PLYMOUTH HIGHWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

PRESENT: Mr. Gary Simpson Mr. Rick Alger M r. Dan Meyer Mr. Jerry Cushman Highway Superintendent Mr. Pete Marshall

Mr. Simpson called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

Mr. Marshall reported that the crew will start oil and stoning on Friday. They will be working on the Reservoir Road, Jones Peck Road and part of the Childes Road. They will be resealing the roads that were black topped. Mowing is still being done. They will still have the mower until the end of the month. Mr. Meyer asked if the new truck had been ordered. Mr. Marshall answered that it had and it would be January or February before it would be delivered.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION: Mr. Simpson said that two members of the Committee were also on the Town Board and they had looked over the Highway Budget for 2018. They were satisfied with the tentative figures. Mr. Marshall said that the only raises in cost were the men's wages and the insurance. Mr. Simpson asked about the meeting that Mr. Marshall had with FEMA concerning the snow recovery from last winter. Mr.Marshall reported that he had handed in the necessary paperwork. Mr. Simpson asked if Mr. Marshall knew how much money the Town would receive. Mr. Marshall was not sure. He said that the payout would be delayed due to the hurricanes that the country has suffered. Mrs. Alger asked Mr. Marshall how that money must be spent. Mr. Marshall replied that the money could be used for anything.

Jerry Cushman said that some state officials have been working with some towns on grants for the highway departments. Mr. Cushman asked if the Board and the Highway Superintendent had any plans that might benefit from a state grant, for instance an upgrade of the Town Garage. Mr. Simpson said that there was not one in place at this time. Mr. Cushman suggested that such a plan might be a good idea.

Mr. Simpson stated that he and Rick Alger took a ride over the Jones Peck Road and the Collier Road and observed that some of the ditches were in danger of having trees fall down into them because the trees' roots were partially exposed due to water washing away the dirt. Mr. Marshall said he would look at them. Mr. Simpson also said that there was some brush on the side of the road that needed trimming back. Mr. Marshall said the crew would be trimming brush this week.

Dan Meyer expressed his disapproval of the situation between Pete Marshall and Rhonda Fairbanks.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: Mrs. Rhonda Fairbanks asked Mr. Marshall what his purpose was in asking Doug Perry, the County engineer, to look at the culvert near Mrs. Fairbanks' mother's property. Mr. Marshall answered with no comment. He also said he was waiting for the Town's attorney. Mrs. Fairbanks suggested that the next time the Advisory Committee members went on a ride that they go to the culvert in question and look at it. She said the road is corroding on the other side of the road. She stated that the culvert does not need to be replaced. She said that there was an agreement made, when Mr. Perry assessed the situation, that

rock would be laid in to stop the corrosion. Mrs. Fairbanks expressed her disapproval of Mr. Marshall's performance. She asked Mr. Cushman for his input on the situation. He said he had no comment because he thought it might turn into a legal issue.

Mr. Cushman asked if the Supervisor had all the information she needed from Mr. Marshall for the budget. Mrs. Alger said yes.

The Committee members decided that three to four meetings a year would be sufficient. The next meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2018.

Mr. Simpson wished everyone Happy Holidays!

Mr. Simpson made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Alger seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Virginia E. Brown

Virginia E. Brown Plymouth Town Clerk September 19, 2017