

**Town of Hopkinton  
Capital Improvements Committee  
Meeting Notes  
April 4, 2005**

Present: Committee members: Ken Allor, Mike Duffy, Dana Philbrook,  
and Dave Catone

Eric Sonnett, Ron Clark, Mary Pratt, Eric Carty, JT Gaucher, John  
Coolidge

Kevin Doremus (student), Erik Kloppenburg (student)

- 1) Minutes from March 21st were approved as written.
- 2) Eric Sonnett and Ron Clark from the Board of Selectmen and JT Gaucher and Eric Carty from the DPW presented the Articles for Town Meeting that had not yet been reviewed by the Committee.

The committee supports the DPW related articles. One of these articles is for the removal of a culvert at Fruit St. If this comes before town meeting the committee supports it but it may be dismissed if the Conservation Committee agrees to extend the culvert removal order beyond the next fiscal year.

Eric Carty is going to confirm the amounts for Mains and Storage Tank Appropriations and get back to the Committee with final amounts.

The first right of refusal on a Weston Nurseries purchase was discussed. A specific amount is not set yet so the Committee did not discuss in terms of support or opposition to this Article. It seems very unlikely that a Article to purchase this land will come before Town Meeting this May. If it does the Committee will need to review beforehand.

The Article to purchase the Maspencock Dam was discussed. The committee has deferred a decision of support or opposition for this Article given the unknowns around the current state of the dam (seismic test is required by the state and has not yet been done).

- 3) John Coolidge presented the proposal to have the town acquire land adjacent to Reed Park. The Committee initiated discussion on this but further discussion is needed. We will discuss at the April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- 4) Committee discussed and can support the School Articles and the proposed debt structuring approach (Plan E).

- 5) Ken Allor has agreed to continue to represent the Committee on the Facilities Board but we will revisit this when we have a full Committee. Ken has been on the Board since its inception and it may be appropriate to rotate this responsibility.

Next meeting will be on April 25<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm at the Town Hall 1st floor Conference Room. Topics: Review capital schedules in detail in preparation for Town Meeting starting May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Discuss Reed Park adjacent land purchase article.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael W. Duffy, Chairman