

Town of Cornwall
Capital Committee Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2017
5:45 PM

Those present: Sue Johnson, Stu Johnson, Mary Conlon, Magna Dodge, Ben Wood, Jake Chapline
Also present: Mike Sunderland

The meeting was called to order at 5:49 PM.

Ben Wood/Magna Dodge moved to approve the agenda. Sue J. indicated that Denny Rheaume would like the Capital Committee to discuss adding the cost of the installation of a radio tower at the West Cornwall Fire Station to the Capital Budget. This item was tentatively added to the agenda in the event that Denny Rheaume was in attendance. The motion carried.

The committee did not review the capital spreadsheets. There is still work to be done on them. This will be done at the next Capital Meeting.

Mike Sunderland discussed the requested purchase of a chipper for the Town of Cornwall. The town currently owns a small tractor mounted chipper. The current chipper makes removal of the chips difficult and because it is tractor mounted, the crew cannot use the tractor loader for moving chips or pieces of wood. The value of the current chipper is expected to be about \$5000 +/-.

The new/used chipper in question is much larger and has its own motor and can be pulled behind a truck. The chips can also be deposited into the back of one of the plow trucks and removed from the location and dumped. The current price is \$27,500; this is down from the original price of \$40,000. Mike does not believe that this chipper will ever have to be replaced. Mike hopes that the crew will be able to use the chipper quite a bit in the winter and it will be much more efficient when trees go down at any time of the year.

Mike S. also indicated that the John Deere dealership has indicated that they would pay \$50,000 for the current tractor/loader if it is decided to upgrade those units.

Magna Dodge asked Mike S. for a plan for future equipment purchases. Mike S. indicated that after this purchase, it will be only the orderly replacement of the trucks, etc.

Sue J. will warn the capital public hearing for January 16 and the committee will meet sometime in December to finalize the budget numbers. Sue J. will also talk with Meghan McLaughlin at the National Bank of Middlebury about the possibility of receiving one final payment to bring the capital building fund back into the positive category.

Denny Rheaume did not attend the meeting, so there was no discussion of the tower costs.

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Johnson, Recorder