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Present: Kevin Welch, Harold Simmons, Christine Muir, Ron Mikol, Joe Dean, Dana Metzler

Meeting opened at 7:30 p.m.

Highway

Mike Martin and newly-elected Road Commissioner Dana Kinne presented several budget items for the Advisory Board to begin considering. They have received an estimate for a new salt shed; it comes in at \$750,000, which the board found surprisingly high. Dana explained that the concrete alone costs \$250,000. The shed would be built upon the same footprint as the existing shed, which is 50 by 80 feet. The highway board has not looked into financing options yet. The Advisory Board requested a meeting with the engineer/architect so we can learn more about the process and the costs.

Replacing the garage roof, in its entirety except for the small rear lean-to, is estimated to cost \$20,000 at most. (Exact estimate is \$15,755.)

The Route 113/McGovern's wall project is likely to cost about \$635,000, and is likely to be completed before October 1. Construction on Salmon Brook Bridge/Main Street is expected to cost almost \$2 million. Both projects are funded by state and DOT funds.

Beginning in FY15, the Highway Dept would like to add a line item for Building Repairs & Maintenance, funded at \$30,000. (If the town funds the roof replacement, the request for this line item in FY15 would only be \$10,000.) Joe noted that the Fire Dept has a similar item and Kim Fales can help Highway determine the right line item account number.

When pushed to prioritize, the Highway commissioners agreed to the following: sander (\$8500), roof, wall, maintenance line item. They will look into reserving some Chapter 90 funds to help pay for the salt shed. Dana also suggested they look into grant funding.

Old Business

The Advisory Board agreed that there are open line items – highway sander, town administrator, fire chief car – that need to be finalized in order to set the tax rate in December.

New Business

Ron requested that the Advisory Board meet again next Monday, 9/16, to hear from the Capital Planning Committee.

Meeting Minutes

The board unanimously approved the meeting minutes of 8/5, 7/11, 6/17, 5/14, and 4/29.

We adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Dana Metzler
Kevin Welch
Harold Simmons
Christine Muir