Present: Chairman Matthew Frank, Vice Chairman William Winslow, Selectman Achille Belanger, Selectman Raymond Laplante, Town Manager George Finch, Secretary Renee Joyce, pro-tem

Absent: Selectman Richard St. John

Public:LRTV

1. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Chairman Frank

2. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Frank

3. Public Participation (Non-Agenda Items)

4. Public Hearing
   a. General Assistance Ordinances A – D

Chairman Frank opened the public hearing. Minor changes in requirement amounts have been made at the State level for Cumberland County.

Chairman Frank closed the public hearing.

5. Approval of Warrants #7, #8, #9 & #10

Motion to accept the Fiscal Year 2016/17 Financial Warrants #7, #8, #9 & #10 made by Selectman Belanger, 2nd by Selectman Winslow. Approved 4-0.

6. Approval of minutes – August 25, 2016

Motion to accept the August 25, 2016 meeting minutes made by Selectman Winslow, 2nd by Selectman Belanger. Approved 4-0.

7. Old Business - None

8. New Business
a. Pole permit

Motion made to grant the pole permit to CMP to replace poles on Deer Hill Road made by Selectman Laplante, 2nd by Selectman Winslow. Approved 4-0.

b. General Assistance Ordinance Appendices A – D

Motion made to accept the new General Assistance Appendices A – D made by Selectman Winslow, 2nd by Selectman Laplante. Approved 4-0.

c. Road bond

Motion to put forward to the voters in November a bond question to borrow an amount not to exceed $1,375,000 for a term of five (5) years for capital road improvement projects made by Selectman Winslow, 2nd by Selectman Laplante. Approved 4-0.

9. Other Business - None

10. Manager’s Report

- **August Financial Report** – Through the first two months of fiscal year 2017 the budget compares favorably to same time past year’s data. Projected expenses for the year are slightly below budget while revenues are ahead of budget. Of course we have winter to contend with in the coming months which can push the expenses one way or the other quickly.

- **New Recreation Director** – As I noted in last week’s update I am very pleased to announce the Town offered Kayla Laird and she has accepted the offer to fill the position of Recreation Director beginning on Monday, September 12th. Kayla has the background I feel necessary to provide continuance to the excellent program built by Paula Holt over the past the 21 years. First and foremost, I believe Kayla understands what a huge undertaking it will be and to do so in the public arena. Her task will not only be to maintain the excellence of the program but to continue to also transcend the changing times. I view Kayla today as how many saw Paula when she began her career as Harrison’s recreation director. Young, energetic, enthusiastic and with a great desire to excel in keeping Harrison’s recreation program at the high level of recognition it has enjoyed. Kayla is a Harrison resident, her husband is one of our volunteer firemen and they have two daughters one in the school system and one just a bit shy of being in our school system. Kayla graduated from Lake Region High School, has a BS in Elementary Education, has served in recreation programs in both Harrison and Bridgton and along with teaching leaves her career in Case Management for adults with disabilities.
• **Road Paving** – Work will begin next week on Temple Hill Road and the roads within East Shore Drive. Work is expected to take about 3-weeks to complete.

_Town of Harrison - Selectman’s Meeting_  
**Municipal Bond - Comprehensive Road Plan**  
**Thursday, September 8th, 2016**

**Overview –**

• Demand for improved roads has grew exponential beginning in the 60s
  
  o Changes in demographics created far more travel
    
    ▪ Work – Traveling greater distances became the norm
    ▪ Education – Schools became centralized & regional
    ▪ Shopping – Changed from local to regional
    ▪ Holidays & Vacations - Changed from local to distant
    ▪ Transportation – Delivery by trucks expanded

• Town, State and Federal roads fell behind the need for improvement in the early to mid-90s
  
  o Price of putting pavement down rose significantly.
    
    ▪ Pavement doubled, tripled & quadrupled per ton
    ▪ Cost of doing business inflated along with the economy
  
  o Budgets did not increase to fund the cost increases
    
    ▪ Budgets that would fund 4 miles of road became funding for 1 mile
  
  o Roads deteriorated –

• Government had dug itself into a hole so to speak leaving little options to stop digging let alone get out of the hole. Without a plan to stop digging the hole kept getting deeper.

