

Capital Improvements Program Committee  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
September 3, 2014

**Members & Staff Present:** Kathy Barnard, Stacie Jo Pope, Joyce Davis, Linda Murray, Bob Tougher, Jim Shildneck, Pete Chamberlin, Robert Houseman, David Owen

Kathy Barnard, Chairperson opened the meeting at 8:00 am.

**Approval of Minutes:**

correction under Fire & Rescue, 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph date should be “years 2015-2024”  
motion by Joyce Davis, seconded by Linda Murray to approve minutes as corrected  
All voted in favor; Jim Shildneck & Bob Tougher abstained.

**Workshop on CIP Development:**

Dave Owen reported that the Capital Reserve Account for Fire & Rescue that is already in place will cover Design & Engineering. A copy of the March 13, 2001 Warrant Article 10 was provided.

**Parks & Recreation Department:**

Ethan Hipple reviewed the Abenaki Ski Area Lodge. He reviewed the history, the current needs and current usage of the ski area.

The project has been reduced from last years submittal. The building size & estimate cost has been reduced.

Total project cost estimate is \$631,135  
The Friends of Abenaki to raise \$350,000  
Town Contribution would be \$281,135

Discussion on the Town Contribution to be bonded or not.

Bob Tougher asked about the elevator construction and where the price is for portion of project. Ethan clarified the elevator project and who is responsible for the construction.

Bob expressed his concern about the price and the timing of the project. He would like to see the project pushed out one year to give the Friends of Abenaki time to raise the funds.

Noted and discussed: if the warrant article passes that states the Friends are to raise the \$350,000 the project would not move forward until those funds are raised.

Bob asked about the request from the Budget Committee for information on the sprinkler system. Is a sprinkler system going to be installed and how much cost will this add? The budget committee has requested this information in writing. Ethan stated that he is working with Tom Zotti to determine if the system is needed. 10,000 sq ft triggers a mandatory system for commercial buildings – this building is currently at 5,842 sq ft. Estimated price increase would be \$20,000-\$30,000. The system would be able to hook into the existing

system with the rink & use the same pump.

The fire place was questioned as to price. Ethan stated that this work would be donated and not in the price quote.

Ethan reviewed that potential of the building for future uses as a four season building. The will increase revenues. He also stated that the current septic system has been reviewed, test pits were done. Contractor stated that the currence system appears to be in good working order.

Jim Shildneck stated that his concern with the cost and the amount of funding the Friends need to raise for this project.

Ethan will continue his projects at the next meeting.

**Electric Department:**

Barry Muccio discussed the project requests for his department.

No projects scheduled for year 2015.

2016 Sewall Road Conversion for \$800,000

The remaining projects are the same as last years with changes for cost estimates and scheduled year of completions. These projects are for systems improvements and some projects may be swapped in years depending on future load growths and conditions.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:50am

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacie Jo Pope