

## **ATM 23 – Private Road Improvements**

*minutes from 2/10/16 A&F meeting*

Sid Kashi, Town Engineer, presented ATM Article 23. Over half of the roads in Plymouth are unaccepted as public way. There are approximately 200 miles of unaccepted roads and 33% of these roads are unpaved. A large percentage of requests to the DPW for road repairs involve unaccepted roads. Many residents living on unaccepted roads expect that the town should be doing more to maintain or improve unaccepted roads. A Special Act was passed by State Legislators and signed by the Governor on June 13, 2012 which allows the Town of Plymouth to make improvements on unaccepted roads with public funds. In the past three years Town Meeting appropriated \$500,000 each year for improving and maintaining unaccepted roads. This year the request is again for \$500,000. According to the roads assessment survey, there is \$44 million dollars worth of work backlogged for unaccepted roads.

Questions:

- This money can potentially be spent on roads that we would later accept as public? (K Canty) Yes, that is our plan.
- Is there a list of upcoming projects that have been approved already? (C Merrill) Yes, Purchase Street in the Buttermilk Bay area is next, the design is almost done.
- Are we expecting any damage to roads with the sewer project? (S Joyce) The roads are built to withstand heavy truck traffic, don't expect any damage so far.

**Patrick O'Brien made a motion to recommend ATM Article 23 to Town Meeting. Kevin Canty, second. The motion carries unanimously (13-0-0).**