



**Town of Wareham
Capital Planning Committee
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Committee Members:

Mark Andrews, Town Administrator
David Trudell, Finance Committee, co-chair
Charles Klueber, Planning Board
Alan Slavin, at large Member, co-chair
Mary Jane Driscoll, at large Member
James Giberti at large Member
Town Accountant
Cara Winslow, Selectman Liaison

Minutes meeting of 5-18-11

Members present: Charles Klueber, Mary Jane Driscoll, David Trudell, Alan Slavin

Guests: Jim Giberti (pending member), Frank Heath (citizen), Ellen Begley BoS member (not liaison)

Notice: Mary Jane had to leave meeting at 11:15 am. Dr. Rabinovitch arrived after meeting had started and committee moved to school bus issue.

Committee reviewed prior meeting minutes voted 4-0-0 to approve.

Discussion then commenced on school bus issue. School has confirmed the need for 20 77 passenger unit and 12 Sped units. Discussion then went to putting out an RFI in order to develop an RFP. Committee again looked at the Braintree setup as a template. Dr. Rabinovitch had announced that the Fin Com and Capital Planning had reached a consensus on how we would go forward. The only thing that was actually agreed To was that we needed 32 buses. David recommended we just cancel out buying the buses just bid it out for 3 Years in order to give the Town time to develop a proper feasible plan. Because Sept. 1st is right around the Corner the committee voted 4-0-0 to have a meeting with the TA, School Superintendant, and 1 member from Fin

Com and 1 member from Capital planning. The Committee felt this group could hammer out a solution which then could be brought forth to the BoS and the School Committee.

Next item was the Public Safety Complex. Makepeace has requested what the total acreage needed would be. Alan said he would ask Chief Stanley to provide the police dept. needs. BoS visitor Ellen Begley as why the we the Capital Planning Committee had not briefed the BoS? We actually had done that as David had briefed then Chair Jane Donahue and Chair Walter Cruz had visited one of the sites! We explained to Ms. Begley that we have proposed a public private partnership (per state guidelines) which could decrease the project costs by over 30%. Ms. Begley questioned the legality of this and also stated her husband was an electrical union member and therefore felt this was wrong. FYI, the committee's obligation is to deal with the TA. Both the TA and the BoS liaison would inform the BoS.

The EMS ambulances were next on the agenda. We have 2 of the 3 ambulances down and no funds put aside

for replacement. Alan expressed his concern that the Town Administrations have never had a proper replacement plan in place. The question now is what is the best long term solution? Do we outsource it? Do we have the Fire District take it over? David and Alan meet with the Prudential Committee from the WFD to discuss the issue. They said they had interest but would need information from the Town side (contracts, income, expenses). Charles pointed out if the Town runs it everyone benefits. The question of Onset came up and how they would be included. Alan said our 1st step would be the Fire Dept. then all parties. FYI – a subsequent letter did arrive from the Prudential Committee asking for the above information. The TA's response was not positive which was a surprise as the committee informed him of our path and had received his OK.

Alan then brought up the Onset Pier. He had concerns that the Harbormaster had some concerns over the infrastructure of said Pier. This would now have to be added to the Capital 5 year plan. Alan said that the Town had received state (\$2 mil. Plus) funds to rebuild the Pier back in 1987. The Town had certain restrictions placed on the Pier as to usage; also the Town was liable for all maintenance and repairs! Alan was concerned that the Town may not be eligible for additional funding due to not taking income derived from the Pier and putting it into a fund for future repair!

David spoke about the voke school request that Wareham pay \$30K a year for 10 years for window replacement.

We will need to add the Pier, school buses, windows and Bath House into the 5 year plan

Next meeting 6-9-11

Meeting adjourned 11:47 vote 3-0-0


Alan Slavin co-chair

David Trudell co-chair



