

**Minutes**  
**Capital Improvement Committee**  
**March 16, 2009**

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

The meeting was opened at 4:35 pm.

1. Minutes: The minutes of February 9, 2009 meeting were accepted with changes.
2. Update on Budget: Kathy reported on revisions to the capital plan.
  - The Lambert's Cove Bridge will be included because it is a public safety issue
  - The amount put aside for the fire truck will be reduced for one year to \$50K-75K.
  - The amount put aside for the health insurance obligation will be \$75K. Also a reduced amount for one year.
  - The CPA funded sidewalk in front of town hall will proceed, but the additional section that connects to Alley's will be put off.
  - Tri-Town Ambulance has voted to put 20% of their receipts toward a new ambulance. The committee agreed we would ask them to do a plan of their future acquisitions with target dates and amounts so going forward we can better plan their replacement needs; this year, there will be no set-aside to stabilization.
  - Kathy informed the Committee that the Operating Budget has been trimmed so there is a slight decrease from last year; with receipts reductions the net levy will likely have an increase of between .7 and 1% over the prior year.
3. Talking Points for Pre-town meeting and Town Meeting  
Kathy reviewed her talking points for the meetings. We will explain the new voting process for the capital budget (and repeat it again at the meeting). We'll show the Capital Budget over time and last year, this year and the 5-year Forecast. Kathy will send a draft out before the Pre-Town meeting on April 4.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 PM.

Next Meeting: Monday May 18 @ 4:30PM at the Howes House.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Hruby

*Approved May 18, 2009*