

Minutes
Capital Improvements Planning Committee
November 15, 2010

Attending: Sue Hruby, Kathy Logue, Cynthia Mitchell, Dick Mezger, Bruce Stone, Kristina West

Absent: Brian Athearn, Leah Smith

The meeting opened at 4:45.

The minutes of the October 18, 2010 meeting were approved.

Capital updates from the liaisons were presented as follows:

Howes House – Leah was sick but had reported to Kathy that the well is failing; replacement well being planned jointly with library as part of the Library Building Committee's work. Roof replacement is still on the horizon; no particular use has yet been found for the second floor space, which would drive a renovation of it.

Library – (also Leah) the Library Building Committee plans to submit their application to the MBLC by the January 2011 due date, and expects to hear whether they will receive a grant in July 2011. They will have a warrant article at the April 2011 town meeting to endorse/support the project contingent upon receipt of both private fundraising and grant funds. (If the grant does not come through, they will have to step up to some delayed maintenance items such as problems with windows, heating system, roof and well.)

Schools – Kathy reported that they are still finalizing their budgets and capital plans. High school capital plans, including a possible replacement superintendent/shared office building, are expected to be included within the assessed budget. This is also true for the West Tisbury School, with the possible exception of their windows project. They hope to have far more concrete figures by our December meeting.

CPC projects – Bruce reported that there will be the next \$100,000 request for the Town Hall Renovation debt; no new developments yet on the Mill Pond. The only new project is a possible CPC funded purchase of an easement giving legal public access to Parsonage Pond. Concerns not yet worked out include who will fund future maintenance.

Roads – Sue presented an updated list of road work, prioritized by need and noted that the costs have inflated considerably since the last time the list was reviewed with costs. Without inflation, the five roads needing work total a roughly estimated figure of \$1.28 million; with 3% annual inflation built in, the total increases to \$1.48 million. The committees on paths by the road and other non-vehicular paths appear to be dormant or defunct.

MVRD & LDO – Cindy reported that a 6-town refuse district may now be jelling. If that happens soon, then there might be a warrant article in April 2011 to authorize the district's purchase of additional buffer land. The fate of the previously authorized LDO upgrades rests on the outcome of the district negotiations. If the upgrades were to go forward, it is likely that \$50,000 would not be sufficient.

Fire Dept. – Kristina reported that the only request at this time is for the next \$100,000 toward a fire truck. More hydrant fund money is likely, but under our new \$25,000 minimum.

Tritown Ambulance – Kristina also reported that the next installment of \$16,500 toward an ambulance is planned, but there is still no actual capital plan for amount or timing of next purchases.

Police – Dick reported that the Police plan to purchase a new sedan cruiser this year for roughly \$25,000; there may also be a \$6,000 on-board computer needed for it. It is not yet clear whether there will be an item on the April 2011 town meeting warrant for the next planning/feasibility phase for the Police Station.

Parks & Rec – Brian was absent, so only known project is the new basketball court, already underway at the WT School.

The committee then discussed the draft recommendation to the Selectmen concerning a regularly scheduled fall town meeting. Minor changes were made to the document, and it was agreed that the next step would be to run this concept by the following boards/committees to solicit their opinions on this concept, before the next meeting of this committee: Affordable Housing (Kristina), Planning Board (Leah), Finance Committee (Bruce) and Personnel Board (Kathy).

The next meeting is scheduled for December 20th; then January 10th and February 14th, if needed, as the third Mondays are holidays.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Logue

Approved December 20, 2010