

**TOWN OF COLEBROOK
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

Thursday, February 26th, 2026

Regular Meeting

Members Present

Sean Barry – Fire Department
Jim Bickford – Public-at-large
Brad Bremer – Board of Selectmen
Tom McKeon – Board of Finance
Becky Roy – Board of Education

Members Absent

Others Present

Bob Gilbert (Via Zoom)
Melanie Knap

1. The meeting was called to order at 5 p.m. in the Town Hall Land Use office.
2. The minutes of the February 5th, 2026, meeting were approved as distributed.
3. The FY 2025/26 CIP spreadsheet was presented by town Treasurer Melanie Knap. Fire Department projects funded by the town's LOCIP grant were discussed, as well as multi-year funding in support of the purchase of a new handicapped accessible van for the Community & Senior Center in FY 26/27. Sean Barry to provide further details on LOCIP-funded Fire Department projects and Public Works to provide details regarding plans for the snowplow truck being replaced.
4. Sean Barry, Brad Bremer and Bob Gilbert provided updates on current year capital projects for the Fire Department, Colebrook Consolidated School (CCS), Public Works, and Town Hall, respectively.
5. FY 2026/27 requests by the Fire Department, CCS, Public Works and Town Hall were discussed within the context of the 5-Year Capital Plan (see attached).
6. A motion was made by Sean Barry and seconded by Jim Bickford to recommend \$385,000 in capital projects for FY 26/27 (as outlined in the 5-year plan) to the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance, with \$35,000 of those projects to be funded by a LOCIP grant.
7. Meeting adjourned on motion by Jim Bickford, seconded by Sean Barry, at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Brad Bremer
Chairman

**TOWN OF COLEBROOK
5-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN
REVISED DRAFT 2/27/26**

FY 25/26

CCS

Attic insulation	\$ 50,000
Technology	\$ 5,000

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Gear	\$ 9,000
Bay door sealing	\$ 7,500
Meeting room door/front walk at Center House	\$ 18,000
Meeting room floor at Forge	\$ 1,500
Tools	\$ 6,000
High-band radios	\$ 13,000

DPW

Snow plow truck	\$175,000 (plus \$100,000 carried forward from FY 24/25)
Snow plow blade	\$ 15,000

SELECTMEN

STEAP grant matching funds	\$105,000
Funds toward new C&SC bus in 26/27	\$ 25,000
New server for Town Hall	\$ 13,200
New phone system for Town Hall, Community & Senior Center, and Town garage	\$ 6,800

TOTAL

**\$450,000 (funded in part by LOCIP grant; \$415,000
requested at referendum)**

FY 26/27

CCS

New phone system	\$ 25,000
Security enhancements	\$ 20,000
Technology	\$ 5,000
Lavatory upgrade	\$ 13,000
Classroom AC	\$ 35,000

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Gear	\$ 13,000
Heating system upgrade at Center House (and removal of underground oil tank)	\$ 24,000 (plus \$18,000 carried forward from FY 23/24)
SCBA compressor at Center	\$ 95,000
High-band radios	\$ 15,000
Tools	\$ 6,000
Equipment	\$ 5,400

DPW

Mini excavator	\$ 75,000
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SELECTMEN

Vehicle reserve (Community & Senior Center van + \$72,000 carried forward)	\$ 18,000
Town Hall improvements	\$ 35,000

TOTAL

**\$385,000 (funded in part by LOCIP Grant; \$350,000
requested at referendum)**

FY 27/28

CCS

Lighting replacement (LED)	\$ 35,000
Air conditioning	\$ 50,000
Repair/repaint siding and trim	\$ 10,000
Technology	\$ 5,000

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Gear	\$ 15,000
Forge generator	\$ 24,000
High-band radios	\$ 26,000

DPW

Ford F350 Dump Truck	\$ 90,000
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SELECTMEN

STEAP Grant Matching Funds	\$115,000
Town Hall improvements (TBD)	\$ 40,000
Community & Senior Center improvements (TBD)	\$ 40,000

TOTAL

\$450,000

FY 28/29

CCS

Septic system	\$ 50,000
Air conditioning	\$ 80,000
Technology	\$ 5,000

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Gear	\$ 15,000
High-band radios	\$ 30,000

DPW

Equipment reserve	\$160,000
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SELECTMEN

STEAP Grant Matching Funds	\$115,000
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TOTAL

\$450,000

FY 29/30

CCS

Air conditioning	\$ 60,000
Technology	\$ 5,000

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Gear	\$ 15,000
High-band radios	\$ 30,000

DPW

Backhoe	\$180,000
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SELECTMEN

STEAP Grant Matching Funds	\$115,000
Community & Senior Center improvements	\$ 45,000

TOTAL

\$450,000