

Capital Budget Meeting
March 18, 2009
Selectman's Meeting Room

Attendees: David Melville, Chair; Peter Mitchell, Secretary; Dickson Smith, Member-at-Large; Joe Melican, Selectman; Sharon Grant, Long Range Planning; and Jim Dawley and David Stapleton from the Warrant Committee.

The meeting began at 7:30 am.

a. Review of Dover Community Center

David Ramsay, Town Administrator and Ford Spaulding, form the Dover Community Center Building Committee joined us to discuss the most recent proposal. Over the last several years the Selectmen have asked the Town for funds to seal or maintain the current building while the Town decides the building's future use. After working with architect, Mills Whitaker, they have determined that exterior masonry repairs, steel reinforcement of the hip rafters, exterior wall repairs and masonry work around the chimney and ventilation stacks are required to continue to maintain the building pending a decision by the Town. The estimated cost of these projects is \$450,000. From prior requests they have \$200,000 set aside for these projects and are looking for an additional \$250,000 to fund this set of repairs. They are expecting formal bids to be received by the end of April in time for Town Meeting.

The study also identifies a number of other repairs or renovations needed if the Town decides to renovate the building which is not part of this request. Without a clear mandate from the Town it is difficult to commit additional funding, but we also recognize the need to maintain the asset allowing the Town the option to decide its future use, if any. Additionally, it would be encouraging to hear support from potential tenants or organizations about their long term space needs and desire to use this town asset.

The Capital budget Committee voted 7-0 to defer the vote on until the formal bids have been received.

b. Radio Tower

The request for an additional \$70,000 to replace the radio was revisited. After much discussion, the Board would prefer to hear the advice of a profession structural engineer on the life expectancy of the existing tower before we approve additional funding. A 3-3 vote was taken as there is uncertainty of the condition of the existing tower.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Mitchell, Secretary