



Town of Nantucket
Joint Meeting
(Select Board, Finance Committee, Capital Program Committee)
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MINUTES

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

This meeting was held via remote participation using ZOOM and YouTube.

CapCom called to order at 2:02 p.m. by Mr. Welch.

FinCom called to order at 2:04 p.m. by Ms. Kronau.

Select Board called to order at 2:08 p.m. by Mr. Bridges.

Staff: Libby Gibson, Town Manager; Rick Sears, Deputy Finance Director; Mariya Basheva, Financial Analyst; Terry Norton, Town Minutes Taker;

CapCom Members: Stephen Welch (Chair), Jill Vieth (Vice chair), Richard Hussey (Secretary), Jason Bridges, Pete Kaizer, Christy Kickham

FinCom Members: Denice Kronau (Chair), Stephen Maury (Vice-chair), Joanna Roche, Peter Schaeffer, Chris Glowacki, Jill Vieth, George Harrington

Select Board: Jason Bridges (Chair), Matt Fee, Melissa Murphy

Absent Members: Kristie Ferrantella, Joseph T. Grause Jr., Peter McEachern, Kristie Ferrantella (Vice Chair), Dawn Hill Holdgate

Documents used: PowerPoint and PDF.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

II. CAPITAL REQUESTS FOR FY2023 UPDATE

Discussion **Gibson** – This is a review by CapCom on their process.

Welch – Our goal today is to create clarity early in the recommendation cycle. The final report will include funding sources. We will also review Select Board and Citizen Article capital requests. There are 74 requests totaling slightly more than \$96m.

Kronau – Asked if there is any request CapCom spent more time on and why.

Welch – No, we haven't gotten any new requests for which we would need information.

Fee – Coastal Resiliency Advisory Committee (CRAC) has met; there MVP grants, which give 25%, CRAC will be working on.

Welch – We are looking at soft costs for any Parks & Rec project, which aligns with Coastal Resiliency (CR).

Roche – Members of CRAC understand that the Sediment Transport Study is part of the Natural Resources requests; however, it is also supposed to be accompanied by a budget study. Asked if that study is included in this year's request; and asked if CapCom is looking at projects through the lens of Coastal Resiliency.

Welch – We rely on the department heads to provide that information. Given the number of requests, it's impossible to know every level of each request. Regarding integrating Coastal Resiliency into each request, CapCom anticipates that to have been considered by Department Heads. He doesn't recall if the budget for sand was considered.

Sears – Part of the Sediment Transport and Dredge Plan is to develop a sand budget.

Kickham – That's an answer we can still get to everyone. Coastal Resiliency has just come into the light for CapCom; as we delve into that document more, many of our decisions will follow those guidelines.

Vieth – One criterion we look at is if a request is part of the strategic plan; that carries a lot of weight.

Roche – Any future spending we do in could impact the Town’s Coastal Resiliency.

Schaeffer – Asked if there are grants for some of these projects.

Welch – There are State and Federal programs, many of which revolve around having a set plan. We need to focus on submitting for grants which we have a good chance of getting. CapCom will have a lot of deliberation when we start talking about which projects to push forward; it’s at that time we might get more information on funding sources.

Fee – The sooner we apply for grants, the better; noted that the MVP grant application is due in Spring. Asked CapCom to keep an open mind when reviewing Coastal Resiliency projects. Coastal Resiliency will be a huge issue in our future; we have to stay on it and though these projects will cost money, they need to be elevated in priority.

Vieth – Asked how the CapCom evaluations and recommendations will tie in with Coastal Resiliency.

Welch – Like PFAS, this is an expensive area; unlike PFAS, it is very broad. It will be helpful for CapCom to have a better understanding of dollars and priorities related to Coastal Resiliency.

Kronau – Asked if there’s an opportunity to do a flow chart regarding projects and whether or not they are related to Coastal Resiliency.

Welch – There are various categories like legal mandate or life and safety; we might need to create a checkbox for Coastal Resiliency.

Mary Longacre, Chair CRAC – Environmental Leadership is a strategic goal for the Select Board. We created a statement for the Select Board to endorse that the Town should consider the impact of rising sea-levels. Environmental sustainability impacts how much we spend on Coastal Resiliency: i.e. using electric vehicles.

Welch – We still have work ahead such as the Department of Public Works and then getting an Up-Down list to FinCom and Select Board.

Roche – Regarding the overall capital requests, asked if there is format or report we can see about the status of projects funded last year as well as projects to be funded this year. She’s concerned about projects that don’t get started and the likelihood of a project getting voted and started this year.

Gibson – Previously approved projects are in various stages.

Bridges – CapCom does not recommended projects if it’s apparent they won’t get started in the fiscal year.

Fee – There are also accounts set up for phased projects.

Welch – We have a meeting where we review the status of past Capital projects.

Kronau – Communication among these boards has gotten better and the database is very helpful.

III. ADJOURN JOINT SESSION

1. FinCom:

Motion **Motion to adjourn at 2:40 pm.** (made by: Roche) (seconded)

Roll-call vote Carried 7-0//Harrington, Maury, Vieth, Roche, Glowacki, Schaeffer, and Kronau-aye

2. Select Board:

Motion **Motion to adjourn at 2:40 pm.** (made by: Murphy) (seconded)

Roll-call vote Carried 3-0//Murphy, Fee, and Bridges-aye

3. CapCom:

Motion **Motion to ratify the opening of the meeting and to adjourn at 2:40 pm.** (made by: Harris) (seconded)

Roll-call vote Carried 6-0//Schaeffer, Bridges, Kickham, Kaizer, Vieth, and Welch-aye

Submitted by:

Joint Meeting Minutes for November 16, 2021
Adopted by CapCom, Jan. 4, 2022
Adopted by FinCom, Jan. 20, 2022

Terry L. Norton