

Minutes
Capital Improvement Committee
September 30, 2019

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

The meeting opened at 4:30 pm.

Henry Geller was welcomed as the new Planning Board representative to the committee.

The minutes of February 4, 2019 were approved with Henry Geller abstaining.

The committee reviewed departmental liaison assignments and the result was:

Howes House, Energy and Fire: Kathy
Tri-Town Ambulance and Mill Brook/Pond: Cindy
Schools and Refuse District: Greg
Library Parks and Recreation: Richard
CPC projects and Police: Bruce
Highways and Affordable Housing: Michael
Complete Streets (and Paths if any): Henry
Town Hall and general Facilities Management: Joe

The committee then discussed whether to change its methodology in any way. Cindy suggested that the committee has chosen a focus or theme in the past – perhaps something that needs particular attention or to educate the voters about (e.g., vehicle schedule two years ago; short-term rental tax, use of stabilization funds, etc.).

There was a very brief discussion of known upcoming projects, including a second fire department generator, complete streets work, climate-related issues, sheriff's communication, the Howes House study, etc. Kathy asked which departments the committee might want to have attend the next meeting. It was agreed that the Facilities Management Committee, Louis de Geofroy, and Jen Rand attend, and that Jen also plan to give an update on the sheriff's communications project. Further work with the liaisons will help see who should attend in November. Michael Colaneri gave a brief update on the new Howes House Space Needs Committee, which has met twice thus far. Discussions have included how to make all of the floors accessible, with a real elevator and a possible exterior ramp to the basement, possible uses for the second floor, and a questionnaire to solicit input on program needs. Finances/financing is not within the purview of the committee, but will also be under discussion in a general way as a new building for the Tritown Ambulance in Chilmark is also in the planning stages.

The next two meetings of the committee will be held on October 21st and November 18th, both at 4:30 PM as usual.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Logue

Approved October 21, 2019