PLYMOUTH HIGHWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

JUNE 6, 2017

PRESENT: Mr. Gary Simpson

Mr. Rick Alger

Mr. Dan Meyer

Mr. Jerry Cushman

ABSENT: Highway Superintendent Pete Marshall

Mr. Simpson called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

Mr. Simpson asked Mr. Cushman to state what the goals of the Committee are. Mr. Cushman listed the following:

- To assist the Highway Superintendent in looking at bid prices when renting or purchasing equipment, to decide if it would be better to rent or buy a piece of equipment and if the Town can afford it.
- To ensure that equipment is maintained and updated when needed.
- Usually the Highway Superintendent shares with the Committee the roads that he intends to oil and stone.
- To have input in the fall when the next year's budget is being formulated.
- To address public concerns.
- Minutes will be taken and forwarded to the Town Board.

Mr. Cushman also talked about the need for a fund to be created to finance work that needs to be done on the Highway Garage.

Mr. Simpson let the Committee members know that at the last Board meeting, the Board asked Mr. Marshall to create a 284 Plan documenting the roads for which CHIPS Funding will be used. At the present time, Mr. Simpson said that this Plan is not State mandated. However, Mr. Simpson feels that it will become mandatory so the Town should get ahead of the State and start a 284 Plan now. This Plan would itemize the roads that are planned to be oil and stoned and any major construction plans that are in the works.

Mr. Simpson reported that the Town received \$30,000.00 from the State for Winter Recovery. The Committee strives to make good use of any funding to help keep the Town in good shape financially. Mr. Cushman reported that the Town does not have any debt at this point in time.

There was some discussion about Shared Services. Mr. Cushman reported that the Town of Plymouth already shares some services with other nearby towns.

Mr. Collar asked for clarification on the use of a sweeper. He also expressed some of his views on a different approach to maintaining the roads in harmony with snowmobile use and conservation.

Ms. Fairbanks asked who the Highway Superintendent answers to. Mr. Simpson said the Superintendent answers to the Town Board. The Board can only highly suggest that the Superintendent follow their recommendations. The voters have the final say. Discussion was begun about Ms. Fairbanks complaint about a culvert on the German Hollow Road. Mr. Simpson stated that the Town Highway cannot go on private property. Ms. Fairbanks said that she had no problem with

having a contractor come in and dig a ditch. She didn't want to spend money on a contractor if the culvert is going to cause a problem. Mr. Simpson encouraged respect and cooperation on the part of all parties. Mr. Simpson said that the Board would ask Mr. Marshall to fix the culvert on Monday night.

Ms. Fairbanks asked about the Capitol Funds that the Town has. Some of the money came from FEMA money.

The next Advisory Committee meeting will be held on July 25, 2017 at 6:00pm at the Town Hall.

The meeting closed at 7:05pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Virginia E. Brown

Plymouth Town Clerk