

CIAC - Capital Improvement Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2018
7:30 PM –9:20PM
DPW Building Meeting Room

Present: Tom Travers, Michael Cooper, Jamie Gossels, Susan Asbedian-Ciaffi, Matt Dallas, Joe Scanga

Also Present: William Barletta (Sudbury Facilities), Lisa Gutch (Finance Committee Liaison), Len Simon (Board of Selectmen)

Absent: Sue Abrams

Jamie Gossels (Chair), following acknowledgement of a quorum, called the meeting to order at 7:05PM.

Item 1

Approve minutes

• A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2018 meeting as presented.

Aye: Jamie Gossels, Joe Scanga, Susan Asbedian Ciaffi, Tom Travers, Michael Cooper.

Item 2:

Presentation by Selectman Len Simon on Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (article 7)

This will be the last ask for funding for design of the BFRT. If the funding is approved, construction is slated to begin in 2022. The final design is to be funded by free cash. The BFRT is supported by the CPC, Park and Recreation Commission.

Motion made to support citizen's petition for design funds for Bruce Freeman Rail Trail was unanimously supported by the CIAC.

Item 3:

Discussion on Design Funds for Fairbank Community Center

Melissa Rodrigues and Dennis Keohane presented 3 potential scenarios of operational costs of a new community center to the Board of Selectman. The CIAC received a copy of the presentation in memo form.

After discussion among the committee members, a motion was made to support the community center request for design funds as outlined in the warrant. The CIAC unanimously opposed this motion.

Why the CIAC does not support the Fairbank Community Center proposal: "The committee feels the Fairbank Community Center project should have a maximum budget limit and the amenities and programs offered should fall within that range. It is too expensive an ask for a disorganized proposal."

Item 4:

Televising meetings

There was discussion regarding the televising of CIAC meetings, reviewing the discussion from the previous meeting. The CIAC determined that: the primary reason to televise the meetings is to provide transparency and easier access to information to the residents of the town; the primary reason against televising is to keep discussions private so as not to embarrass others and to be able to honestly discuss issues.

A motion was made to televise the meetings with the results being 2 in favor, 3 opposed, 1 abstention. The motion to televise CIAC meetings fails.

Next meeting set for October 10 at 7:15pm at the DPW.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20PM.
Respectfully submitted,
Susan Asbedian-Ciaffi, committee member