

Town of Harvard Capital Planning Investment Committee  
Minutes of Meeting  
August 17, 2011, 8:00 a.m.  
Town Hall

Members Present: Cindy Russo, George McKenna, Keith Cheveralls, Tim Bragan, Debbie Ricci, Peter Warren. David Kassel also participated.

1. Tim presented the handout he used when presenting the information regarding the sewer project situation to a meeting of the homeowners.
2. The possibility of limiting the betterment charge was discussed. It was noted that the sewer commissioners were not yet appointed and could not be legally bound to do that.
3. If the warrant article for the STM fails we would lose the SRF funding. DEP will direct us to fix the plant. Town will have the expense of fixing the plant at \$920K plus HES pumping station (bid of \$160K), will save the cost of police details which will not be needed, and could carry a smaller contingency (5% of the revised project), spend less in engineering project management. Estimated total cost to town would total \$1.4 to \$1.5 million. Tim will calculate cost of the at 4% interest.
4. The cost to the taxpayers of the STM article is 1.3 cents to the tax rate. \$6 to \$8 to the average tax bill.
5. Keith said BOS must tell us they will appoint responsible sewer commissioners.
6. Keith asked about penalties for not finishing on time. Tim doesn't know if there are liquidated damages in the bid documents. We do not know what are SRF consequences would be if we don't finish by June 30, 2012.
7. David asked if the designer could have any responsibility for overruns. Tim said overruns resulted from decisions of the DEP Central Regional Office. That office didn't have experience with the system that our engineer proposed. We were fighting history; Central Region was not comfortable with the proposed system's performance in other places and required a redesign.
8. We discussed ways to assure residents that betterment won't be increased.
9. Keith moved that CPIC support Article 1 for the Special Town Meeting Aug. 18. Vote was 4-0 in support. Peter Warren abstained.
10. Cindy was chosen as STM spokesman for CPIC.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

