

40 Mr. Dean indicated that the Departments reviewed the proposed CIP as a team.

41 PUBLIC WORKS

42 Public Works Director Steve Cronin indicated that Paul Vlasich, Steve Dalton and Jay Perkins were also
43 present.

44 Groundwater Source - \$6.8 m

45 Mr. Cronin discussed the groundwater source project evaluated in 2024. A site was identified on
46 Drinkwater Road which is part of a known aquifer and connected to the Lary Lane Treatment Plant.
47 Drilling and testing is happening this month. Private wells will be monitored. The Project will have final
48 design and connection with work on a building, transmission lines and rehabilitation of the Lary Lane
49 well.

50 Mr. Grueter asked about PEA's involvement and Mr. Cronin indicated there would be an easement
51 purchased which is included in the projected cost.

52 Great Bay Nitrogen General Permit - \$395,000

53 Mr. Cronin noted as part of this project the street sweeper would be replaced at a cost of \$385,000 and
54 \$10,000 would fund the enhanced sweeping program. Mr. Cronin explained that funding was applied
55 for and is available with the Clean Water SRF (State Revolving Fund).

56 Pickpocket Dam - \$2,100,000

57 Mr. Cronin indicated the dam was reclassified as a high hazard dam in 2018 and a feasibility study
58 completed in 2024. The Select Board voted in June to remove the dam. There is a deadline for
59 completion in December, 2027 and multiple grants are being pursued, four that they are already aware
60 of.

61 Chair Plumer asked about the area of impact and work needed after removal. Paul Vlasich reviewed the
62 area from Haugh Road to Little River and noted there would be some monitoring afterward.

63 Mr. Grueter asked about the deadline in 2027 and Mr. Vlasich indicated the request for action resulted
64 in a negotiated date, the Select Board decided what to do and notified DES (Department of
65 Environmental Services).

66 Mr. Grueter asked if Mr. Vlasich thought there would be enough time and Mr. Vlasich indicated if the
67 Town secures funding but if the deadline isn't able to be met, they would talk about it.

68 Clemson Pond (pg. 29) - \$500,000

69 Mr. Cronin noted this is part of Wastewater Treatment to remove sediment and inspected and assessing
70 the condition of the combined sewer overflow (CSO) barrels at the discharge point.

71 Mr. Grueter asked if the tide gates are inspected regularly, and Mr. Cronin indicated this was inspected
72 and is known to be leaking.

73 Wastewater Treatment Effluent Flume (pg. 33) - \$245,000

74 Mr. Cronin indicated the concrete coating had failed and concrete is exposed. The cost is to replace the
75 coating.

76 Linden Street Bridge Rehabilitation (pg. 21) - \$1,257,900

77 Mr. Cronin indicated settlement and bulging were identified and the guardrail does not meet crash
78 ratings. Bids came in significantly higher than estimated (orig. est. \$500,000-\$600,000). There is
79 \$310,000 available in bridge aid.

80 Ms. Martel asked if the bridge was for vehicular traffic and Mr. Cronin indicated yes.

81 Mr. Grueter asked if the cost of construction was going down and Mr. Cronin indicated it was leveling
82 out but not dropping.

83 Fuel Island for Public Works Facility (pg. 2) - \$575,000

84 Mr. Cronin indicated the siphon pumps were at the end of their life and the canopy and base are
85 deteriorating. Public Works would also like to be able to track usage. A new location would be found.

86 Mr. Grueter asked if the cost included the underground tanks and Mr. Cronin indicated yes.

87 Front at Pine, Linden Street Intersection Improvement (pg. 16) - \$250,000

88 Mr. Cronin noted a proposed roundabout was funded and they have the design and are working with
89 abutters now. Easements are a part of that process, but this project is for inspecting drainage and sewer
90 pipes with advanced deterioration.

91 Transfer Station Improvement - \$100,000

92 Mr. Cronin indicated that the Sustainability Advisory Committee recommended a Styrofoam recycling
93 program which Kristen Murphy will detail. This cost is for paving and widening the entry, marking and
94 signage and relocating the cardboard and construction platform.

