

DPW Commission Meeting with Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, November 15, 2016
Conference Room A, Town Hall 8:00 PM

Present were Chairman Reed, Commissioner Gardner, DPW Director Parisi and Asst. Director Olson.

8:04pm: Meeting called to order in the Engineering Office in Town Hall.

Discussed items on agenda: Plowing Private Roads, DPW Facility Project and agenda items for upcoming workshops.

8:15pm: Meeting moved to Conference Room A

Plowing Private Roads:

Chairman Reed spoke about the criteria from the Commonwealth of Mass. on plowing private roads. Commissioner Gardner said he sent an e-mail to the Board of Selectmen many months ago and he never heard back. He said there are 2-3 sets of criteria that are similar, but not the same. Some of the criteria are the number of dwellings on the road, year round occupancy, etc. There needs to be an understanding and a justification for the town plowing private roads. Selectperson Battistelli said she questions the numbers that Bill Wagner provided for what the cost is to pave private roads since the trucks are out there anyway. Commissioner Gardner said there's no place to put the snow, and mailboxes, fences, etc. are damaged while plowing.

Selectperson Campbell said we need criteria that is clear and concise.

Selectperson Sheedy questioned why we aren't listening to Town Counsel and putting the criteria in place.

Commissioner Gardner said those that are being removed from the list should be told in the spring so they can plan for the following winter.

This will need to be discussed in greater detail at the 2/7/17 workshop with the Board of Selectmen and the DPW Commissioners.

DPW facility design: DPW Director Parisi said they met with the Design Selection Committee; interviews were conducted and Weston & Sampson was chosen as the designer. They will be meeting with the negotiating committee next, Ian Crown, Linda Sanders and Joe Parisi are the committee members. A fee will be negotiated for the design. The DPW will go to the Capital Improvement Committee for the design and have a better understanding of what it will take to build the facility, in addition to the \$60,000.

The barn will be on the same location as the current facility, the funds will allow us to know the best location and (entrances, etc.) ledge, etc. We need to get some soil samples and look into other site issues.

This is the year for design; in the spring of 2018 we will go to Town Meeting for a debt exclusion.

Chairman Reed said he would like to see a design committee with residents, as committee members, for the DPW facility. He said it can't only be the DPW Department making the case for a new building. When the Police station was proposed years ago, there was a committee of community members who researched it and made the case that it was necessary.

Commissioner Gardner said the Building Study Committee needs to be reconstituted.

Agenda items for future workshops:

- a sewer overlay district needs to be discussed regarding future developments.
- Woodland Acres was discussed and how much more development the town can handle.
- Long Beach needs to be discussed; the issues are the wall, sidewalks, the beach, bathrooms.
- Chairman Reed said the Commonwealth's Complete Streets program has funds for communities for sidewalks, etc.
- Also needing to be discussed at a workshop is the Transfer Station; (Pay-as-you-Throw and the Swap Shop). He said the DPW Transfer Station crew doesn't have the time to police the Swap Shop; he said he would be ready to close the Swap Shop immediately.

Chairman Reed said T. Olson, Asst. DPW Director, has accepted the position of DPW Director in Hamilton. He will be leaving his position in Rockport in December.

9:45pm: meeting adjourned.