



Town of Nantucket Capital Program Committee September 25, 2025

Attending Members:	Jill Vieth, Chair, Christy Kickham, Dawn Hill, Caroline Baltzer, Liza Hatton
Staff:	Susan Carmel, Deputy Finance Director, Beth Hallet, Superintendent of Schools, Martin Anguelov, Chief Financial Officer, Chip Clunie, Director of Facilities
Absent	Peter Kaizer

The Capital Program Committee discussed various school and facility improvement requests. Chip Clunie requested a new Kubota tractor and a Ford 350 truck due to maintenance issues and rising costs. The playground at the elementary school was identified as a high-priority project, with a PFAS-free, recycled plastic playground from Play Mart proposed. Bleachers at both the high school and middle school need replacement. Kitchen equipment in both schools needs updating due to outdated Market Forge products. Radios for school communication are also due for replacement. The committee agreed to reschedule meetings to October 14 and October 21 to accommodate these discussions.

Action Items

- Susan Carmel - Schedule a meeting on October 14th to discuss the campus-wide plan, with SMRT in attendance.
- Susan Carmel - Follow up on a date for the Rory training discussion.
- Chip to provide more information on PFAS content in the playground equipment materials.
- Chip to confirm if the rubber mats for the playground equipment contain PFAS.

Capital Program Committee Meeting Introduction

- Jill Vieth confirms the meeting is being audio and video recorded.
- Jill Vieth asks for approval of the agenda, which is moved and seconded by Liza and Howard
- Roll call vote: Liza aye, Howard aye, Dawn aye, Caroline aye, Jill aye.
- Motion passes unanimously.
- Jill Vieth opens the floor for public comment, but Susan Carmel reports no public comments.
- Jill Vieth transitions to discussing the capital request for the school, noting the schedule will be discussed at the end.

Grounds Equipment and Improvements

- Chip Clunie discusses the need for a new Kubota tractor and a Ford 350 truck due to repair issues and increasing tariffs.
- Jill Vieth and Howard Matz discuss the impact of tariffs on equipment costs and the importance of American-made products.
- Chip Clunie explains the challenges of storing vehicles outside, leading to rust and maintenance issues.
- Liza suggests painting the frames of vehicles as a preventative measure, which Chip Clunie agrees is a good idea.

Playground and Equipment Replacement

- Chip Clunie highlights the high priority of replacing the playground at the elementary school.
- Jill Vieth and Chip Clunie discuss the Play Mart playground design, which includes handicap-accessible mats.
- Jill Vieth inquires about the materials used in the playground, specifically regarding PFAS and recycled plastic.
- Christy Kickham and Jill Vieth discuss the importance of ensuring materials are PFAS-free and the challenges of defining what constitutes PFAS-free.

Bleacher Replacement

- Chip Clunie explains the need to replace outdated bleachers at both the high school and middle school.
- Jill Vieth asks about the seating capacity of the bleachers, and Chip Clunie estimates over 600 seats at the high school.
- Elizabeth Hallett suggests changing the priority of bleacher replacement to high.
- Jill Vieth confirms the need to discuss the bleachers further in the campus-wide plan.

Auditorium Seating and Building Improvements

- Chip Clunie discusses the need to replace the LGI auditorium seating, which is used for school committee meetings and other events.
- Susan Carmel explains that the LGI was removed from the capital list because it did not meet the threshold.
- Jill Vieth and Chip Clunie agree to include the LGI in the building improvements category.
- Martin Angelov suggests changing the priority of building improvements to high.

Kitchen Equipment Replacement

- Chip Clunie details the need to replace outdated kitchen equipment in both the high school and elementary school.

- Jill Vieth and Chip Clunie discuss the challenges of finding replacement parts for equipment from the now-defunct Market Forge.
- Christy Kickham offers to provide a company that can service the new equipment proactively to prevent major issues.
- Elizabeth Hallett suggests changing the priority of kitchen equipment replacement to high.

Radio Replacement

- Chip Clunie explains the need to replace 120 radios over the next three years due to the end of their life cycle.
- Jill Vieth and Elizabeth Hallett discuss the critical role of radios in communication among teachers, custodians, administrators, and the police department.
- Jill Vieth confirms the need to discuss the radios further in the campus-wide plan.

Scheduling and Meeting Adjournment

- Jill Vieth discusses the need to reschedule the campus-wide plan meeting due to a conflict on October 14.
- The committee agrees to meet on October 14 at 1 PM to discuss the campus-wide plan.
- Jill Vieth and Susan Carmel discuss the need to reschedule the sewer and stormwater meeting for October 21.
- The meeting is adjourned after confirming the next meeting dates and the need to discuss specific areas of focus for the committee.
- Motion to adjourn made by Christy Kickham, seconded by Liza Hatton.
- Roll call vote: Christy aye, Liza aye, Howard aye, Caroline aye, Jill aye. Motion passes unanimously.