

MINUTES
Capital Planning Committee
April 7, 2016 at Town Building

Present: Steve Jelinek, Chair, Ross Perry, Dave Arsenault, Jim Salvie

Mr. Jelinek called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. Recreation. Laura Greenough, Recreation Director, described the Recreation Department's request to the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) for more funds to complete the rehabilitation of the Pine Bluffs recreation area. CPC had originally requested \$242,000, which was approved by town meeting, but the bids came in too high and the project had to be scaled back. Specifically, the expansion of the playground was beyond scope. This request, for an additional \$39,500, is to finish what was originally planned.

In response to questioning, Ms. Greenough stated that "going back to the drawing board" was not an option because of the Board of Health's concern about the state of the bathrooms at Pine Bluff. Rec. had no choice but to forge ahead with as much of the project as could be accomplished, doing the highest priority things first. They kept CPC informed and involved.

The Committee thanked Ms. Greenough for her time and the information.

2. Lake Boon follow up. Mr. Perry met with Conray Wharf, chair of the Lake Boon Commission (LBC). Mr. Wharf reported that if he puts new ignition packs in the boat's motor it will continue to run so the LBC is withdrawing its request for a new motor. If the LBC needs a trailer, they will purchase one from their operating budget for between \$1200 and \$1600, so the LBC is withdrawing that request as well. Mr. Wharf also acknowledged some current uncertainty about the LBC's enforcement authority. He anticipates that the LBC will move no action on these two requests.

3. Highway dept. speed limit sign follow up. Mr. Arsenault spoke to Highway Superintendent Mike Clayton, who is supportive of buying two signs. Mike would prefer that they be more portable than the ones the police chief has in mind but he is ok with them. It is possible that they can be purchased for less than \$5,000 a piece, but we are comfortable with our recommendation since we recommended up to \$10,000.

4. Recommendations.

a. Minuteman Vocational Technical School District new high school. There was general consensus that the District has done what it can to keep these costs down, and that by building a smaller school than the one they have now, they are moving in the right direction. There is a lot of support in town for Minuteman, and Mr. Jelinek characterized them as a "destination voke," which to some extent justifies or explains their higher cost. Mr. Arsenault said the cost of the building, as well as their operating cost, is simply too high on a per pupil basis. A motion to recommend was made by Mr. Salvie, seconded by Mr. Perry, and Mr. Salvie, Mr. Perry and Mr. Jelinek voted in favor.

Mr. Arseault voted against. The motion passed 3 – 1. Mr. Jelinek will present the Committee’s recommendation at ATM.

b. Randall library. This matter was re-visited briefly, Mr. Arsenault concerned that the numbers are high and squishy, but that Mr. Martin the building inspector has promised to get three quotes. There was no motion.

Mr. Arsenault gave a report on the Pompo building project which appears to be on track for an August opening.

c. Recreation Department. Mr. Perry noted that Rec was “between a rock and a hard place” when the bids came in too high because of Board of Health concerns about the bathrooms. If the CPC is supportive there is no reason to stand in the way, the estimates were just too low, and Ms. Greenough may have to field some difficult questions but she seems prepared. A motion to recommend was made by Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Arsenault, and all voted in favor. Mr. Perry will present the Committee’s recommendation at ATM.

There being no further business, Mr. Perry moved to adjourn at 8:36 p.m, Mr. Arsenault seconded, and all voted in favor.

James Salvie, Clerk