



Amherst Massachusetts

Joint Capital Planning Committee Revised Recommendations April 21, 2011

After the publication of the Joint Capital Planning Committee's report and recommendations for Fiscal Year 12, the Town received information about the Massachusetts House and Senate plans for distributing State Aid. Those new aid figures allowed the JCPC to recommend two projects on the Prioritized Project Restoration List.

Replace fourth paragraph on page 1 of JCPC Report with this:

Recommendations for FY 12 capital plan funding total \$1,851,956 plus Community Preservation Act debt reimbursements of \$ 175,851 and include \$851,456 for equipment, \$217,000 for buildings and \$788,500 for facilities.

Insert these new paragraphs in Equipment and Facilities sections:

Equipment

JCPC recommends expending \$40,000 to replace firefighter protective gear (helmet, coat, bunker pants, and boots). Replacing this equipment is required every 5 years due to high usage. Sunlight and other environmental factors serve to break down the critical elements of the protective ensemble. Incident response also contributes to equipment degradation over time. The Fire Department has proposed changing the system it uses to replace protective gear. It has a goal of securing funding of \$40,000 per year, over several fiscal years in order to replace protective gear on a regular basis, thus providing firefighters the protection they need to operate in hostile and hazardous environments. The Department will also seek alternative funding sources, such as Federal grants and other sources. If successful, Town funds would be returned to the capital account.

Facilities

JCPC recommends expending \$50,000 to hire a transportation consultant to develop town-wide transportation plan to implement the goals and objectives of the Town Master Plan. The purpose of this plan is to create a comprehensive, street by street inventory of existing road conditions and a list of design options, including bike lanes, sidewalks, bus pull-off areas, and traffic calming measures to be used in future road repair and reconstruction projects.

