

Town of Harvard Capital Planning Investment Committee
Minutes of Meeting
February 11, 2011, 2:30 p.m.
Town Hall

Members Present: Cindy Russo, Keith Cheveralls, George McKenna, Debbie Ricci, Peter Warren, Lorraine Leonard

1. The Minutes of February 3 and February 5 were accepted as corrected.
2. Public comment: Ron Ostberg, from the Municipal Building Committee, reported that his committee had met that morning and decided to keep their original recommendation and had prepared a warrant article to that extent.
Discussion points included:
The MBC had listened to the Quad Board meeting, recommendation and 'consensus' vote, but had decided that their original recommendation was still the way to proceed at this time.
Ron noted that his comments at the Quad Board meeting, after the discussion and recommendation comments by the Selectmen, Finance Committee, Capital Committee, and School Committee were his personal comments at the time and did not represent the MBC as a whole. The decision to stay with the previous recommendation, without any changes, was the result of the MBC meeting earlier in the day.
The MBC was changing the schedule to move the request for funds for the next stage of the plan from a Special Town Meeting next fall to next year's Annual Town Meeting.
3. We reviewed our ratings for projects considered by the Municipal Buildings Committee. These were: Town Hall footprint without addition or site work (88 total points), Rehabilitation of Hildreth House to accommodate a COA center (50 total points) and, rehabilitation of the old library to accommodate a COA center (57 total points).
4. Cindy moved that we include \$2,262,000 for Phase 1 of the MBC's 3 phase scheme for Town Hall (renovation of Town Hall on existing footprint without site work) in the capital plan for 2013. Debbie seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0. Peter abstained.
5. Cindy moved that we include \$115,000 in the Capital Plan for 2012 to prepare schematics for a renovation of Town Hall on the existing footprint without additional site work, and \$70 for schematics for a COA center in the location chosen by town meeting. Schematics. Debbie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Keith moved that \$210,000 for architectural services relating to the renovation of Town Hall be moved in the Capital Plan to 2013, as requested by MBC. Peter seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.
7. Peter moved that 2.3 million be included in the capital plan in 2015 for a COA facility. Debbie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Lorraine will look into using State House Notes to finance the upgrades to the water system on Ayer Road.

9. Debbie presented funding plan for the 2012 Capital Plan. (See attached.) The funding plan includes \$340K for water lines, which had been planned over several years, so that this work can be financed by debt and construction can be done with the sewer project.

10. Peter moved that we adopt a funding plan for the schematic design of Town Hall and Hildreth House. Debbie seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Keith moved to reconsider. Peter seconded. The motion to reconsider passed unanimously. Keith moved that the funding source for the \$185,000 for schematic drawings should be excluded debt and that the funding plan be adopted with this amendment. Cindy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Debbie and Loraine will be meeting with the water commissioners to discuss capital improvements and a capital recovery plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45.