

Minutes
Capital Improvement Committee
October 16, 2023

Members Attending: Kathy Logue, Bruce Stone, Cindy Mitchell, Clark Rattet, Richard Andre and Richard Knabel

Absent: Matt Merry, Larry Schubert and Joe Tierney

The meeting opened at 4:34 pm.

The minutes of September 18, 2023 were approved by roll call vote unanimously, except that Richard Knabel had not yet joined the meeting.

Richard Andre, after verifying what our thresholds are, reporting that the library had nothing except the HVAC repairs already approved last spring. He noted from the Energy Committee that the library is the focus of the next application for a grant to help with a solar roof. Next after that is the Public Safety Building, but after a new roof. There are also issues with the exhaust systems in both fire stations. He will collaborate with Bruce and the Chief Pachico on determining plans for the Public Safety Building.

Cindy reported that it appears the Tri-Town Ambulance will be buying a new ambulance for Chilmark, but costs for that, as well as the WT share of debt for the new barn are not yet nailed down. She also thought the Mill Brook committee might be seeking further funding soon, but they have not applied for CPC funding in this annual cycle. These funds would be for further data collection and monitoring.

Bruce reported that the police will just have their usual vehicle cost toward buying a vehicle approximately every 18 months. The latest vehicle is expected to be delivered soon. We will have a better idea what next year's vehicle is likely to cost when we finish paying for the current one.

Richard Andre noted that if any more electric vehicles are purchased by the Town, particularly for public safety use, a Level 3 charger may be needed 3-4 years out, as they will not be able to wait hours for a recharge.

Richard Knabel reported that he has reached out to the Refuse District but not heard back thus far. Kathy will forward him Don Hatch's email. A question arose about the status of the already bonded funds for the expansion project, which does not appear to have progressed, except for the installation of a second scale.

Clark reported that the schools have not really started this part of their budget process yet, so he only knows about \$50,000 in shingling costs at the high school – in the regular budget – thus far.

Kathy reported that Kate Hoffman is exploring a new ACO vehicle. The current truck as purchased in 2017.

Cindy reported that the Select Board was in the process of reconstituting the governing board for the Up-Island Council on Aging, with three representatives from each town. The board is expected to be fully appointed within two weeks, and then their first two priorities will be updating the bylaws and going through at least a preliminary strategic planning process. Meanwhile, everything building-wise will be on hold.

Cindy left the meeting.

Kathy noted that she had, as promised at the prior meeting, submitted warrant article language to update the make-up of the committee at the fall special.

The next meeting after that was set for November 27th.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Logue

Approved November 13, 2023