

Minutes
Capital Improvement Committee
December 16, 2019

Attending: Kathy Logue, Henry Geller, Cindy Mitchell, Richard Knabel, Bruce Stone

Absent: Greg Orcutt, Michael Colaneri and Joe Tierney

The meeting opened at 4:30 pm.

The minutes of November 18, 2019 were approved with minor typo edits, Cindy and Bruce abstaining.

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

- The high school has not voted yet, so the figures may change.
- The UIRSD has deferred the deck and elevator projects at the West Tisbury School for another year, as the first phase of the deck project is not yet completed.
- Affordable Housing – CPA committee only approved \$145,000 of the \$300,000 requested. The text of our report should explain the other sources of funding for the Old Courthouse Road project.
- TriTown Ambulance – Cindy explained that up to about 75% of the receipts can be put into the capital fund. The last two years there has been a surplus of \$166,000 that has not been either spent or returned to the member Towns. For the period 1997 through 2017, Chilmark paid 100% of the retirement costs for TTA employees, when the other member Towns should have been assessed a portion. An informal agreement was recently reached to pay that back over 20 years at \$28,000/year; a formal amendment of the Memorandum of Understanding may be required. It is also possible that future TTA revenue may reduce the future debt service for TTA building; this will be Chilmark's building and debt, with Aquinnah and West Tisbury paying their shares in the form of a lease.
- The library parking lot work will not happen this year.
- The committee requested more information on what fire truck is planned next and when is it anticipated that it will be needed. Could it be postponed for a year, or reduced?
- The LDO improvements figure in the chart (\$114,500) for does not include any paving cost yet, which will presumably at least double the cost. It was suggested that the safety improvements be separated (at least in explanation) from the paving and that we prioritize accordingly.
- No request as of now from Highway department – and we are still paying off the most recent debt for repaving.
- Henry reported that CPC funding may not work for the shared use path on Old County Road. Town Counsel may need to be re-questioned on this, as

Bruce had found that Norwell (which had one sidewalk project disallowed) had gone ahead with another project quite similar to ours. If CPC funds cannot be used, the Complete Streets committee will try to negotiate the design costs down, so that only \$75,000 - \$100,000 in general funds would be required.

- Kathy reported that the Howes House Space Needs Committee has still not issued its report, but considers its work complete. The work did not include any survey of clients or consultation with the other two towns. This raises the question of whether any feasibility/design funds will be requested this year. Cindy suggested that there should be an effort to bring in the other two towns and have some sort of visioning process.

The next meetings of the committee will be held on January 13th and February 3rd.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Logue

Approved January 13, 2020