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Selectmen: Peter Meier, Vice-Chairman; George Slade, Clerk; Michael Blanton

Town Staff: DPW Director George Sala; Town Administrator Tom Guerino

Laura Lane Residents

Public Hearing and adoption of an Order of Betterments for Laura Lane, Monument Beach, MA

Meier called the hearing to order at 6:30 p.m. and read the Notice of Public Hearing;

Slade reviewed the progress up to this point. The strategy to merge Laura Lane project, which had begun earlier, with the other streets in the area that attempted to "piggy back" on the original project, was abandoned because coordinating in time for the deadline for town meeting could not be met.

Sala told residents that the estimate of the \$130,000 betterment project is high, and includes a contingency. He also discussed previous successful efforts and assured residents that they will be assessed only the actual costs of the project.

Guerino - discussed procedure. The repayment options range from full payment upon completion to five to twenty years. Interest rate of 5% is charged for time payments. The rate is set by Massachusetts General Law and the town has no flexibility.

Laura Lane resident Brian Paulsen said he has concerns about the fact that, upon completion of the road improvement, there is no automatic provision for road acceptance.

Sala mentioned that the road would be brought to state standards and that it would be like a newly-paved road.

An unidentified resident expressed concern that she would like to postpone deciding.

Guerino said that a postponement tonight would delay town meeting approval for this project, and would therefore delay the road repair project another year.

An informal consensus was reached among the residents to move forward.

Paulsen mentioned that he would reach out to all remaining residents of Laura Lane and ensure that they are aware of the improvement and the implication of betterments. The majority of lineal frontage

had already been approved, but it was determined that some residents may not know their liability. He has a list and will contact the residents of the remaining homes.

It was discussed that the article addressing the Laura Lane road improvement will appear on the warrant at the October 17<sup>th</sup> Special Town Meeting. If approved, it will move forward.

Selectman Meier asked if the road would be repaired to the standard that would be acceptable for town 'taking'.

Sala's plan is for Fall, 2016, project but that time is of the essence. The deadline for ordering material, etc., would make it difficult to complete by fall. Prices are also not protected – county bid for asphalt may expire. Sala added that there would be a 2 inch subsurface, then 1.5" top layer.

Motion to pass was considered by Selectmen. Meier read Article for the Special Town Meeting dealing with road repairs to be made at Laura Lane. Hearing information was re-read.

Selectmen voted unanimously to approve project.

Sala will contact paving company

Meier asked for motion to close the hearing. Motion made by Blanton, seconded by Slade. Approved unanimously.

Adjourned 7:29 p.m.