

NORTHFIELD CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE
Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, December 18, 2012

Present: Ed Weingartner, Wayne Crowley, Don Stevens, Dennis Allen,
Also Present: Bob Southworth, Glenn Smith

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm

Crowley/Stevens moved to accept the minutes of the meeting of October 30, 2012. **Motion passed.**

Chair Ed Weingartner distributed copies of a previous CIP prepared several years ago. Committee members reviewed the format. He also updated the Committee on his discussion with the Budget Committee.

Committee members discussed at length the appropriate level of funding for the CIP plan, weighing the need to maintain road infrastructure with the burden such maintenance places on the taxpayers. Factors discussed included types of repair, which roads were most in need and whether the repair cycle should be 10, 20 or 30 years.

Wayne Crowley proposed that the Committee adopt a funding plan that includes \$400,000 set aside for road repair and reconstruction in 2014, including anticipated Highway Block Grant Funding, with a 10% increase per year until total funding for road repair and reconstruction equals \$600,000 per year. Committee members discussed and accepted the proposal.

Don Stevens stated that he felt the repair of Keasor Road should have been in the list of projects that the CIP committee submitted to the Selectboard in October for completion in 2013. Ed Weingartner stated that it was too late to discuss changes to the 2013 project list at this time and that, as discussed earlier, the Keasor Road repair is so expensive that it cannot be funded in 2013. In addition, even though Keasor Road has access problems during mud season, it has two points of access unlike Ledge Road .

Committee members discussed road rankings. Glenn Smith noted that earlier in the year Bob and Chief Adams had ranked town roads in order of amount of traffic and the position of each in the town's overall emergency response network. After discussion, CIP members decided to add two additional criteria 'Substandard Conditions or Deficiency' and 'Operating Costs'. Bob will complete rankings for each of these.

The next meeting date was set for January 22, 2013 at 7pm.

Committee members expressed a desire to hold their public meeting on the CIP plan on the same evening as the Budget Committee's hearing, which is currently scheduled for February 7th.

Stevens/Allen moved to adjourn at 8:45pm. **Motion passed.**

Approved by the CIP Committee on January 30, 2013