

Minutes of Capital Improvement Committee  
October 31, 2016

Attending: Michael Colaneri, Kathy Logue, Cindy Mitchell, Greg Orcutt, Bruce Stone and Joe Tierney  
Absent: Sue Hruby and Leah Smith

1. Fire Department – price is still pending on the pumper fire truck. The department turned in the requested inventory of vehicles and nothing else is in the near term, assuming 20-year life. Another item is the repaving of the apron in front of Station #1. There is a question of whether Ch. 90 funds could be used for this, and even if they could, whether the Highway Superintendent has any of those funds not slated for use elsewhere. Finally, a new/expanded hydrant is expected to coincide with (and be partially funded by) the affordable housing development next door.
2. Police – there will be a new cruiser request. Exact pricing is still pending, but it is likely it will be \$25,000 to \$28,000 beyond the \$15,000 appropriated in this fiscal year.
3. Tritown Ambulance – there is a schedule forthcoming for all three ambulances, but it is expected that Aquinnah will need an entirely new one for approximately \$180,000 - \$200,000 and one of the existing ambulances will need a new chassis for approximately \$100,000. The hoped-for acquisition of a new or newer ambulance for Aquinnah through the Tribe was not realized. Long term, the goal is to replace an ambulance every five years.
4. Schools – at the high school, capital plan proposals ranging for \$18 to \$120 million are on the table. At Up Island, there are a number of smaller projects under evaluation, such as new/upgraded alarm system and wireless data and phones, new front door, and sprinkler system in the West Tisbury School. The committee agreed to recommend that the Town – and the Selectmen in particular – bring pressure to bear on both school committees to develop more concerted and coordinated facilities management and planning, rather than the current reactive mode. In particular, the West Tisbury School is a big town asset, and it is important to keep ahead of the curve in maintenance and capital planning, both for preservation of that asset and public safety concerns.
5. Parks and Recreation – an extension of the Lambert's Cove Beach walkway is anticipated, but is unlikely to meet the minimum threshold for a capital item.
6. Howes House – Joe reported that there are some structural issues that may require the roof money to be spent somewhat differently. Structural concerns will be addressed, and part of the roof replacement may be delayed to later. A fixed amount of money was appropriated, but the warrant language will allow this flexibility in use.
7. Minutes of the September 26<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved unanimously as presented.
8. Town Vehicle(s) – Michael Colaneri had forwarded a memo around concerning the need to begin talking about a town vehicle to be shared amongst the departments that regularly go out on inspections, etc. After some discussion the following was concluded:
  - a. There may already be a concern as to whether liability coverage is adequate on currently owned private vehicles
  - b. Mileage reimbursement does not cover the full costs of wear and tear as well as higher fuel here on MV; reimbursing at a higher rate renders the reimbursement taxable
  - c. A cost/benefit analysis should be done to establish whether purchasing a town vehicle (or vehicles) makes sense
  - d. Grant funding for “green” vehicle should be explored; one or two down-island towns were able to get a Nissan Leaf this way; Kathy will contact Sue Hruby on this
  - e. The goal should be to have at least a preliminary report ready for the spring town meeting
9. Kathy asked that we all talk to our departments and try to finalize their requests between now and the next meeting, which is scheduled for Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Logue

*Approved December 5, 2016*