

Minutes
Capital Improvement Committee
January 7, 2019

Attending: Kathy Logue, Cindy Mitchell, Greg Orcutt, Leah Smith, Bruce Stone, Richard Knabel, Michael Colaneri, Joe Tierney

Absent:

The meeting opened at 4:30 pm.

The minutes of December 3rd were approved as presented.

Kathy reviewed some items that had surfaced since the December 3rd meeting:

- Complete Streets committee is planning to ask for \$62,000 toward engineering costs of a multi-use path along Old County Road. Kathy had attended the very beginning of one of their recent meetings and asked why CPA funds had not been sought for this project. They said that while construction costs would be covered by Complete Street grant funds, engineering would not, but there was also a possibility that other grant funds might be available. The Capital Improvements committee consensus was that we would need more information to evaluate this project, and would also urge a future application for CPA funds.
- The Selectmen have decided to return all three leased Nissan Leafs, lease two new ones, and purchase a Nissan Rogue outright. Questions were raised about whether the Rogue would be compliant with the Green Communities grant requirements, or would have to be a hybrid. Joe will look into it.
- The Sheriff's department has asked all of the towns for funding to maintain the new communications system. The system itself will be paid for with state and grant funds, and personnel costs are covered, but this was a necessary piece to make the new system viable on an operating/ongoing basis. There is support for the concept, with the only sticking points being what formula is used to divide the costs between the towns, and a governance question as to whether there is an oversight committee from all towns or just run by Sheriff.
- The UIRSD has now spread their proposal over two years, but with the heavy burden falling on the first year. Kathy raised the question of whether a 2-3 year BAN might be a better solution, allowing the whole project to be executed immediately, but the cost spread more evenly over the next 2-3 years. There were arguments against this as well, if the high school project moves quickly.

The committee then reviewed the draft chart. Joe pointed out that the three vehicles were missing from the chart. Priorities for new initiatives were assigned as follows:

- Complete streets – 3
- Field Gallery/library landscape – 2
- Mill Brook watershed monitoring – 2
- High school schematic design – 1
- UIRSD school repairs – 1
- Sheriff's communication system – 1
- Town hall phone system – 1

The annual report text draft was reviewed and edited. Kathy will incorporate the suggested changes and forward to both text and updated chart to the committee in advance of the next meeting.

The next meeting of the committee will be held on February 4th, when it is expected that the annual report can be finalized for submission.
The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Logue

Approved February 4, 2019