

Town of Brookfield
Facilities Planning Committee
9-10-2012

In attendance: Betsy McIlvaine, Bill Leverence, Ralph Tedesco, Carol Howe, Anita Barney, Tom Tibolla, Angelo Rodriguez

Mr. Leverence presented the Capital Plan to 2017; items will be added as they arise. The first 10 pages of the plan show costs, the last 10 pages are how projects will be funded. Library expense is shown (at least temporarily) in 2015. Funding includes \$1 million grant + \$8 million in bonding.

The committee moved into a review of the final report to be presented to the Board of Selectmen. Board of Education has created a committee to look at enrollment and other projections and considerations. Proposed changes include a consideration of moving the fifth grade from Whisconier to Huckleberry. Can all necessary upgrades/repairs be done in stages? The town is required to bring the entire building up to code once major renovations are started. Mr. Rodriguez thinks all parts should be done at the same time. By the time surveys and planning done, it will be three to five years before the town can begin breaking ground. All major projects (library, parks & rec facility, HHES) are projected to start in 2017. The town also needs \$10 million for the roads in next five years.

This committee was not charged with looking at normal project costs, just the major facilities. If this committee recommends a 2017 construction start, these projects would have to go to referendum in 2014, or no later than 2015.

This committee should come up with justification for each project:

Huckleberry – Mr. Rodriguez will talk to Mr. Colley about all changes for HHES and why each is needed, and estimated cost and timing of project.

Library – why do we need a new library? Need a plan and specific location.

Parks & Rec – Mr. DiPinto will explain why we need a field house and other recreation facilities.

The 2009 report suggests this committee should seek town-wide support for each project. Each project should be responsible for selling its importance to its own constituency. Each group is to send justification to Mrs. McIlvaine by 9/17.

Next meeting of this committee is scheduled for 9/20/2012.

Meeting notes submitted by
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