griffin and Janice O'Connell, Finance Director.

Last year the Committee recommended and the Planning Board approved CIP net appropriations of \$6,176,475. The voters approved CIP appropriations of \$4,484,872.

We began this year by comparing the 2010 net requests presented, \$8,270,556, to last year's approved bottom line, \$4,484,872. The Committee noted that it was approximately \$3.76 million more than approved last year. We began our deliberations knowing that many purchases and projects needed to be moved out on the matrix.

In the end we were not able to achieve that goal and moved around items we deemed lower priorities in the larger picture. This year was particularly difficult in that the needs are real and pushing them off only means that the later years needs are increased. It should be noted that the overall net Town figure recommended by the Committee for 2010, is \$8,270,556, is \$2 million more than recommended last year, but is believed to represent required funding for the legitimate needs of the community.

MATRIX PRESENTATION

Police Department:

The P.D. has stayed the course with replacement vehicles and the motorcycle lease. The request for a Command Post vehicle was pushed out two years. The non-vehicle requests, roof replacement and communications systems, were left as proposed.

Fire Department:

The F.D. has requested a new Class A pumper. The CIP Committee also included the an installment deposit into the Capital Reserve Fund hoping that this year the voters will support our proposed savings plan for purchasing much-needed new fire apparatus for the department. The non-vehicle request, communications systems, was left as proposed, as was the request for bonding for a new fire station, because of the current climate for potential grants.

Public Works Department:

DPW has requested replacement purchases in 2010, totaling more than a typical year. These included one 10-wheeler dump with sander and plow, a 100-yard trash trailer, a trash packer truck, and a vacuum truck for cleans culverts and sumps. Looking at repair and maintenance costs, compared to replacement costs, the vacuum truck was pushed out to 2011. Additionally, the Committee pushed out a 2011 requested backhoe, which is primarily used at the transfer station, to 2013.

In terms of non-vehicle requests, the road plan was left intact, as was the South Mast Road drainage bond payment, Wallace/Mast Road improvements, and the annual sidewalk and drainage improvement projects. Also left in 2010 was a new salt shed, which would allow salt to be purchased in larger amounts and out of season, resulting in significant operational budget savings.

Worthley Hill drainage was moved out to 1011, trying to fit its timing with other private work being scheduled on this road. Additionally, projects in outer years were shifted around in accordance with the Committee's priorities. The Main and North Mast Street reconstruction was pushed out one year, as the NHDOT funding also slides. The Danis Park-Mooseclub Park sidewalk was pushed to the 2015, as was the College Road sidewalk and the Church Street streetscape, all because of lower priorities.

In the solid waste area, the 5-year recycling barrel replacement program has been pushed out one year.

Parks & Recreation:

No project was requested for 2010, and out-year requests were left unchanged.

Administration:

A request 2010 has been submitted for Town Hall roof and clock tower maintenance, utilizing the Mildred Stark Fund. Also in 2010 are projects for computer server virtualization, improving back-up and a software replacement for all financial operations as the Town's current vender is unable to continue its support. A request to fund a GIS flyover was moved to 2011, as it had been last year. Also remaining in 2011, are Town Hall HVAC replacements.

Library:

The library Trustees have requested funding for a new parking lot in 2010 on the land that was just purchased, as well bonding for a library addition in 2012. The Committee pushed out the parking lot to 1012 and the library addition to 2015, primarily because of funding priorities.

Conservation Commission:

All of the current use tax penalty proceeds continue to be allocated to the Conservation Commission. The Conservation Commission made no new requests.

Historic District Commission: No requests for 2010.

Planning and Economic Development:

A rail trail construction project has been requested for 2011. It will be dependent upon an 80% grant.

Off-Setting Revenues: Shown in the matrix.

Sewer Commission, Village Water Precinct, Grasmere Water Precinct:

All of the departments above are user funded and may obtain state monies for their operations. Their reports are in the matrix.

School Department:

The report presented by the School Dept. shows a slight increase over last year. The Committee pushed out one year the two projects relating to Mountain View's Hilltop Gym and Café, refurbishment and sports flooring.

School offsetting revenues are shown on the matrix.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Redmond,
CIP Chairman, 2009