

Minutes
Capital Improvement Committee meeting
October 18, 2010

Attending: Sue Hruby, Cynthia Mitchell, Leah Smith, Kristina West, Kathy Logue
Absent: Brian Athearn, Dick Mezger, Bruce Stone

The meeting opened at 4:35 pm.

The minutes of the September 20, 2010 meeting were approved as submitted.
Sue Hruby- Yes, Cynthia Mitchell - Yes, Leah Smith - Yes, Kristina West- Yes, Kathy Logue- Yes

- 1.) The committee members gave updates on the status of their Department assignments. Hard numbers will be needed by the next meeting in order to avoid having multiple meetings in December and January when we will be reviewing the final Capital plan.
- 2.) Kathy informed the committee that the State has changed the length of time the Towns are allowed to borrow money for certain projects. The new time frames seem to be tied to the useful life of an asset. This will allow any borrowing for roads to be spread out over a longer term of 15 years.
- 3.) Discussion was had over the state of the Elementary School windows. Kathy stated that the final cost to correct the problem may be well over \$250,000. The discussion turned to the status of the Town building maintenance plan. Cindy stated that she did not believe a timeline or a person to complete the work had been set yet.
- 4.) Discussion was had regarding the idea of two Town Meetings; one for financial/budget items in the spring and one for land use/zoning/special issues in the fall. Kristina reported that based on the last few years Town Meeting Warrants, removing the non financial articles from the spring meeting would reduce the warrant by 7-10 articles. The committee agreed that having Town meeting run until 10 pm or after is not beneficial for the taxpayers. By focusing the spring meeting on financial issues only it would give taxpayers more opportunity to discuss both kinds of articles. Kathy agreed to prepare a short presentation regarding the idea and the committee will bring it to the Board of Selectmen for consideration.

The meeting closed at 5:15.

Next meetings: November 15, December 13 or 20th, January 10.

Respectfully Submitted
Kristina West