

ADVISORY COMMISSION ON CAPITAL EXPENDITURES
REGULAR MEETING
SUFFIELD, CONNECTICUT
FEBRUARY 11, 2016*
*Amended Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Ryan Anderson, Kathie Harrington, Kate Rietberg, Maureen Schorr and Michael Stevens. Also in attendance were First Selectman Melissa Mack; Chief Anthony Riello; Captain Richard Brown; and Bruce Rietberg.

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Harrington, seconded by Ms. Schorr, it was voted unanimously to accept and record, without amendment or correction, the minutes of the February 4, 2016 meeting.

Chief Riello provided the Commission with an overview of the requests that will be presented by Captain Brown to fund projects for the Suffield Police Department (SPD).

Presentation was made concerning the traffic safety initiative. The SPD has increased enforcement of speed limits in town by 60% in response to resident complaints and due to the fact that 20% of accidents in Suffield involve fatalities. The result has been a 23% decrease in accidents in town last year. The request is for \$20,760 to replace the eight (8) speed measuring devices in the patrol cars. Several units were in need of various repairs and the parts are either not available or were cost prohibitive to acquire.

The next presentation was for replacement patrol rifles. The rifles currently in use were loaned at no cost to SPD, are Vietnam-era weapons, and require approximately \$5000 in repairs. There remains the possibility that these weapons may be part of a recall by the President, which would leave the Town without such weapons to respond to an active shooter situation after having spent funds to repair the weapons. Purchasing new rifles (Colt M4) would cost \$11,400 and could be brought to Hartford when/if repairs are needed.

Another presentation was made for mobile technology upgrade of the laptops currently installed in the patrol cars. The total cost would be \$28,837 for eight (8) Panasonic Toughbooks, which are the industry standard. These laptops are compliant with state-provided software and hardware, and are virtually indestructible. The laptops currently in use are Dells that were not made to withstand the conditions in patrol cars, have been fixed to the best of the SPD's ability, are no longer under warranty, and are difficult to continue fixing in that the parts are no longer made.

The final presentation involved internal security at the SPD to replace locks that are no longer manufactured and are difficult to repair and to supplement the current camera security system to eliminate blind spots. The overall cost is \$70,000. This request may be rolled in to the Town Hall renovation project with additional funding for other buildings as the same locks will be used in that project and potentially at the firehouses and schools as well.

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Harrington, seconded by the Chair, it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathie Harrington