

Town of Andover CIP Committee
Special Meeting
Monday, March 14, 2016
176 Hebron Road

Minutes

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Quorum was achieved at 7:20 p.m. No motions were made until we had a quorum.

CIP Committee Members Present: Dan Warren, Fred Oliver, Eric Shevchenko, Shannon Louden, Wendy Kopp

Additional Attendees: Bill Penn, Ken Romeo, Jeff Murray, Kevin Regan, Carrie Crompton, Kopp

2. Appointments to the CIP Trails Advisory Subcommittee:

Jeff Murray
Carrie Crompton
Eric Kopp
Bill Penn

Above-listed members appointed by unanimous consent.

The subcommittee will make recommendations to the CIP Committee about how the Town could improve access to the rail trail and improve the trail itself. This subcommittee will revisit the issue of the purchase of 12 Center Street. Discussion about Town hosting a 10K race on the Andover section of the trail, to benefit the Andover Food Pantry (or other worthy cause).

Appointments to the CIP Building Advisory Subcommittee:

Ken Romeo
Kevin Reagan

Above-listed members appointed by unanimous consent.

The subcommittee will make recommendations to the CIP Committee about maintenance and improvement of the seven existing town-owned structures and Transfer Station, and make sure that building projects are administered professionally.

School
Town Office Building
Fire Dept. Building
Library
Senior Center
Town Garage
Old Town Hall (Historical Society Museum)

Of these, the Senior Center and the Town Garage are the highest priorities. We lack a Community Center. Discussion about the desirability of building a new Senior Center that could also serve as a Community Center.

The present Senior Center cannot be significantly enlarged, because of the limited leaching field on its lot. If the town could acquire land across the street—either 12 Center Street or 14 Center Street or, ideally, both— it would be possible to create not only a new Senior Center/Community

Center, but also improved access to the rail trail, significant steps toward implementing the 2016 POCD for the town.

- Dan will send out press releases announcing the CIP Building Subcommittee and the Trails Subcommittee.

3. Capital Improvement Plan

Dan shared a narrative and draft of a 10-year budget for CIP.

The Board of Finance will meet with the Board of Selectmen next week. Dan will present the narrative and 10-year budget with amendments from the committee.

It is clear that there are grants and loans available for rural development through the state and federal government for projects, but we need an approved plan to even begin applying for them.

The town has 15 bank accounts with, with money not properly allocated to specific purposes; overall, there is a significant unassigned cash balance.

The meeting agreed that it would be desirable to have a strategic building plan for **next year's** budgeting cycle by August 1.

4. Town Forum. There will be a public hearing on the 2016-17 town budget on April 20, 2016

5. Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carrie Crompton
March 16, 2016