

**Town of Portage Lake
Special Town Meeting Minutes
Wednesday September 7, 2016
Portage Lake Municipal Building
6:30 P.M.**

Aroostook, §

State of Maine

The meeting was held at the Portage Lake Municipal Building on Wednesday the twenty-first (7th) of September, 2016, at six thirty (6:30) in the evening, then and there, to act on the following articles to wit:

There were 16 resident voters and 1 resident non-voter in attendance.

ART. 1 To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Motion made and seconded to nominate Frank Hallett as moderator.

Moved and seconded to cease nominations. All in favor. Motion to cease nominations carries; motion to approve Frank Hallett as moderator carries. Two written ballots are cast for Frank Hallett, who is elected moderator to preside over said meeting. (Frank Hallett repeats the oath as moderator.)

ART. 2 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$16,000 from the Road Reserves for the purpose of skim coating areas that are in disrepair on West and Cottage Roads.
Selectboard recommends approval.

Motion made in the positive, seconded.

Discussion:

James Kelley: Does this include taking care of the culvert replacement?

Larry Duchette: The culverts that we have replaced? Yes it does.

James Kelley: That wasn't in the original budget to do that?

Larry Duchette: It was in the original budget to do it. I'm going to take that money along with this and extend the extent of paving that we are going to do. I'm going to be paying for the cross culverts out of Public Works and using this money and doing much more preservation of the pavement that we have now.

James Kelley: So it is basically money for the skimming that we are looking at this evening?

Larry Duchette: Yes.

Judy Moreau: What is the grand total?

Larry Duchette: Grand total, I'll spend somewhere close to \$20,000 in paving.

At this moment we are about \$15,000 under in Public Works, so I feel confident that we can take this money and apply it.

Judy Moreau: \$15,000 over budget?

Larry Duchette: Correct.

James Kelley: What is in the reserve account? How much is in that, where you are going to take this from?

Larry Duchette: Around \$71,000 at the moment.

Joe Chouinard: How many culverts are left to get fixed on West Road?

Larry Duchette: Probably another dozen before we do our major paving in 2018.

Edward Lorrey: What constitutes "skimming"? I'm not familiar with that.

Larry Duchette: Skim coat is similar to what you have seen the State do in the past, do a 5/8 maintenance shim. I'm going to try to do a 3/4 shim everywhere we can. That will help preserve the pavement that we have. If you noticed on Cottage Road, especially last year, we plowed a lot of the shoulders completely off. That was skim coating that was done about 15 years ago. The Town has been very neglect in keeping up with their paving. We are just now trying to catch up with 15 years of neglect, basically.

Marcelle Gagnon: Who is going to be doing the work?

Larry Duchette: Lane.

Joe Chouinard: Is this work going to be done this year or next year.

Larry Duchette: October. The first week of October is our plan.

Anita Theriault: This is just skimming. When all the culverts are replaced, are we going to get a regular pavement?

Larry Duchette: You will get another 4 miles probably in 2018. We did roughly 4 miles last year and that cost us half a million dollars. And we didn't touch taxes. Hopefully in 2018 we will be able to do the same, between our TIF, our forest, and the Town's commitment to putting money away every year for reserve, we are doing very well.

Judy Moreau: You can only use the TIF on roads from Dean's to the chip mill.

Larry Duchette: No.

Judo Moreau: Yes.

Larry Duchette: We can discuss that at another time.

Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Corrine M. Routhier