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GRAFTON PUBLIC WORKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, June 7, 2016
Grafton Municipal Center – Conference Room C

A meeting of the Grafton Public Works Advisory Committee was held on June 7, 2016 at 6:00PM in Conference Room C of the Grafton Municipal Center.

Attendees: Committee Members: Dan Pogorzelski, John Bechard and Mark Durfee
Guest(s): Brian Szczurko, Chris Caron

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dan Pogorzelski at 6:07PM. **Please note:** At 7:00PM, the Committee dismissed and reconvened in Conference Room A for a joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen. The following represents the results of the meeting:

New Business:

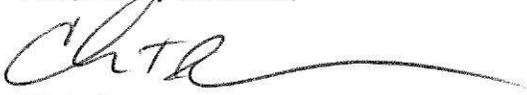
- **Accept Minutes** – John Bechard moved that the March 21, 2016 minutes be accepted as written. Mark Durfee seconded. The motion passed unanimously. John Bechard moved that the May 5, 2016 minutes be accepted as written. Mark Durfee Seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Sidewalk Discussion** – Dan Pogorzelski opened the discussion with a query as to why funds allocated for road repair were now being used for the repair/installation of Town sidewalks. Also discussed was the Committee's belief that the Board of Selectmen:
 1. Did not seek the Committee's input in this matter, and
 2. Neglected to inform the Committee of any funding changes with regard to road repair.
- **Selectmen's Meeting** – The Committee went before the Board of Selectmen and expressed concern regarding the decision to have monies that were designated for repairing Town roads now being reallocated to fund the repair/installation of Town sidewalks. The Committee explained that any funds taken from the roads project could result in completion delays and/or a greater expense to the taxpayers. The Board of Selectmen felt that since a portion of the road repair budget is a result of Chapter 90 funds, then it could be used to improve the Town's sidewalks as well as its roads. The Committee made it clear to the Board of Selectmen that they are in no way against the repair/installation of Town sidewalks, but simply questioned how dividing said funds would affect the current road repair schedule and how that, in turn, may affect the time tables for future road repairs. After further discussion between the Committee and the Board of Selectmen it was understood that more time would be necessary to further understand the financial impact of combining sidewalk repair/installation with road repair. The Board of Selectmen and the Committee did agree that the formation of a sidewalk program would be a positive step forward.

Old Business:

- **Road Projects** – Brian Szczurko informed the Committee that Route 30 from the Westboro Town line to Pine Street has been milled and overlaid. Preparations are complete for chip sealing which will begin next week. More crack sealing is scheduled to be done throughout the Town.
- **Committee Updates** – John Bechard informed the Committee that the D.P.W. Facility Committee met recently. Their discussion centered on regrouping their efforts in the wake of Town Meeting. Once a newly agreed upon plan is in place, they will present it to the Board of Selectmen.

Adjournment: Upon completion of the Committee's meeting with the Board of Selectmen, the Committee reconvened outside of Conference Room A. Having no further business, John Bechard moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:40PM. Mark Durfee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CHRIS CARON', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Chris Caron
Recording Secretary