

Minutes of the Capital Improvement Committee  
March 21, 2016

Meeting Opened: 4:34 pm

Attending: Sue Hruby, Kathy Logue, Cindy Mitchell, Greg Orcutt, Leah Smith, Bruce Stone

Absent: Mike Colaneri and Joe Tierney

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1. The minutes of February 1, 2016 were approved unanimously as submitted.
2. After some discussion, it was the consensus of the committee that it was not necessary for the committee to make its own report at the Annual Town Meeting. Instead, it was recommended that
  - a. Bruce arrange to display a large copy of his tax rate increase graph, comparing the history for all island towns and the state overall, on an easel for those entering the town meeting to see
  - b. That Bruce incorporate commentary on the town's position as to debt and capital budget items in his overall budget presentation to the meeting
3. Cindy said that she was very proud of the town's pro-active fiscal management and planning, and that many people are not aware that it was due to the hard work of the Financial Management Team, the Capital Improvements Planning Committee, the Finance Committee and the recent school budget/formula task force. She said she would seek an opportunity to point this out at the Town Meeting, as having these active teams watching carefully clearly was making a difference.
4. There was a discussion about how to encourage a similar strong planning/forecasting process within the school system, particularly as it relates to capital items, for better coordination and smoother capital spending from year to year.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm.

It is likely that our next meeting will be held in September.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Logue

*Approved September 26, 2016*