



## Town of Oak Bluffs Capital Program Committee

William Vrooman, Chair, Moderator appointee  
Dion Alley, Vice Chair, Finance Committee appointee  
Barbara Alleyne, Select Board appointee  
Mark Crossland, Planning Board appointee  
Cameron Naron, Select Board appointee  
Paul Schulz, Select Board appointee  
Deborah Potter, Town Administrator, ex officio  
Carrie Blair, Acting Accountant, ex officio

### **Capital Program Committee Meeting – Minutes**

October 27, 2022 at 2pm

Committee Members in Attendance: William Vrooman, Dion Alley, Cameron Naron, Paul Schulz

Committee Members Absent: Barbara Alleyne, Mark Crossland

Others in Attendance: Deborah Potter, Carrie Blair, Wendy Brough, Maura McGroarty, Garrett Albiston, Donovan McElligatt; Via zoom: Eileen Gunn, Fuss & O'Neill

Meeting called to order at 2:04 PM

#### **Reorganization of committee**

Mr. Naron moved to elect Mr. Vrooman as chair, all in favor 4-0. Mr. Naron moved to vote Mr. Alley as vice chair, all in favor 4-0.

#### **Review minutes December 2, 2021**

Mr. Vrooman moved to approve the minutes from December 2, 2021, seconded by Mr. Alley. 2 ayes, 2 abstains (Mr. Alley and Mr. Schulz). Minutes approved.

#### **Review FY24 Capital Requests**

##### **Conservation Commission:**

The department is requesting \$30,000 to side the southwest side of the Sailing Camp mainstay building. The town has not taken care of the maintenance of this building in many years. There is currently rotting, carpenter ant infestation, and the building is not watertight. The price estimate came in at \$28,900 which would be a start to weatherize and protect the outer shell of the building. The \$80,000 for FY25 will include windows, doors and a small amount of siding underneath the deck on the backside of the building.

## **Natural Resources:**

The department is requesting \$325,000 for the design and permitting costs associated with the Farm Pond Culvert Replacement. The Assistant Town Administrator, Shellfish Constable and Fuss & O'Neil will be working together on this project. Eileen Gun of Fuss & O'Neil, joined via zoom, who is the engineer consultant and will be taking the lead on permitting for this project. Ms. Gun explained that grants have been applied for, although not approved, that more grant funding is being sought, and that the permitting pathway is complex and time consuming. Mr. McElligatt explained the current eelgrass issues, poor water quality, and the effects on the life of the pond. CWMP identifies this as a priority project to allow for flushing of the pond. The MVC has also noted it as a priority.

The next request is for \$9,000 for a preliminary study for the rehabilitation of the Sea View Avenue Seawall. This is phase 1 of a large project to repair and rebuild the seawall.

The department is also requesting \$100,000 to remediate the rust on the North Bluff seawall which is structurally ok but a visual issue.

The committee discussed the East Chop Bluff Stabilization project. This has already been approved by the committee but the \$3.9M is on the FY24 Capital Summary sheet as a placeholder. The overall project is estimated to cost \$16.9M, the town has received a \$10M FEMA grant and a \$3M state grant, which leaves the town balance at \$3.9M. The town is seeking more grant funding. Ms. Potter suggested moving this project to FY25.

The department is also requesting \$80,000 for Little Bridge dredging, which should happen every five years.

The final request is for \$120,000 for the Engineering for the dredge permit for Little Bridge inlet, Sengekontacket channel and Farm Pond. The quote is for \$30,000-40,000 per site. This needs to happen every 20 years. The town's current permit expires in 2024.

Mr. Schulz left the meeting at 3:30pm.

Ms. Potter discussed with the committee her idea to organize a 30-year capital plan where certain town needs can be anticipated and planned ahead of time.

Ms McGroarty asked about town meeting timing and free cash availability.

The committee asked Ms. Potter if free cash has been certified. Ms. Potter answered that it has not yet been certified.

The committee discussed their responsibilities, and how they will prioritize and rank projects (1, 2 and 3 based on priority).

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 3rd at 2pm.

Meeting adjourned at 3:38pm