• 2007 to 2010 Harrison recognized the problem

• 2010 began to look at the need for road improvements for the long term.

• 2011 thru 2016 – Road work reached the level where the hole wasn’t getting deeper.

• 2016 The comprehensive road plan with computerized road data and mapping are in a position where we could get out of the hole.
• 2017 gives us the opportunity to implement the plan for our 45+ miles of Town owned roads. In doing so we would bring our roads up to a standard which can be maintained over a 20 year period at a projected level annual cost.

• Key to making this happen for the greatest long term gain is to take advantage of the opportunities at hand.

• While I realize, at least for the most part, the Town has chosen not to bond projects I believe the opportunity needs to be brought forward.

• The bonding of funds to accomplish ten years of paving in a two to five year time frame allows us to enter into our long term goal of economical maintenance of our roads.

• The cost of liquid asphalt is lower than it has been in some time and while some say it may stay low one should also remember the people telling us this were saying gas would be at $5.00 per gallon just before the price collapse.

• Large project put out to bid bring greater competition and far more for our money.

**Comprehensive Road Plan & Recent History**

**Road Improvements 2010 - 2015**

• 2010 - Maple Ridge - Rt. 117 to Haskell Hill Rd.
• 2011 – Cape Monday Road
• 2012 - Smith Street, Winslow Street, School Street & Lewis Road
• 2013 – Chapman Road, Bruce Road & Ruby Lane
• 2014 – Haskell Hill Road
• 2015 – Edes Falls Road – Main Street to Carsley Road

**Road Improvements 2016** - Work will begin in September

• Temple Hill Road
• Stirling Road
• East Shore Drive
• North Beach Road
• South Beach Road
• Hemlock Lane

**Road Improvements - 2017 – 2022 - Road & Cost Estimates - $1,343,000**

• Dawes Hill Road – 1.64 miles – $400,000
• Deer Hill Road –1.25 miles - $325,000
• Buck Road – 1.1 Miles - $200,000
• Fogg Road – 1.25 Miles - $228,000
• Town Farm Road - .95 Miles - $190,000

Road Improvements - 2023 – 2025 - Road & Cost Estimates - $600,000

• Maple Ridge Road – Rt. 117 to Haskell Hill Rd. – 2.25 Miles
• Maple Ridge Road – Haskell Hill Rd. to Carsley Road – 1.13 Miles
• Maple Ridge Road – Carsley Road to Mailbox #925 – 1.01 Miles
• Maple Ridge Road – Mailbox #925 to Edes Falls Rd. - .62 Miles
  o Maple Ridge Road is broken up into four (4) categories due to the length and what is for areas where different work would be undertaken. Work would range from a top coat to a full regrind, gravel and paving of section in the worse condition.

The financial plan is basically tax neutral based on budget plans to expend $500,000 per year over 6-years. The payments averaging about $287,489 per year would be deducted from the $500,000 raised annually for Capital Roads.

Interest of $62,500 amounts to about $12,500 which would be more than saved by the gains in bidding out the larger projects over a shorter period of time while the price of pavement and cost of doing business is down.

Financial Plan –

• $1,375,000 – Bond plus Interest $62,443 = $1,437,446 – 5-year payback
• $3,000,000 – Capital Roads Budget - $500,000 per year FY18 thru FY23 (6-years)
• $4,375,000 – Total Raised
• $1,437,446 – Bond Payback - plus Interest $62,443 = $1,437,446 – 5-year payback
• $2,937,554 – Available to expend on Roads Program
• $1,943,000 – 2-Year projects
• $  994,544 – Available for additional road work
11. Executive Session (if necessary)

12. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. made by Selectman Winslow, 2nd by Selectman Belanger. Approved 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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Matthew Frank, Chairman

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Renee Joyce, Secretary Pro-Tem