

**Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Committee Meeting**  
**Town of Temple**  
Meeting Minutes  
July 13, 2023

**Attendees:** Gail Cromwell (Chair), Gary Scholl, Ivy Bibler, Tim Fiske, Andy Paul; George Clark and Ken Caisse for the Temple Volunteer Fire Department (TVFD)

The meeting was held at the Fire Department and called to order at 7:08 p.m.

**Election of Officers**

The committee elected officers, nominating Gail Cromwell as committee chair and Andy Paul as secretary, voting affirmative unanimously.

The committee voted unanimously to recommend to Selectmen the reappointment of Gary Scholl to the CIP Committee for a 3-year term. Scholl's term expired in March, 2023.

**Review of TVFD Capital Assets**

Fire Chief George Clark and Deputy Fire Chief Ken Caisse reviewed with the CIP Committee the department's capital assets, including:

- **2010 Ford F550 Rescue Truck.** Formerly the department's Brush Truck, this will serve as the Rescue / Cascade truck. The mobile Cascade system will be transferred from the retiring 1978 Grumman panel truck.
- **2006 American LaFrance Pumper/Engine.** This unit was acquired in 2019 through the state surplus program at no cost to the town.
- **2003 Freightliner Tanker.** This unit was acquired new in 2003.
- **2004 LMTV Forestry Truck.** This unit was acquired in 2020 through the state surplus program at no cost to the town. It replaces the F550 as the Brush Truck.
- **Cascade system for refilling SCBA air tanks.** The main stationary system installed at the TVFD garage was acquired in 2022. An onboard system acquired in the 1980s or 90s will be transferred from the retiring Grumman truck to the F550 Rescue truck.
- **Jaws of life.** This battery-powered system was acquired in 2015 with 95% of the cost covered by a FEMA grant.
- **1978 Grumman Cascade Truck.** This unit will be retired in 2023.
- **Polaris ATV.** This unit was acquired in 2023 through the state surplus program. There is no replacement scheduled at this time.

*Please see description of listed assets in separate document attached to these minutes.*

Clark urged the Committee to reconsider the 30-year replacement schedule indicated for the department's vehicles. He noted that National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) guidelines call for retiring firefighting apparatus between 20 and 25 years. In the case of the 2006 Pumper,

that would suggest replacement within the next few years. He acknowledged the significant cost and noted that a smaller pumper unit might be worth considering. The CIP Committee will take Clark's points under advisement within the context of other planned capital improvement initiatives and acquisitions.

The CIP Committee thanked Clark and Caisse for their diligence in availing the Town of the various grants and surplus programs that have enabled us to maintain a high degree of firefighting readiness within budget constraints.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.