95 Truck #33 (pg. 68) - \$160,000

96 Mr. Cronin noted the 2008 International Dump would be replaced with a smaller F-550 with hook lift
97 and sander.

98 Sidewalk Tractor #58 (pg. 72) - \$50,000

99 Mr. Cronin indicated the existing tractor with a 20-year life span was purchased in 1991 and is used for
100 sidewalk snow plowing, and trimming brush.

101 Ms. English asked if it will continue to be used and Mr. Cronin indicated it would be traded or sold when
102 the replacement is acquired.

103 Surface Water Treatment Plant (pg. 3) - \$2 m in FY 2026 and tbd in FY 2027

104 Mr. Cronin indicated the plant is in the 100-year floodplain. This will be a costly item with \$2 million for
105 design work in FY 2026 and an amount to be determined in FY 2027. A request for quote (RFQ) will be
106 advertised this month.

- 107 Water Street Reconstruction (pg. 27) - \$600,000 in FY 2026 and \$6,305,000 in FY 2027
- 108 Intersection Improvement Program (pg. 20) - \$50,000 in FY 2026 (Phase III)
- 109 High Street Cross Country Sewer Rehabilitation - \$3,42 m in FY 2026
- 110 Mr. Cronin noted design funding in FY 2023 and an application for funding from the State Revolving
111 Fund.
- 112 Washington Street Improvements (pg. 26) - \$250,000 in FY 2027 and \$2,230,000 in FY 2028
- 113 Court Street Pumping Station (pg. 30) - \$500,000 in FY 2027, tbd in FY 2028 for building upgrades
- 114 Green Street Utility Reconstruction (pg. 19) - \$750,000 for design in FY 2028 and \$11,500,000 FY 29
- 115 Portsmouth Avenue Reconstruction (pg. 23) - \$75,000 FY 28, \$300,000 FY 29, \$4,910,000 FY 30
- 116 Mr. Cronin discussed traffic flow, stormwater, sidewalk and street 'scapes, water and sewer and traffic
117 and signal coordination needs.

118 RECREATION

119 Parks & Recreation Director Greg Bisson presented the CIP for Park Improvement detailed on Page 6
120 with funding of \$100,000. He indicated there were many projects and discussed in detail Gilman Park
121 which needed drainage, regrading and guardrail work. The depression where the playground used to be
122 needs to be leveled. He discussed the use of robotic mowers at other locations which is going well and
123 enclosing the portapottys. He noted the spray pad is 16 years old and will have repairs next year to
124 address the loss of hundreds of gallons of water from leaking pipes.

125 Mr. Bisson discussed rehabilitation of the pool house and repainting with help from PEA volunteers,
126 replacing windows and counter tops, removing cement walls and replacing with more modern poly,
127 making changing stalls ADA compliant and resurfacing the floor and painting walls. He noted the
128 facilities assessment recommended replacement, but he felt the rehabilitation would get another 20
129 years out of it.

130 Mr. Bisson discussed plans to continue the pathway to 10 Hampton Road.

131 Mr. Bisson discussed ADA accommodations for senior programming in FY 2025. A van would cost
132 \$90,000 - used and he is looking for grants.

133 Mr. Bisson discussed the condition of the tennis courts (pg. 14) and engineering. There was no drainage
134 considered in 1974 when they were constructed. Different concrete is recommended that will be crack
135 resistant. The property is eligible for land and water relief. Fencing will be replaced and there will be
136 ADA accommodation and potentially lighting until 9 PM.

137 PLANNING

138 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Downtown (pg. 8)

139 Conservation & Sustainability Planner Kristen Murphy presented a proposal recommended by the
140 Sustainability Adv. Committee for four electric vehicle charging stations at the municipal lot. She

141 explained the recommendation of spots per registered vehicle by the US Dept. Energy at 3.4% with 22
142 needed and 17 available (including spots in Stratham) this would bring in more spots and business to
143 downtown. Revision Energy provided a high range quote for the four ports of \$120,000. The 30%
144 federal tax credit would be eligible and an 80/20 federal/local grant from the Department of
145 Transportation could be applied for next year.

