

Minutes  
Capital Improvement Committee  
January 24, 2022

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

Absent: None

The meeting opened at 4:32 pm.

The minutes of December 20, 2021 meeting were approved by roll call vote with Matt Merry abstaining.

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

- Should be “Select Board” throughout
- Joe said Old Courthouse project is not yet done – he will get Kathy an update or the wording will be changed to ‘expected to be completed spring 2022’ or ‘nearing completion.’
- We could note that the contract for the Tiah’s Road culvert has been signed and work is expected to be done spring 2022.
- Kathy raised the question about future years out for the affordable housing committee and trust fund – if the \$350,000 requested is approved, they will have nearly \$1 million in the bank. She will inquire.
- Suggestion to move the proposed WT school major energy work under the energy committee paragraph as it is still in the early stage of planning now.
- Matt will follow up on the status of the complete streets grant for which \$125,000 in CPA matching funds were approved last year.
- Mill Brook – continuing its monitoring and data collection and may request funds in future to implement the management plan further.
- High school – needs updating to reflect the expensive project coming down the road and recent efforts to procure six town support in order to secure MSBA funding.
- Bruce noted that current debt funding drops off in 2028 and 2029 and so a target date of 2029 or 2030 for new major projects would be ideal. Kathy agreed that was the case, but pointed out that some short-term borrowing (fire truck, highway and police buildings) is also dropping off, and mostly sooner. She thought that while the 2030 target would be ideal, it was clear the Howes House project could not be delayed that long, and there are issues with waiting too long on energy related projects if we are to meet our renewal by 2040 goals.
- There was again a discussion about the inadvisability of doing a huge HVAC project at the high school and then possibly gutting or demolishing a lot of that building very soon thereafter.
- Move sheriff’s communication to recent achievements section.

- In response to a question about whether the other two towns might pay for design work on the Howes House, Kathy noted that for the TriTown Ambulance building, design costs were borne by Chilmark.

The committee also reviewed the draft chart as follows:

- A figure for the WT school energy work is unlikely in time – relegate to text only
- The same may be true for high school feasibility although a priority of 1 is entirely appropriate
- Adjust affordable housing future years if appropriate
- Howes House work was given a priority of 1 by consensus – actual figures to be available by the next meeting
- Update TriTown Ambulance with more current figures when received

The next meeting was confirmed for Monday February 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM via Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Logue

*Approved February 14, 2022*