

Capital Committee

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CAPITAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES December 20, 2022, 10:30 AM MEETING ROOM B

Present: Bruce Glowac

Tracey Celentano Kelly Sterner

Ryan Welch, Public Works Director John Guszkowski, Town Planner Bob Doane, Town Engineer

Bruce Glowac called the meeting to order at 10:37 a.m.

Kelly Sterner made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Tracey Celentano. Motion passed.

Kelly Sterner made a motion to approve the minutes of December 13th, seconded by Tracey Celentano. Motion passed.

Old Business:

a. River Road Sidewalk/Bridge Project

There was general discussion about the bridge and the replacement options, and whether to build a pedestrian bridge parallel to the bridge or to build a bridge which includes the sidewalk. Mr. Welch stated that the sidewalk could be started in the spring of 2023, finishing in the summer/fall 2023. The Town was not awarded the State and Local Bridge grant but John Guszkowski suggested that we try again for the grant in March or April 2023. It was determined that there is no urgency in replacing the bridge so we can move forward with a pedestrian bridge and the sidewalk.

Bob Doane reviewed the plans for the pedestrian bridge. There was general discussion regarding the width of the new sidewalk, the material of the guard rails, and spacing of the sidewalk in relation to the road. There was discussion of keeping the sidewalk width at 5 feet.

Bruce Glowac stated that the sidewalk should look more like a walking path. Mr. Glowac requested that the plans be finalized, and the Town go out to bid asap. The





Town received a Community Connectivity Grant totaling \$595,611 for the sidewalks. The deadline to complete the sidewalks and utilize these funds is Feb 3, 2025.

Mr. Glowac made a motion to recommend the construction of the sidewalk and the pedestrian bridge on River Rd to the Board of Selectmen. Kelly Sterner seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Kelly Sterner stated that she spoke to Lisa Fasulo about capital projects for the Emergency Operations Center and Ms. Fasulo concluded that there was nothing needed at this time.

The committee determined that the next meeting should be with Andrew Harrington, Building Superintendent to review additional potential infrastructure projects. Wilbur Armstead, Landfill Supervisor will also be consulted regarding Transfer Station projects and invited to attend the next meeting.

The date for the next Capital Committee meeting is January 17, 2023, at 10:30 a.m.

Kelly Sterner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:37 a.m. seconded by Tracey Celentano. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Alyson Finnegan



