

Minutes
Capital Improvement Committee
January 11, 2021

Attending: Kathy Logue, Bruce Stone, Clark Rattet, Cindy Mitchell, Michael Colaneri, Henry Geller and Richard Knabel; Joe Tierney attended briefly

Also Present: Kate Warner

The meeting opened at 4:35 pm.

The minutes of December 15, 2020 meeting were approved by roll call vote, with those who had been absent abstaining.

Kathy explained that she had asked Kate Warner, now Chair of the Energy Committee, to attend the first part of the meeting to give the Capital Improvements Committee an update on what they are contemplating, particularly as they have expressed an interest in working with us and the Selectmen to achieve their goals with smooth and predicted financial costs.

Kate said that they were not asking for money now, but want to work in coordination with us over the next year to develop a master plan to spread the work (and the costs) over time. Further, she noted that they are seeking grants and/or lease partners for the solar panel and battery storage projects themselves, but that the make-ready work needed first would be a cost to the Town. She explained that the West Tisbury School may be eligible for a FEMA grant for work on that portion of the building that is designated as a shelter (gym, cafeteria, and upper level wing). She noted that the Energy Committee meets second Tuesdays at 8:30 AM.

Kathy noted that because we do not normally meet between mid-February and September, but this initiative might require a meeting to check back with the Energy Committee during that time. All agreed that the plan was sensible, and did not see a problem with meeting in the interim if necessary. [Kate left the meeting.]

Cindy referred to the TriTown Ambulance building report she had forwarded for our review and noted that it is coming in at about twice the earlier projections. There is still not a firm timeline, which may be nailed down in their next couple of meetings. Cindy suggested that Kathy work with Ben Retmier to refine the details and timing.

Cindy also inquired whether – with the annual town meeting being delayed to mid-May – the other deadlines for reports, warrant articles, etc. will also be pushed back? Bruce and Kathy said that they had not heard anything to that effect to date.

The committee reviewed the draft report text and chart. Highlights include:

- Agreed that the new goal voted at the 2020 town meeting to reach all-renewable be both mentioned and incorporating it into our goals as well.
- Agreed that \$100,000 should be set aside for town facilities in the stabilization fund this year, which will no doubt be used on the Energy Committee make-ready work in the coming years.
- Full info still pending from both Tritown Ambulance and UIRSD

Kathy raised the question about \$100,000 vs. \$50,000 for the highway stabilization fund. Bruce said that we need a better idea on the scale of the facilities work ahead. He said we should recommend to the Selectmen that they submit the building article as we can only recommend and prioritize. He also argued that his preference would be to set aside more for buildings, and not change the highway amount.

Clark made the point that there should be a written plan/document that frames the long-term overview and estimated costs of the various building projects. All agreed. Joe had already left the meeting so was not able to comment on whether this was available or in the works.

The next meeting of the committee will be held on Tuesday February 2nd at 5:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Logue

Approved February 9, 2021