

CAPITAL FACILITIES PLANNING & BUDGETING COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 29, 2011, Tracy Hall - Multipurpose Room

Members Present: Ed Childs, Neil Fulton, Tom Gray, John Lawe, Evan Pierce, Barry Rotman, Tom Sterling

Members Absent: Bob White

Secretary: Nancy Kramer

Others: None

Tom Gray, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:02 am.

1. Review of Agenda. After minimal discussion the agenda was left as is.
2. Public Comments. None.
3. Discussion of Potential Agway Property Purchase. Fulton said he is using three filters: Zoning and Permitting, Functional Feasibility and Economic Feasibility.

Zoning and permitting - Dechert is looking at the first filter with a tentative date for a DRB public hearing and review of November 3rd.

Functional feasibility – will have minimal effect on the Police Department response time. Outside the 5 mile radius may have a 27% increase in insurance costs for approximately 77 homes. Fire response times may increase for some properties by 1.5 to 2 minutes.

Economic feasibility – Clem will invest in services to give the Selectboard a firm price by mid-January. The project needs to be fully vetted to get a firm price.

Pierce and Rotman both think that logistically and economically the project does not make sense.

The Committee discussed moving the Firehouse to the DPW site and using the existing Firehouse/Police site for affordable housing. Fulton would like to have community input before this project goes too much further and suggested a public forum. Pierce said that comments he has received from people reading the minutes suggest community support is not there. The Committee then discussed the DPW site plans and Fulton said he has not seen the needs analysis. Fulton's top three project priorities are: 1) communications, 2) DPW and 3) Fire/Police. The Committee discussed the Town Pool dam and Fulton said a 90%/10% match is possible. All the silt is out of the Pool. It was agreed a discussion of the public forum on Agway would be on next week's agenda. Once again, the Committee discussed how to get townspeople out for the forum. Gray suggested using a PowerPoint presentation for the Agway public forum. Gray suggested encouraging people to come to a meeting and speak during public comments or attend a public forum instead of complaining on the street or in private emails so that their concerns are part of the public record and can be understood and considered by the Committee.

4. Review of Reserve Funds. The Committee went over the Capital Budget Contribution five-year history Fulton prepared and had some discussion about the Town Reappraisal contributions.

5. Review Tentative Meeting Schedule. The Committee agreed to stay on the Thursday at 8:00 am weekly schedule for now.
6. Discussion of Agenda for Next Meeting. Bond rates and what will be done at Firehouse Lane will be two topics discussed.
7. Review Minutes. **Fulton moved (2nd Sterling) to adopt the September 15, 2011 and September 22, 2011 minutes. Motion passed.**
8. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:03 am.

Approved by the Committee October 6, 2011.

Nancy Kramer, Secretary

Tom Gray,
Chair

Future Meetings: Thursday, October 6, 2011, 8:00 am