

Capital Improvement Committee report is now available

The Tuftonboro **Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Committee Report** for the period from 2025 to 2034 is now available on the town website through a link on the home page (www.tuftonboronh.gov).

This 10-year capital plan for the Town of Tuftonboro is updated annually. This year it includes projects from seven town departments with eleven projects to be funded in 2025. Previously submitted projects were updated, and three new ones were proposed. Effective planning is happening!

The CIP Committee's primary focus this year was to set up capital reserve accounts to even out capital expenses over the useful life of the town's capital equipment and infrastructure. This requires annual funding into dedicated Capital Reserve Funds over the useful life of the equipment, so that when the equipment needs to be replaced the funding is available at no additional cost to the town. With such funding in place, interest payments resulting from loans or lease/purchase agreements can be avoided. For example, the interest on the lease/purchase of Fire Engine #4 approved in March 2024 will cost the town \$185,863.

The CIP recommends establishing or continuing six capital reserve funds, which are explained in the complete report.

- Fire Engines
- Fire Emergency Vehicles and Boats
- Fire Department Vital Equipment
- Police Vehicles
- Highway Department Truck
- Transfer Station Equipment

Tuftonboro's total capital project expense for 2025 is \$1,391,000. The CIP recommends that part of this amount, specifically \$95,000, should be financed from the Unassigned Fund Balance to utilize surplus funds from prior years to offset under-reserved amounts for capital equipment. Grants, donations, and funds received from the sale of old equipment may also be received to fund some projects. We anticipate that \$1,296,000 will need to be raised from taxes. The total is only slightly higher than last year's approved capital spending. This amount is justified for the following reasons:

All the items are justified needs of the town and are in line with the Master Plan.

Prices have risen significantly and are not likely to decrease.

The town taxbase is growing with 46 new homes added in 2022 valued at \$25,860,000, 40 new homes added in 2023 valued at \$20,960,000, and at least 44 new homes added in 2024.

There will never be perfect alignment between CIP recommended actions and the final

list of warrant articles for capital expenditures presented to the voters at Town Meeting, but the committee strives to present a Capital Plan that includes the projects that clearly benefit the town and have the best chance of being accepted by Town Meeting.

All citizens are urged to familiarize themselves with the details in the CIP report so that they can be informed voters at the Town Meeting in March.

**Jill Cromwell, Chair
Capital Improvement Program Committee**

Tuftonboro Christmas Fund says "thanks" to contributors

The Tuftonboro Christmas Fund has been assisting families in Tuftonboro for over 20 years. We would like to thank everyone who took a "star" from the tree and sponsored a child in need providing them with warm clothing and special Christmas wishes. The donations received this year allowed the Christmas Fund to assist 15 families with gifts for over 30 children.

Your monetary donations help assist us with making "Christmas" happen for many Tuftonboro children in need. We use those funds to purchase Hannaford gift cards for local families, help support the children at Tuftonboro Central School with supplies and snacks, as well as to assist with funding some special programs. We will also continue to assist local seniors throughout the year.

In 2024, with the donations to the Tuftonboro Christmas Fund, we purchased new ice skates for children participating in the Winter Skate Program at Tuftonboro Central School on Wednesdays in January.

**Jennifer Coulter
Town Clerk**

Local couple starts new coffee roasting company in town

Tuftonboro welcomes a hometown coffee roasting company, Belladina™ Coffee, "a lovely choice™."

In the Spring of 2024, Carol & Tim Galvin launched Belladina™ Coffee out of their home in Tuftonboro. Being coffee lovers, they began roasting in 2022 for their own enjoyment and soon realized they wanted to share their enjoyment of great coffee with their friends and neighbors. With a steady flow of very positive feedback, their journey to jump from personal roasting model to a business roasting model began to come into focus.

Belladina™ Coffee is named after their two Tibetan Mastiff dogs: Bella and Dina. Together, their names translate to mean "a lovely choice."

Belladina™ Coffee features quality specialty roasts, based on seasonal bean availability for freshness. Their coffee is roasted in small batches

for ultimate flavor enjoyment and drinking pleasure. Currently the coffee offerings include coffee from Brazil, Honduras (decaf), Columbia, Ethiopia, Guatemala, and Tanzania. These are exceptional single origin coffees. If you like flavored coffees, there are three flavored coffee offerings to sooth your cravings: chocolate, chai, and raspberry. Each of these flavored coffees are available in decaf, too!

In June of this year Carol & Tim started bringing their coffees to many of the regional art fairs including this year's Tuftonboro Historical Society Fair and the Tuftonboro Holiday Festival.

Carol & Tim invite you to experience Belladina™ Coffee, "a lovely choice™" by visiting their website: www.belladinacoffee.com or by calling them directly at 603-759-4158. One can also find Belladina coffee at either the Pier 19 store in



**Belladina produces a selection of fine,
locally roasted coffees**

Tuftonboro or The General Wolfe (seasonal) store in Wolfeboro.

**Tim Galvin, Owner
Belladina Coffee**