Capital Program Committee Meeting
Town Hall, Town Administrator’s Office
Wednesday, October 9, 2019

Committee members attending:
Chairman Bill Vrooman, Bo Fehl, Greg Thornton, Maura McGroarty, Ewell Hopkins, John Newsom

Others in attendance:
Robert Whitenour, Gail Barmakian, Jim Monteith, Deborah Potter, Elizabeth Durkee

Meeting called to order at 3:01pm.

New Business:
The committee reviewed two articles that will be reviewed at the November Special Town Meeting.

Wastewater Commission Article Request
Ms. Barmakian explained that the plant is at the end of its 20 year life capacity. It is currently at capacity in some departments, near in some, and over in others. They are beginning to turn away people that want to increase flow. By state regulation, Oak Bluffs is required to do a Wastewater Management Plan, which is underway and includes engineering, planning and installation. This $600,000 request is to get the funding now to allow for a little more treatment capacity for existing users. There was a discussion on how this would be funded, which will most likely be a combination of Betterment fees and property taxes.

Mr. Thornton motioned to recommend Article 3 to the Finance Committee, seconded by Mr. Hopkins. Vote was five in favor, Ms. McGroarty abstained.

North Bluff Article Request
This project is for Beach Nourishment II (Phase I was completed at Inkwell and Pay Beaches) which includes the area between the steamship dock and the harbor. The idea is to extend the beach 50 feet beyond the meanlow water mark, which will protect the seawall, add recreational value to the beach, and the dredging of Sengekontacket will improve the flushing in the pond. The town has been working on getting the permitting for five years, and within the last month the permitting is now in place. Oak Bluffs is now eligible for the municipal vulnerability action grant program, and has been awarded a grant of $2 million for the North Bluff beach nourishment. If this project is not completed by the end of FY20, the town will lose the grant. The request at STM is for the local match of $689,770.

Mr. Fehl motioned to recommend Article 2 to the Finance Committee, seconded by Mr. Newsom. Vote was five in favor, Ms. McGroarty abstained.

Other Business:
REVIEW MINUTES
The committee reviewed the minutes from May 16, 2019.

Mr. Newsom motioned to accept the minutes from May 16, 2019, seconded by Mr. Thornton.

Vote was four in favor. Mr. Fehl and Mr. Hopkins abstained.
Mr. Hopkins motioned to Adjourn, seconded by Mr. Fehl. All in favor. 
Meeting adjourned at 3:53pm 

Respectfully submitted by Carrie Blair, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen