

**MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SEPTEMBER 19, 2002
SPECIAL SESSION**

The Board of Selectmen convened in a special major capital project planning session with members of the Warrant Committee, Capital Budget Committee and Permanent Building Committee at 7:30 PM in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at Town Hall. All members were in attendance.

Selectman Brownsberger introduced the purpose and agenda of the meeting, which involved the presentation and review of major capital projects of the Town.

Michael Speidel of the Capital Budget Committee reviewed the work of an ad-hoc group on a cluster of projects including the High School athletic facilities, Library and Senior Center.

Barbara Miranda of the Council on Aging provided an update on senior center planning, including an analysis of program fit in the cluster planning concept.

Jill Westcott of the Board of Library Trustees made a presentation of the Library project and its fit within the cluster planning concepts.

Kathy Miller of the School Committee made some general comments on the cluster planning concepts as they impact the High School athletic facilities and programs.

The Board and other participants discussed general issues related to the cluster planning effort and the two concept plans it identified. A number of drawbacks and complications were raised with the cluster-planning concept. Mr. Brownsberger expressed his opposition to the plan. Dr. Solomon recognized the difficulties of the cluster planning concept, but was not prepared to eliminate it from consideration.

The status of a number of other projects was presented to the group, including fire station consolidation, the Wellington school, and a town-wide facility audit.

A discussion ensued relative to the planning for a fall town meeting for the more immediate capital priorities including the fire station consolidation project.

Selectman Brownsberger suggested that October 28, 2002 would be a more prudent date for Town Meeting in order to provide sufficient time for schematic design and other work prior to a Spring, 2003 referendum.

It was agreed that the Board would need to make a decision on the Senior Center by October 7, 2002 for preparation of the fall Town Meeting Warrant.

Mr. Speidel reviewed cost issues for the cluster-planning concept versus stand-alone projects.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Melvin A. Kleckner, Town Administrator
Clerk, Board of Selectmen