

# **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) Committee**

## **Minutes for May 30, 2007 Meeting**

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Herb Cooper, chairman. Present were Dom Bergen, David Cluff, Steve Jacobs, Bill and Linda Jones, Lisa Remick and John Roberts. Charlie Pugh was absent.

### **Review of Minutes**

John moved to accept the minutes from the May 16, 2007, meeting as submitted; Dom seconded; approved by all.

### **Discussion with Mike Faller**

The committee had their initial meeting with Mike Faller, the Department of Public Works Director for the Town of Meredith. Herb had met with Mike earlier in the evening and drove him around the roads of Tamworth and explained Tamworth's Transportation Department structure.

Mike first explained to the committee his background, where he had worked in the past and how long he has been with Meredith. He then explained the structure of Meredith's department and how it has evolved to where it is today from where it was when it was structured like Tamworth, to the major changes that have transpired in just the last ten years. Meredith has a very similar amount of road miles to Tamworth. He works with the CIP committee in Meredith.

Mike outlined some of the plusses and minuses of the different options that the committee told him they would like to look into for the Town. He understands the committee's need to present the Town with different options that will help control spikes in the budget and ultimately level out or decrease the tax base. He understands the need for accountability to the taxpayers and being fiscally conservative, while maintaining and/or improving the roads. He treats his department in Meredith a lot like a business that needs to save the Town money or in some cases make it some money through the use of grants and various cost cutting measures.

Where are we now, where do we want to be, how do we want to get there? He said he could offer recommendations and suggestions and could break his presentation into staffing, equipment, roads, buildings and a manager. The plan would have different options and it will need to be on a small scale, but something that can be grown if the Town grows. Mike will draft a proposal of his cost to produce a plan and mail it to the Town.

### **Future Meetings**

Steven Solomon is scheduled to meet with the committee June 6, 2007 at 7 p.m. and Bruce Robinson is scheduled at the same meeting for 7:30 p.m. Lisa will not be able to attend because of the School Board meeting.

July 18, 2007 is the next tentative meeting date with Mike Faller.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

At 8:50 p.m. Bill moved and Dom seconded that the meeting be adjourned. All approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda K. Jones  
Recording Secretary