

Unanimously approved by Capital Planning
Committee at 12/14/2022 meeting.

Lunenburg Capital Planning Committee
November 9, 2022
Meeting Minutes

Location: Ritter Building

Present: Chairperson Tom Alonzo, David Passios, George Martin, Matthew Brenner, and Peter Beardmore (remote).

Guests: Town Manager Heather Lemieux, Lunenburg Police Chief Thomas Gammell, Lunenburg Fire Chief Patrick Sullivan, Lunenburg resident Rhonda Lissio

Call to Order: Chairperson Tom Alonzo called meeting to order at 6:01 p.m., and read a statement regarding the Open Meeting Law and how all public meetings are legally being held remotely, and how to attend and participate in those meetings. Link to recorded meeting: <https://youtu.be/3quxwv-W0xs>

Public Comment:

CPC Comment: Mr. Passios commented on the senior center parking lot discussion at the November 9 meeting, and added that the item was omitted from last year's capital plan because there was not enough information about the project.

Public Comment: Rhonda Lissio expressed her concern about large purchase requests such as ambulances and fire trucks, and what it costs to maintain vehicles that are not replaced as a result of a denied request from a department head.

Presentation of Capital Planning Requests: Police Department, Fire Department, DPW

Police Department

Chief Gammell presented a 10-year plan to the committee that does not include any requests for FY24.

FY25: \$148,249

Replace K9 Cruiser (2015 Chevy Tahoe) \$76,191
Replace Traffic Cruiser (2019 Chevy Tahoe) \$72,058

FY26: \$137,116

Replace Patrol Bureau cruiser (2020 Ford Explorer Hybrid) \$72,058
Detective vehicle (2014 Ford Explorer) \$65,058

FY27: \$212,618

Replace portable radios (purchased 2020) \$36,500
Replace 2 patrol cruisers (2021 Ford Explorer Hybrids) \$75,559 each
Replace bullet proof vests at end of life cycle \$25,000

FY28: \$155,650 vehicle replacement –patrol cruiser, patrol supervisor cruiser (2022 Ford Explorer hybrids)

FY29: \$252,410

Replace School Resource Officer cruiser (2017 Ford Explorer) \$80,160

Firearms replacement \$20,000

Replace Patrol Cruiser (2023 Ford Explorer Hybrid) \$80,160

Additional unmarked vehicle to current fleet –second detective position \$71,090

FY30: \$165,130 –regular replacement of vehicles

FY31-33: Regular replacement of cruisers, administration vehicles, portable radios –unknown costs at this time. Chief Gammell aims to convert entire fleet to hybrid vehicles with the exception of the K9 cruiser.

Mr. Martin expressed his concern over how charging stations would be handled looking out to 2030. Chief Gammell responded that the Facilities Director would advise on that situation when the time comes.

Mr. Alonzo asked how many vehicles the Police Department has. Current fleet 17 vehicles, Detective car will make 18.

Mr. Beardmore asked whether the School Resource Officer program would expand in coming years, and include canines. Chief Gammell said he is looking to expand the program if the budget allows.

Mr. Beardmore also asked how the vehicle rotation program is changing. Chief Gammell explained he's trying to keep the mileage down on the current fleet, and hopes to do so by separating the vehicles by shift in order to take the cars off the road for 8-16 hours downtime. Mr. Beardmore asked to see a timeline for vehicles so people could follow along.

Mr. Alonzo asked whether the pavement management plan has affected vehicle maintenance. Chief Gammell said he'd look into maintenance records.

Mr. Passios encouraged the use of fleet management software for all the vehicles in town that would allow access to maintenance records at a moment's notice.

Fire Department