

Minutes  
Capital Improvement Committee  
February 14, 2022

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Attending: Kathy Logue, Clark Rattet, Cindy Mitchell, Joe Tierney, Bruce Stone, Maria McFarland and Matt Merry

Absent: Richard Knabel

The meeting opened at 4:33 pm.

The minutes of January 24, 2022 meeting were approved unanimously by roll call vote.

The committee walked through the draft text – highlights as follows:

- Should be “Select Board” throughout – a couple missed last time
- Joe said Old Courthouse project is expecting tenants to move in April 1<sup>st</sup> but he sees that as unlikely. It was agreed to leave language vague.
- Kathy reported that she had inquired about future years out for the affordable housing committee and trust fund. Answers vary, in large part because action has not been taken on the housing bank, which could materially affect the town’s own direct involvement in projects.
- Kathy pointed out that the fire hydrant work had surfaced very late due to miscommunication. Greg Pachico says this is needed to supply reliable, close year-round water supply for the middle section of Lambert’s Cove Road. Members said it looked expensive, but Matt said he had quoted a part the work and had done the new hydrant near Scott’s Grove recently, and it was in line. Kathy pointed out that we were saving money by being able to tie into the Land Bank’s well on the adjacent property, and it was the only town-owned land in that vicinity other than the cemetery. This location allowed for pulling a fire truck fully off the road for safety also.
- It was agreed that the rest of the changes Kathy had made since the last meeting were in line with our discussions.

The committee also reviewed the draft chart as follows:

- Kathy pointed out the new/higher estimate for the Howes House project. Matt asked if instead a new building could be located at the intersection of State and Lambert’s Cove Roads. Kathy replied that there were only three acres there, so the lot could not accommodate the housing, a senior center, and the required parking for both; there are no other town-owned parcels available. Bruce pointed out how well having it located in the town center worked.
- It was agreed that vehicle line should be removed.
- The priority was changed to one and description for the fire department line was updated to reflect the hydrant purpose.

The committee authorized Kathy to complete the final edits later this week and submit the report on their behalf.

The next meeting will likely be held in mid/late September.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Logue

*Approved October 24, 2022*