

TOWN OF HARVARD

CAPITAL PLANNING & INVESTMENT COMMITTEE (CPIC)

Minutes of April 11, 2016 Meeting in Hapgood Room in the Old Library

Present: Heidi Frank, Teresa Jardon, SusanMary Redinger, Debbie Ricci, Ken Swanton, Lorraine Leonard

The meeting was called to order at 8:29 AM

The minutes of the Feb 22 meeting were amended and approved unanimously, moved by SusanMary and seconded by Teresa. The minutes of the Mar 21 meeting were amended and approved unanimously, moved by SusanMary and seconded by Teresa. The minutes of the Apr 5 meeting were amended and approved unanimously, moved by SusanMary and seconded by Heidi.

Public commentary: none

CPIC reviewed and edited the letters to be sent to each group that submitted a capital proposal this year. The edits included making sure each letter describes what happened at town meeting and the project's sunset date. Each letter writer will make final changes, Lorraine will proofread them, and they will then be sent.

CPIC discussed the recent town meeting in which Article 22 failed. Article 22 was to move \$295,599 of free cash to the Capital Stabilization and Investment Fund. It failed because many people wanted to keep it in free cash to fund a potential cost overrun on the Hildreth House Accessibility project. Debbie showed draft a letter that she had written to send to the Board of Selectmen regarding this vote, and their role in the process. CPIC discussed the draft, made some edits, and voted unanimously to have Debbie send it the next day, moved by SusanMary, seconded by Heidi. CPIC members also intend to attend the Selectmen meeting the next day to make comments during public commentary.

CPIC discussed the late breaking news earlier that morning at the Town Hall and Hildreth House Construction Committee which all CPIC members had attended. The news was that new cost estimates now show the Hildreth House project to be under budget rather than over budget. Final cost estimates are not expected to be known until late May when bids are expected to be received. If no added funding turns out to be needed for Hildreth House, then Lorraine suggested that no June special town meeting should be held. She said it costs money to run a town meeting, and the \$295k can remain in free cash, and Town Meeting can move it to the Capital Stabilization and Investment Fund next year.

CPIC decided that our next meeting will be on Monday morning June 6.

Adjourned at 9:53 AM

Submitted by Ken Swanton