

Town of Dublin, New Hampshire

CIP Committee Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)

May 10, 2023

Attending:

Sterling Abram, Chris Raymond, Caleb Niemela, Roger Trempe. Bill Gurney was absent

Sterling opened the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Sterling was elected chair for the new year. Caleb was welcomed as a new member.

It was noted that we do not know what the replacement figures should be for the culverts on Old Troy Road near Millbrook Lane. According to past bridge studies, it is not certain that NHDES would approve of culvert replacement, but might require a bridge. A hydrology study would likely need to be performed to determine which option is acceptable. Since there would be a huge difference in expense between replacement with culverts vs replacement with a bridge, the committee needs to know in order to properly plan for the expense. In hopes to discover an answer without having to commission engineering, Roger agreed to approach NHDES seeking a determination.

Discussion was held regarding replacement of the Road Grader. It was recognized that due to the possibility of catastrophic failure of the present one, immediate replacement might be necessary. The committee reviewed with Roger how extending the life of other highway equipment might minimize the upset to the current CIP plan. Those include extending the life of the 6 wheel dump by 10 years and the current 1 ton by one year, and keeping the current 1 ton to replace and remove the current pickup. It was recognized that these actions would not greatly ameliorate the bump in heavy highway expenses necessary if the grader were replaced now, but that the current condition of the grader is an unfortunate and unforeseen factor that should probably be addressed. The committee raised no significant objections to replacing the grader at this time.

The loss of Allen Hearn was noted with sadness, and what to do to replace him as the spreadsheet guru was discussed. A few suggestions were made, and some possible replacements were mentioned and will be contacted to determine their availability and willingness. When the committee is satisfied someone can step in, they will request appointment to the CIP Committee by the Planning Board.

Discussion was opened about Capital Planning for Recreation. This discussion will continue at our next meeting, to be called in late August probably.

Respectfully submitted,
Sterling Abram