

# TOWN OF LINCOLN

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## Capital Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday October 20, 2021, 7:30 pm**

*Virtual Meeting Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020  
Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law*

**Present:** Jaki Apsler, Chris Burns, Jonathan Dwyer, Pete Hussey, Audrey Kalmus, Norman Levey, Richard Selden

**Non-Voting Members:** Dan Pereira, Asst. Town Administrator

**Absent:** Adam Hogue, Rich Rosenbaum

**Guests:** Chief Kevin Kennedy, Lieutenant Sean Kennedy, Jessica Downing, PRD Director, David Sequeira, Asst. Director

Audrey called the meeting to order at 7:38pm with roll call attendance.

### **Police Department with Chief Kennedy and Lieutenant Kennedy**

Three requests totaling \$94,693

1) Marked Police Vehicle #4, hybrid: This is a scheduled replacement, based on the department's standard car fleet rotation schedule for trading in patrol vehicles at 80,000 miles, when reliability decreases, and repair costs increase. This vehicle is projected to have 80,000 miles at the end of FY22.

Equipment will be transferred from the current vehicle into the new vehicle.

This will be the third hybrid vehicle. Only one is an active patrol vehicle, and experience with this patrol hybrid shows 16 miles per gallon (MPG) on roads and 22 MPG highway. Compared to gas-only powered patrol vehicles, the hybrid's actual consumption of gas has been much lower because the hybrid's engines are not running when the vehicle is idle.

2) Unmarked Police Vehicle #2: New vehicle requested is a Nissan Rogue, and not a Ford Edge because recent experience with a Rogue, compelled by an unscheduled replacement of an unmarked vehicle due to being rear-ended by a private citizen, found the Rogue to be less expensive than Ford Edge and equally up to the task.

LPD would trade a 2017 Ford Utility with 100,000+ miles.

When asked about replacing this vehicle with a hybrid or plug-in EV, they responded that they had looked into EV's in the past and have concerns about winter performance. There was also concern that electric vehicle range would be problematic when conducting surveillance of a person of interest, following the person across long distances and state borders.

Committee asked the department to continue researching hybrids as an alternative to the Rogue and provide a report back in the next few weeks.

3) Replace five Electronic Control Weapons (ECW): Also known as tasers, the request is to replace five weapons with the same model, and request replacement of the remaining five tasers next year.

The tasers being replaced will be turned in. The trade-in amount is not determined until time of trade-in. LPD will determine what Axon does with trade-ins, to diminish LPD's concern that they might be sold to private citizens, increasing the likelihood that they are used for unlawful purposes. Firearms are destroyed at end-of-life, rather than traded in, to be sure the weapon could not be used unlawfully.

Ten tasers are needed to equip staff on a typical day.

The tasers are tested 2-3 times daily and the manufacturer's recommendation is for replacement after five years because of reduced battery life over time and increased risk of failure. Therefore, they need to be replaced.

Update on FY 2021's capital purchases

One cruiser purchased - expect receipt of new cruiser in next month

Body worn cameras and cruiser cameras — cameras are in possession and installed in cruisers, but usage is optional. Negotiating standard usage with union.

### **Parks & Recreation Department with Director Jessica Downing and Asst. Director David Sequeira**

Pool Tiles replacement — \$24,056

Tiles are 20 years old. This project will replace all the tiles. The tiles have been failing at an increasing rate since two summers ago. Last summer more tiles were popping and cracking at a rapid pace. It was challenging to get the pool ready with the tile challenges, and some swimmers cut their feet on the broken tiles. Parts of the pool needed to be cordoned off to keep swimmers away.

Puraqua evaluated the tiles and concluded that the New England winter freeze cycles, proximity to wetlands / high water table aged the tiles and recommended replacing due to wear and tear.

The project is not CPA eligible. PRD proposed locking in a price for tiles by making a deposit on an order in spring. Committee advised that a contract or order for tiles cannot occur until the project is approved by town meeting, if funded by cash capital.

PRD requested estimates from four other companies. One took a look but does not work on this type of pool. Two visited and never returned an estimate. One never showed up. Dan noted that PRD does not generally receive multiple estimates and bids for a project, even though they are requested.

Committee asked if PRD researched alternative tile and liner solutions. David responded that the tot pool was just retiled, for \$5k. PRD inquired about different materials, and advice was consistent that tile is better for cleaning and scraping off scum and scale than a liner. Tiles are easier to clean and don't stain compared to alternatives.

Committee provided the following advice:

- If the estimate isn't firm until Dec 2022, then the CapCom request should have contingency added on top for assumed price increase. Amount requested should include contingency too.
- It would be beneficial to establish a lifetime for the new tiles, if possible, to plan for replacement.

Multiple committee members suspected that there could be solution options we might not be aware of. Committee requested they continue to explore other vendors.

Committee asked Dan to recommend that PRD contact other towns about tiles, adhesives, and other treatments that have been successful for municipal pools.

Dan volunteered to ask Finance Director Colleen Wilkens about financing options, so pool doesn't miss a summer season repairing the pool, given CapCom funding is not available until after June 30, 2022.

### **Other business**

Dan posted a spreadsheet of each department's requests to the CapCom google drive.

Jaki moved to adjourn at 8:52pm. Jonathan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote: Jaki - Aye, Jonathan - Aye, Chris - Aye, Norman - Aye, Richard - Aye, Peter - Aye, Audrey - Aye.

**Submitted by Jonathan Dwyer**