Capital Program Committee Meeting
Oak Bluffs Library – Lower Conference Room
November 4, 2019

Committee members attending:
Chairman Bill Vrooman, Bo Fehl, Greg Thornton, Maura McGroarty

Committee members absent:
Ewell Hopkins, John Newsom

Others in attendance:
Robert Whritenour, Deborah Potter, Elizabeth Durkee

Meeting called to order at 3:05 pm.

Approval of Minutes (10/9/19)
Ms. McGroarty motioned to accept the minutes from October 9, 2019, seconded by Mr. Fehl. All in favor. Vote was unanimous.

Review of Capital Program Submissions

Conservation
There are not any requests for FY21. The department does have one for FY22 which includes cleaning up the lower level of the Sailing Camp in efforts to turn it into a year round meeting room for the community.

Natural Resources
The department has two requests for FY21:
1. East Chop Bluff with a goal to reopen East Chop Drive. The town will apply for grants first, both state and federal. NEMA is currently analyzing the pre-application. If the town is denied the $10 million grant, this project will get pushed to FY22.
2. Groin rehab/nourishment. The town has already received permitting and a grant, which specifies that the project must be completed in FY20. The goal is to get a match at the Special Town Meeting.

There was a discussion on future projects including drainage on Pay and Inkwell Beaches, and the Rehabilitation of the Seaview seawall.

Selectmen Capital Requests
The department has three capital requests for FY21:
1. Town Hall: A feasibility study was just completed by ICON Architecture on renovating the building. It seems that this will cost roughly what it would have to build a new building. This will have to go to Annual Town Meeting.
2. Downtown Streetscape: including replacing the sidewalks on Circuit Ave, Healy Square improvements, and parking enhancements. The town has applied for grants, but they are not likely. Detailed plans are available in the Selectmen’s office.
3. Park & Ride: at County Road / Pennsylvania Ave to help with the overflow of downtown parking, create 50-100 parking spaces, and shuttle people to downtown.
Other Business
The committee agreed to use the same numbering system as last year to rank the capital submissions.
1 - Necessary
2 - Desirable
3 - Push it back if we can

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 18, 2019 at 3pm at the Library downstairs meeting room.

Meeting adjourned at 3:57pm.

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