

CAPITAL FACILITIES PLANNING & BUDGETING COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 6, 2011, Tracy Hall - Multipurpose Room

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

Members Absent: John Lawe, Tom Sterling, Bob White

Secretary: Nancy Kramer **Others:** Steve Flanders @ 9:08 am

Tom Gray, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:01 am.

1. Review of Agenda. After minimal discussion the agenda was left as is.
2. Public Comments. None.
3. Discussion of Possible Agway Property Purchase and Public Forum. Rotman expressed concerns regarding moving forward with this process without fully vetting improving current facilities. **Rotman moved (2nd Pierce) that the Committee slow down the Agway process and do an analysis of existing facilities.** Motion was later withdrawn. The Committee discussed that schematic designs for improving existing Fire/Police facilities on Firehouse Lane have not been done and that potential costs for that work are just estimates. Fulton has been working on bond costs for Agway because of the need to develop information quickly if the question of the Agway purchase were to be put before the voters at the March, 2012 Town Meeting. The Committee agreed that a detailed comparison of the two options is important and necessary. Affordable housing and the Committee history were briefly discussed. After some further discussion regarding the poor economy and also resulting very low bond rates for municipalities, Fulton agreed to “flesh out” needs analysis spreadsheets for Fire/Police and do a sensitivity analysis. The proposed timeline for relocation of Police and Fire facilities to the Agway property (198 Church Street) was discussed. A question was raised as to the Committee’s role with respect to the Selectboard. It was agreed that the Committee would make a recommendation to the Selectboard, but that it is ultimately a Selectboard decision whether to go forward with the project. Fulton does not know whether the project is economically or functionally feasible. Pierce indicated that the current tax rate for the schools may be going up, as Dresden has asked for an increase.
4. Continue Review of Reserve Funds. The Committee reviewed an updated Public Works Buildings and Grounds Equipment Replacement Schedule and briefly talked about the Fire Department vehicle fund deficits. The Town Pool fund was then discussed. Fulton said it is reasonable to expect a 90 percent reimbursement from FEMA. The plan now is to rebuild the pool. Fulton will work on specific numbers for the Committee. It was also mentioned that there will probably be an article on the March Town Meeting warning to cover the Town’s 10% share of costs from Irene.
5. Review Tentative Meeting Schedule. 6. Discussion of Agenda for Next Meeting.
It was agreed that the Committee would meet at 8:00 am October 13th with pretty much the same agenda. Rotman requested a copy of the PowerPoint presentation that Fire Chief Steve Leinoff had done for the August 25th meeting to sketch out how police and fire facilities on Firehouse Lane could be modified to meet the two departments’ needs.

7. Review Minutes. **Pierce moved (2nd Fulton) to adopt the September 29, 2011 minutes. Motion passed.**

8. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:11 am.

Approved by the Committee October 13, 2011.

Nancy Kramer, Secretary

Tom Gray,
Chair

Future Meetings: Thursday, October 13, 2011, 8:00 am