

Minutes
Capital Improvement Committee
January 13, 2020

Attending: Kathy Logue, Henry Geller, Richard Knabel, Bruce Stone, Greg Orcutt, Michael Colaneri and Joe Tierney

Absent: Cindy Mitchell

The meeting opened at 4:00 pm.

The minutes of December 16, 2019 were approved as presented.

The committee reviewed the draft annual report text and made the following notes/changes/recommendations:

- Shared use path – the preference is for a recreational designation and therefore funding from CPC. Because there is a restriction on the timeline for the Complete Streets funding, the backup plan would be a slightly lower figure request from general funds. The CPC January meeting should answer this before the warrant closes.
- Bruce suggested that the Town should fund highways one way or the other. Given the magnitude of expense, he felt that setting aside this type of annual funding was only a drop in the bucket, and we should just plan to borrow when major road work was needed. It was suggested, however, that Richie might need these funds also for equipment and so it was agreed to wait for more information at the next meeting. Kathy will follow up with Richie Olsen.
- Howes House – Michael passed around the final space needs committee report, adding that the building is also the only town building not on any generator backup power. It was not clear whether the Selectmen would be asking for funds to move this process along further.

The committee reviewed the draft chart of capital items and made the following notes/changes/recommendations:

- Affordable Housing – as these requests are expected to continue on an ongoing basis, reflect that in total amount and amounts going out into the future. Kathy will check with Rhonda on appropriate amount.
- Affordable Housing – a priority of 1 was assigned to Courthouse Road.
- Complete Streets – a priority of 2 was assigned
- Fire Truck & Equipment – a priority of 2 was assigned (due to later target date for full funding)
- Local Drop Off – the committee debated but held off on assigning a priority, waiting for more clarity at the next meeting. Bruce suggested that it could be a capital exclusion article, because it would be a one-time capital expense.

- Highways – See above for discussion about whether it makes sense to set aside funds for this purpose, when borrowing will likely be necessary anyway
- TriTown Ambulance Building – the committee debated but held off on assigning a priority level. It was also mentioned that there would not be a vote on this item for West Tisbury voters.
- High School – it was agreed to change the brief description to ‘shop dust collection’ and assign it a priority of 1. Kathy will edit the figure required from West Tisbury, which is now slightly less than \$16,000.
- West Tisbury School field irrigation – a priority of 2 was assigned. Also, it would be nice to have a little more information on which field(s) and why this was needed.

The next meeting of the committee will be held on February 3rd. Henry said he will be away, but might be able to attend remotely.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:16 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Logue

Approved February 3, 2020