

MONTAGUE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 30, 2023 3:45 PM

Meeting Held at Carnegie Library 201 Avenue A Turners Falls, MA

In Attendance:

CIC Members: Gregory Garrison (GG), Chris Menegoni (CM), Lynn Reynolds (LR), Ariel Elan (AE)

Town Staff: Water Ramsey (WR)- Assistant Town Admin, Caitlin Kelley- Library Director (CK)

Also present: Will Quale- Library Trustee

Meeting called to order 3:45PM, GG Presiding

1. Review of Library Capital Article Request

1. Main Branch Feasibility Study- \$150,000

This funding request is only applicable if the town is accepted into the Mass Public Library Building Program. Caitlin to confirm that Program will cover ½ the study costs. CIC encouraged the libraries to explore whether relocating Carnegie can be a feasible option. Per the program, only two sites can be considered and one of them must be to expand on the existing site. It is possible that the state could rule that out. Caitlin thinks the town has a good chance of being accepted into the program. We will not know if accepted until after the town meeting vote. The Programming study is wrapping up with public info session coming up in mid-December.

2. Status of currently funded capital projects

Carnegie Basement Renovations- Has been slow to start, but expect it to be bid this winter. Everyone agreed that the project still makes sense despite the MBLC application.

Montague Center masonry/roof/windows- Masonry complete, roof repair under contract. Work to start in December. Windows to be spec'd this winter with support from Chris Sawyer Laucanno.

Millers Falls rear windows and doors- Specs are complete and the project is ready to be bid.

3. The CIC toured the Carnegie Library with Director Kelley

MOTION to close the meeting at 4:45PM

AE Moved, LR Seconded. APPROVED by Unanimous roll call Vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Walter Ramsey