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## Capital Budget Committee

Kenneth Glowacki, Chairman

Robert Varney, Secretary

Frank Aniello

Gary Bohan

Jonathan Calianos

Tina Cote

## Capital Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

October 27, 2010

Location: Fire Station

Present: Frank Aniello, Gary Bohan, Tina Cote, Ken Glowacki, Bob Varney  
Also, John Robertson-Library Committee, Dave Adams-Recreation Committee,  
Board of Assessors and their admin clerk, Bill Taylor-Open Space committee.

The meeting was called to order at 6:41 PM.

Discussion with John Robertson of the Library Committee regarding capital needs of the Upton Town Library. John reviewed the problems of the Library because of the cramped space and lack of access for the physically challenged. John went over the history of proposals made over the years to improve and expand the Library facilities. He estimated that a new facility would require 10,000 to 12,000 sq. ft. if funded solely by the Town and 18,000 sq ft. if we seek state funds. State funding will require additional functionality and space requirements. John left us with an Upton Town Library Space Plan of 9,311 sq. ft. which will only take us out five years. If we make the existing Library Handicap Accessible we would loose 50% of the space. The Library currently serves 25 patrons a week. John's short term concern is that if the Library is challenged because it doesn't meet the ADA requirements the Library could be forced to close.

Chairman Dave Adams of the Recreation Committee reviewed the capital needs of Recreation Department. CPA funds can be used to purchase and develop recreation fields but not for Operational expenses of the Recreation Department. An estimate of \$130,000 to develop Leland Field has been floated but Dave doesn't know where this figure originated. A decision as to what the field would be used hasn't been made, baseball, football, or lacrosse. There is currently \$23,000 and \$50,000 from CPA funds for drainage and \$15,000 for design costs. There is also \$67,000 from an arrangement with Pulte Homes to develop this field. The master plan calls for five or six other fields.

Chairman Charlie Marsden of the Assessors and Associate Assessors Glenn Fowler and Teresa Ambrosino and Assessors Clerk Tracy Tardy discussed the need to upgrade the Towns GIS

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system. This would cost \$100,000 to get the base built and then additional modules could be added for \$25,000 each if the Town felt the modules was necessary.

Bill Taylor of the Open Space Committee reviewed the recommended purchase by the OSC of Sweet William Farm on North Ave. The cost is \$1,275,000 with \$500,000 coming from a grant, \$75,000 from donations and \$715,000 from CPA funds. Both CPC and the OSC have recommended the purchase. Bill to provide the two appraisals to the CBC which will include the plan of the land.

The CBC had a short discussion regarding Sweet William Farm and decided to wait for the appraisals to have a comprehensive discussion. Another meeting will be scheduled with the Open Space Committee and the CPC.

A motion to accept the minutes of Sept. 8, 2010 was made by Mr. Varney and seconded by Ms. Cote, Mr. Glowacki requested a change be made to the discussion regarding the Town Hall renovation to add item "6. Entire Town Hall Renovation Project is on hold until the town receives input and approval from the Massachusetts Historical Committee. Minutes were accepted with the aforementioned change with Mr. Bohan abstaining.

Mr. Varney moved and Ms. Cote seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Varney  
Secretary to the Committee