

Capital Improvements Committee Meeting Minutes
Montague Town Hall, Downstairs Conference Room
One Avenue A, Turners Falls MA
January 22nd, 2020

Attendees: Capital Improvements Committee members Greg Garrison, Steve Ellis, Josh Lively
Energy Committee member Ariel Elan. Town Planner Walter Ramsey.

I. Approve meeting minutes of January 15, 2020.

Minutes not available at this time.

II. Discuss recommendations regarding CDBG funded Avenue Streetscape project.

Mr. Ramsey joined the CIC and reviewed the Streetscape plan for the planters in front of the Shea Theater and Colle Opera House. Both the original design plan and an updated option plan which offer lower costs were discussed. The updated option would include granite walling 12” wide with a 6” reveal. Mr. Ramsey recommends that one planter be removed for each block.

Mr. Garrison moves to that 12” granite curbing with 6” reveal for the restoration of the planters in front of the Shea Theater. Mr. Ellis seconds. Passes 3-0.

The CIC has no comment relative to the location or sizing of the planters or planters on other blocks.

III. Discussion of special article requests and outstanding questions.

Mr. Garrison gave an update following his meeting with the WPCF superintendent.

-Primary Sludge Pump Replacement

The request is for \$35,000 with \$15,439 coming from old special article money.

Mr. Ellis moves to recommend \$40,000 for the Replacement of Primary Sludge Pump Replacement with \$15,439 to come from existing article 19 of Special Town Meeting, 5/7/16. Mr. Garrison seconds. Passes 3-0.

-Septage system upgrade. This upgrade would help screen out junk from the system and keep it away from the headworks and protect from grit and debris, allowing for a smoother process and more seepage intake. A higher seepage intake allows for a smoother more efficient process. It is understood that there is no real “payback: associated with this project. The cost is based on a 2016 estimate.

-Montague Center Pump Station Upgrade. Generally agreed upon to be a vey important project but without a complete scope and accompanying cost estimate.

-Fine Bubble Diffuser. This request would leverage existing grant funds that must be spent by the end of the fiscal year. The CIC believes this article will be the #1 request at the Annual Town Meeting.

-Replace main influent line to reduce CSO overflow events. The WPCF is currently working with an engineering firm to determine the costs associated with this large infrastructure project as well as possible alternatives.

A brief summary of the WPCF special article requests was made.

IV. Adjournment

Mr. Garrison moves to adjourn. Mr. Ellis seconds. Passes 3-0