

Minutes for the Newbury Capital Planning Committee, 21 July 2022

The CPC meeting was called to order at 7:00am by Marshall Jespersen, chair.

Members present were Tom Howard, Stuart Meurer, Marshall Jespersen, chair and Tracy Blais,

The notice and Covid open meeting statement were read by Marshall Jespersen, chair.

Submission of the minutes from the last meeting was postponed until our next meeting.

Tracy informed us that the Mass School Building Authority (MSBA) will be tapped for funding to build or rebuild or renovate the High School and Middle School as needed. We will work together to get the funding for Newbury Elementary.

There is a building envelope and roof report for TRITON which we have yet to see.

The committee has reviewed the Capital Improvement Plan covering the time period from FY 2023 to FY 2028.

The members of the CPC found several errors and omissions in the plan and they were all brought to the attention of our Town Administrator who noted the changes and will have the corrections made to the document. In addition the CPC made the following recommendations which were not included in the draft document.

For any new build or refurbishment of any of the Town buildings the CPC recommends that the building include, if feasible, solar panels.

We also recommend that for new builds and refurbishments the buildings be made both as sustainable and energy efficient as possible.

The committee also recommended that the costs for several items that are the same over multiple years show and increase in price due to a best guess of inflation.

The committee recommended that fiber optics be used to connect the various town facilities. Also that we have "tight" quotes for the material or projects going forward.

The committee agreed that we will need to present the document to the Select Board when the corrections are made.

There being no other business before the board a motion was made and accepted to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52am.