146 The Board discussed how to keep vehicle charger users from leaving their cars parked after charging and
147 Ms. Murphy indicated there could be penalties and charging can be set up in a host of different ways.
148 Mr. Grueter noted there is a Walmart with electric vehicle charging stations that continues to charge a
149 fee while the car is parked in the station even after the vehicle is 100% charged.

150 Styrofoam Recycling (pg. 10)

151 Conservation & Sustainability Planner Kristen Murphy presented the proposal for funding a Styrofoam
152 recycling system at the transfer station. She noted that the Town of Gilford has one which takes the
153 Styrofoam and reduces it to long coils which are stored on pallets and marketed for sale at \$750/ton.
154 She noted this would also save on hauling fees. She noted of the \$80,000 cost there is a \$50,000 grant
155 available. Ms. Murphy noted there will be a Styrofoam recycling event this fall and that would be
156 hauled to Gilford who accepts the Styrofoam from other communities. The Styrofoam is hand fed into
157 the unit and there would be no food containers accepted. Ms. Belanger asked about additional
158 personnel and Ms. Murphy indicated possibly additional hours for the part-time staff.

159 Master Plan Update FY 2028 - \$50,000*

160 Town Planner Dave Sharples indicated the Master Plan was last updated in 2018 and all but one of the
161 66 or 67 items has been implemented. There were over 1000 responses to the survey.

162 Ms. Martel asked if \$50,000 would be enough. *Mr. Sharples indicated the figure would be updated
163 when closer to FY 2028.

164 Train Station (pg. 1)

165 Mr. Sharples indicated the proposal to upgrade the Downeaster Train Station and have design,
166 engineering and surveying.

167 Mr. Grueter asked about cost sharing and Mr. Sharples indicated he would have more information on
168 that at the next meeting. Chair Plumer noted it would be nice if the state stepped forward. Mr. Dean
169 noted there may be grant funding available for the right project. The State of Maine funds quite a bit of
170 it.

171 ADA Improvements (pg. 7)

172 Mr. Sharples noted the Building Inspector is the ADA coordinator for the Town. \$25,000 would be
173 funded for upgrades annually.

174 Police & Fire (pg. 11)

175 Mr. Sharples indicated the records management system would be upgraded to a cloud storage system.
176 The upfront cost is \$35,000 and then \$80,000/yr. with a cost of \$360,000.

177 Court Street Fire Station Renovation (pg. 5)

178 Mr. Sharples noted that the voters approved the new police and fire substation and all but five or six
179 items will be addressed with that new facility. The plan is to go back to the original design for Court
180 Street Station which was designed for four firefighters. After a break in period to see how things are
181 going with the new substation, they would like to address the hot, warm and cold zones for
182 decontamination and turnout gear.

183 Chair Plumer asked if the call center would remain. and Mr. Sharples noted that would be moved to the
184 new substation.

185 Radio Repeaters (pg. 12)

186 Mr. Sharples indicated this will be deferred until the new substation is built to see what coverage the
187 area would have.

188 Complete Street Study

189 Mr. Sharples noted there is a change in funding CIP from a minimum cost of \$25,000 to \$75,000 so the
190 Complete Street Study, one of the remaining items identified in the 2018 Master Plan, will be put in the
191 budget. Ms. Martel noted that study will be helpful with design for Portsmouth Ave.

192 **V. OTHER BUSINESS**

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194 • Master Plan Discussion

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196 • Field Modifications

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198 • Bond and/or Letter of Credit Reductions and Release

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200 **VII. TOWN PLANNER'S ITEMS**

201 Mr. Sharples reminded that the meeting on August 22nd will be the public hearing and begin at 6:30 PM
202 with the regular meeting to begin at 7 PM.

203 **VIII. CHAIRPERSON'S ITEMS**

204 **IX. PB REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT ON "OTHER COMMITTEE ACTIVITY"**

205 **X. ADJOURN**

206 ***Ms. Belanger motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 PM. Mr. Grueter seconded the***
207 ***motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.***

208 Respectfully submitted.

209 Daniel Hoijer,

210 Recording Secretary (Via Exeter TV)