

**Minutes**  
**Capital Improvement Committee**  
**November 17, 2008**

Attending: Sue Hruby, Kathy Logue, Dick Mezger, Cindy Mitchell, Ann Nelson, Dianne Powers, Leah Smith, Bruce Stone and Selectmen Dick Knabel and Skip Manter, Executive Secretary Jennifer Rand.

The meeting was opened at 4:35 pm.

1. Minutes: The minutes of October 20 were accepted with changes.
2. Town Debt: Kathy Logue reviewed a chart showing how Town debt changes with the principal pushed forward one year. Debt payments even out.
3. Capital Budget Format for Warrant There was discussion about the Capital Budget format for the warrant. A draft template was presented with last year's warrant inserted to see how it might work. One concern is how we would deal with opposition to a particular item. It was noted we can amend the budget just as we do now. It was also noted that anything in a stabilization fund would require a 2/3 vote. The group agreed unanimously to use the Capital Plan Warrant with revisions suggested at the meeting.
4. Department Capital Plan Status
  - Library: - Expanded Paving of the parking lot; Howes House needs senior access taken into account
  - Howes House/Dept of Aging – new roof within 5 years
  - Police/Fire – possibly can forgo a new vehicle this year
  - Highways—no change to 5 year plan; add to Highway Fund if possible
  - Paths (Paths by the Roads; Multiple Use Paths) –No capital activity
  - Schools—2 possible projects: HS septic hook up with Oak Bluffs; possible warrant to sell the Superintendent's Building
  - CPA – Cemetery: possible survey of new area; possible historical record upkeep; possible Mill Pond watershed study
  - Board of Health—no capital plan; 6 Town group looking at possibly buying a buffer zone around the Refuse District.
  - Tri-Town—Ambulance fund, fund for computers in ambulances (30K for each ambulance); new computer system.
  - Park & Rec: replace the basketball court in town hall; cut down trees in Lamberts Cover; Community Center
  - Emergency Management: Climate Controlled space
5. New Item: Potential Purchase of the Welles Property: The Selectmen informed the committee of the offer on the table to buy the Welles Property for expansion of town capital plan.

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The meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.

Next Meeting: Monday December 15; Howes House.

Reminder: Meetings are now the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Hruby

*Approved December 15, 2008*