

Minutes for Capital Improvements Committee
October 16, 2017

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

Absent: Cindy Mitchell

Kathy called the meeting to order at 4:30. The minutes of the September 18, 2017 meeting were approved.

Each member of the committee gave a preliminary review of their departments' potential capital needs.

Joe Tierney reported on the latest set of bids on already-approved projects. The Howes House roof has gone out to bid but has attracted no applicants. The library's bump-out repair is still in discussion with Nauset. There is a possibility of a local contractor for both projects, depending on how the total costs come in.

Richard will take responsibility for Parks and Rec and the Refuse Districts.

Michael will contract Richie Olsen on highway and related needs (including Complete Streets).

Leah noted that the library and Howes House had already been discussed. She suggested that the maintenance of all Town buildings is a major issue that needs to be addressed as part of ongoing capital improvement projects. She suggested that Joe, Jen and Louis (or the maintenance committee?) should determine cost estimates, consult about priorities and then bring these proposals to the Capital Improvements Committee. We could then allocate an appropriate amount for maintenance in the capital budget.

It was noted that funds for the replacement/repair of the roof and skylights of the Field Gallery have already been set aside.

Greg said that the list of capital needs for the regional high school are still under consideration and that the Up-Island School District will discuss capital next at its meeting tonight.

Bruce said the Vineyard Haven affordable housing project is the only ongoing project requesting funding now and there are no funding requests for town-owned projects.

Kathy reported that Manny wants to repave Station 1 (now estimated to cost \$70,000), but this project should be coordinated with the Scott's Grove project. Kathy will talk to Manny about the heating system (whose funding may disappear) and a possible new truck for Manny (~\$50,000?).

The police will need another cruiser – price pending.

We need to assess use of the three electric cars, lease cost beyond the grant period, warranty on battery use, purchase v. lease in the future, etc. Joe said that there was a plan to rotate who used which vehicle once a year to even out mileage/use over the three-year lease.

The next meeting will be November 27th at 4:30.

Submitted by Leah Smith

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