

Minutes
Capital Improvement Committee
February 3, 2020

Attending: Kathy Logue, Cindy Mitchell, Bruce Stone, Greg Orcutt, Michael Colaneri and Joe Tierney

Absent: Henry Geller and Richard Knabel

The meeting opened at 4:30 pm.

The minutes of January 13, 2020 were approved as presented with Cindy abstaining.

Bruce gave the committee a brief update that the projected override may not be needed after all if recent changes persist. Those include reductions in the two regional school budgets due mostly to health insurance premiums staying the same, as well as few other changes. He also noted that if only a small override is needed, then we could use a capital exclusion mechanism for one-time, more “optional” capital items.

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

- Priorities were set as follows (with the reminder/understanding that priorities can be lower and move up over time as they get closer to fruition):
 - Fire equipment/truck – 2 (because it is still 4-5 years off)
 - Local drop off – 1 due to safety
 - TriTown Ambulance building - 2
- Tiah’s Cove Road culvert has been removed; a grant has been applied for so the Selectmen do not want to ask for R&A funds
- Bruce suggested that the return/reassignment of unused high school funds be shown as a negative amount in the chart for the current year.

The committee agreed that historic CPC funds should be reserved against the Howes House renovation, and that there will need to be more clarity for Town Meeting on how the requested \$20,000 in feasibility study funds will be spent.

Kathy was authorized to finalize the annual report with any updates from Jen Rand.

Barring unforeseen surprises, the next meeting of the committee will be held in September.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Logue

Approved November 17, 2020