
Capital Improvement Plan

FRANCESTOWN'S SIX YEAR (2012-2017)

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The first and foremost purpose of the Town's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is to provide a valuable planning tool which should help the Town to anticipate, prioritize, coordinate and manage its capital expenditures.

This process necessarily means that many anticipated needs cannot be scheduled for funding during the six year life of the plan. During the past several years the value of projects not included in the plan has risen due to a number of factors including economic conditions; the cumulative effects of inflation (e.g. the cost of paving one mile of road); diversion of funds to meet operational priorities (e.g. increased welfare outlays and restructuring of the executive function); damage to aging infrastructure from extreme weather conditions (e.g. bridges have been compromised by repeated, heavy flooding); changing regulatory standards (e.g. stricter state ratings after the bridge collapse in Minneapolis).

Four bridges which are included in the State Bridge Program are included in this year's plan, but the town has ten other aging bridges. An estimate of the urgency, and cost, of repairing or replacing them will not be available until next year. Similarly, although funding for the stabilization of the town hall truss system is scheduled to continue in 2012, plans, with associated costs, for re-opening the building will not be available until next year. Residents should anticipate a hefty price tag for both items.

Significant changes to the 2012 plan in comparison to the 2011 plan include the indefinite deferral of the purchase of a backhoe for the highway department; cancellation of two years of road reconstruction in 2015 and 2016; a reduction of \$20,000 in funding for this year's work on Pleasant Pond Road, and the addition of \$61,000 to the capital reserve for building improvements in 2012, \$43,500 of which is also slated for withdrawal in 2012.

Despite the cut of \$340,000 from last year's CIP, the 2012-2017 plan recommends total spending of \$2,753,000 which will accomplish the following over the next 6 years:

- Funding of fire and highway vehicles according to the long established replacement plan.
- Reconstruction of 4 bridges (2nd NH Turnpike South between Cross and Red House Roads, Juniper Hill Road, Woodward Hill Road and the South New Boston Road).
- 4 – as opposed to 6 – years of road reconstruction at reduced funding levels.
- \$150,000 of funds to address town building needs including new heating systems for the fire and police stations; town hall renovations, and reroofing the annex, upgrading police quarters.

The breakdown of the \$394,200 of proposed new CIP spending (appropriations less withdrawals from reserves and other sources of non-property-tax revenue) for 2012 is listed in Column 2 of Exhibit 1 on page 53. Also included in Exhibit 1 are the articles as actually proposed by the departments/Selectmen. Note 2 indicates if the Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend approval of a particular warrant article. Column 5 shows the estimated impact of a warrant on the tax rate after revenue offsets are taken into consideration.

The summary of this year's CIP is provided to assist you in your decision making at Town Meeting. If you would like a copy of the complete plan or have any questions about the plan and how it is prepared, please contact the Planning Board.

Respectfully submitted, The Planning Board, The Board of Selectmen. The Budget Committee

2/9/12

Capital Improvement Plan EXHIBIT 1

1st Year of 2012-2017 CIP Compared To 2012 Warrant Articles

(1) Expense Item	(2) CIP	(3) Warrant Proposal	(4) Note	(5) Est. Tax Impact
Capital Reserve Items				
Fire – Small equip.	5,000	5,000	S,B	.02
Highway Vehicles	60,000	60,000	S,B	.29
Bridge Improvements	50,000	50,000	S,B	.24
Road Improvements	130,000	160,000	S,B	.77
Town Buildings	50,000	61,000	S,B	.29
Reappraisal	10,000	6,000	S,B	.03
Undesig. Fund Surplus	(38,800)		S,B	(.15)
Equip/Projects/Non-Capital Warrants				
Pleasant Pond Rd – Part 1	150,000	180,000	S,B	R
Town Hall Renovations	65,000	43,500	S,B	R
Plows	11,000	11,000	S,B	R
Milfoil - Scobie	8,428	8,428	S,B	P/.02
Pagers – Fire Dept.	5,000	5,000	S,B	R
2nd NH Turnpike S Bridge	1,200,000	1,200,000	S,B	P/R
P. Pond Milfoil Prevention	1,500	1,500	S,B	.01
Annex Roof	8,300	8,500	S,B	R
Transfer Station Impr.	1,500	-		N/A
Total 2012 Warrants**		\$1,761,128		\$ 1.83
Total 2012 CIP**	\$1,755,728			1.83
Total 2011 Warrants		\$ 599,700		\$ 1.97

Note 1: Estimated Tax Impact per \$1,000 of assessed property valuation is based on actual warrant proposal.

Note 2: In Column 4, an S notation indicates that approval of the warrant article is recommended by a majority of the Board of Selectmen and a B indicates the positive recommendation of a majority of the Budget Committee.

Note 3: In Column 5, R indicates financing in part, or in whole, from reserves; UFS indicates withdrawals from undesignated fund surplus; P indicates partial financing from private donation or grant.

Note 4: "Warrants" as used above does not include the operating budget or the cemetery funds transfer.

** Excluding bond payment, which is part of CIP, but which is not discretionary