

**Minutes**  
**Capital Improvement Committee**  
**February 9, 2009**

Attending: Sue Hruby, Kathy Logue, Dick Mezger, Cindy Mitchell, Leah Smith

The meeting was opened at 4:35 pm.

1. Minutes: The minutes of Jan 12, 2009 meeting were accepted with changes.
2. Update on Budget: Kathy reported on several last minute changes to the capital plan.
  - The Selectmen have determined that there is an urgent need to perform structural repairs on the bridge on Lambert's Cove Road situated between the town beach parking lot and Cottle's. The work is estimated to cost \$35,000 - \$40,000. The town highway department concurs. The committee agreed to add this new item to the 2010 capital budget as a priority # 1 item.
  - There is a considerable effort to decide what to do about a sidewalk and fence in front of the newly renovated town hall. Based upon doing a brick sidewalk, the expenditure can be paid by CPA funds. Estimated costs seem to be about \$45,000 - \$55,000. The committee sees the sidewalk as a matter of public safety and a priority # 1 item. The committee sees the suggested white picket fence as a priority # 3 item.
  - There is a new interest in continuing the brick sidewalk from the Congregational Church to Alleys store. This section of sidewalk is also estimated to cost about \$50,000. The committee would ordinarily recommend this item be considered for 2011 but there is an expectation that it will be less expensive to do both sections of new brick sidewalk under the same contract at the same time. The committee does see this as a priority # 1 item due to the public safety increase it will provide.

3. Next Steps – the 2010 Capital Plan

There will be a public forum on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, hosted by the Selectmen and the FinCom to present the 2010 budget in anticipation of the Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> town meeting. Kathy Logue, on behalf of the C I P C, will present and explain our new approach this year of having the entire capital budget as a single warrant article. This explanation will be repeated at the town meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Next Meeting: Monday March 16th @4:30PM at the Howes House.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dick Mezger

*Approved March 16, 2009*