

**Canaan Capital Improvement Program Committee
Minutes - Meeting on August 26, 2022
Fire Station Conference Room**

The meeting began at 8:30 AM

Committee Members Present:

Claude Lemoi, Sadie Wells, Dan Collins, Tom Milligan

Others Attending:

Mike Samson, Stephen Freese, John Hennessy, Bob Cushman, Guy England, Salvator Percia

Proceedings:

Claude Lemoi was chosen to be Chair of the CIP Committee this year.

Sadie Wells made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2022 meeting, Tom Milligan seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved with the addition of one name to those attending.

There was an extensive discussion of the Major Mobile equipment plan for the highway department. The discussion included the age, condition, effectiveness, cost of replacement, trade-in values, costs of maintenance, and updated pricing for potential leases of four pieces of major equipment. Bob Cushman, the new Highway Department Superintendent, provided lots of information about all the factors involved in equipment upgrade and replacement decisions. These costs have risen dramatically in the market during the last two years, and the lack of a dedicated mechanic in Canaan for two years has affected the serviceability and expected life of some equipment. Bob volunteered to provide the committee alternative pricing for lease vs. purchase of four pieces of equipment in time for the next meeting.

The fire chief's plan to replace a Rescue vehicle in 2024, Engine 2 in 2029, and an Ambulance in 2024 was reviewed briefly. He is still searching for more cost effective alternatives.

Bob Cushman agreed to return to the Committee in a few weeks with his recommended plan for a Highway Garage addition (Buildings CIP) which will meet the needs of his department. The two selectmen present said they will

address the Town Office portion of the Buildings CIP with the next Town Administrator as soon as possible.

Mike Samson described a variety of efforts underway to coordinate funding from the Federal Government, the state DOT, and the Town to replace five bridges. Specific funding plans for these five bridges should be available to update the Bridges CIP Plan in a few weeks.

Lastly, Highway Reconstruction costs were discussed in general. Although not funded by CIP Capital Reserves, this activity is usually included in the published CIP Plan for broad visibility. Bob Cushman needs a few months to do a comprehensive review of all the roads in town, and to recommend a cost effective plan for annual maintenance and reconstruction, including forecasted funding needs to support his plan.

The next meeting was scheduled for Friday, September 2nd at 8:30 AM at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

The meeting ended at 10:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted:

Claude Lemoie