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**NEW LONDON PLANNING BOARD
CIP Subcommittee Meeting
Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Minutes**

Thursday, June 28, 2018
8:30 a.m.

Members Present: Paul Gorman, Bill Dietrich, Janet Kidder, Rob Prohl, Colin Beasley, Elizabeth Meller

Others: Adam Ricker, Jay Lyon, Tim Paradis, Phyllis Piotrow

1. Call to Order – Chair Gorman called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. Review of minutes: May 29, 2018 meeting

IT WAS MOVED (Janet Kidder) AND SECONDED (Robert Prohl) to approve the minutes of the May 29, 2018 meeting.

3. Meeting with Department Heads

a. Jay Lyon, Fire Chief

Chief Lyon outlined the plans that the department has in place for the replacement of apparatus and equipment such as radios. He shared that the department has had great success in receiving competitive grants to cover some apparatus and equipment purchases. Fire trucks are generally used for at least twenty years before replacement. He said that the Fire Department is in very good shape regarding apparatus and equipment currently.

Chief Lyon stated that the biggest upcoming need for the Fire Department will be the development of a training facility. The training facility could be a regional facility that is shared with the other departments in the Kearsarge Mutual Aid region. The training facility would be in the 10-15-year scope at this point. The facility would not only include tactical training structures but classrooms and meeting rooms.

Chief Lyon said that prior to the next ladder truck purchase, the Fire Department building will need to be addressed as the trucks are too tall to fit in the garage. The current truck required the building to be retrofitted, but, in twenty years when it is replaced, the new trucks may be so large that retrofitting is not an option. Chief Lyon said the current site provides the space for expansion and that the location in the middle of town and close to the elementary school is ideal.

Chief Lyon shared that one of the largest struggles he faces is the recruitment and retention of firefighters. If the town experiences increased development the department will need to increase the full-time staffing levels to provide adequate coverage.

b. Ed Andersen, Police Chief

Chief Andersen had to respond to a call and was not able to attend. The CIP Committee will reschedule with him for the next meeting.

c. Richard Lee / Bob Harrington – Public Works Director

Due to the transition between Public Works Directors, the Committee will reschedule with Bob to a later date to allow him time to settle in to his new position.

2. Other Business

3. Future meeting dates

The group discussed the upcoming meet dates and topics. On July 12 at 8:30 the Committee would like to invite Chief Andersen to discuss the Police Department needs and Wendy Johnson to discuss the current bonds and their cycles.

On July 24 at 8:30 the Committee will invite Bob Harrington to discuss the needs of the Public Works Department.

4. Motion to Adjourn

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