

# SHERWOOD GREENS ROAD IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE DISTRICT

## PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE JULY 23, 2011 MEETING

(APPROVED 8/27/11)

The meeting was called to order at 9:06

Present were Prudential Committee members: Joe Gaze, David Neelon, Betsy Epstein, Terry Hayden and Jeff Kotkin. Others present: Mary White, Clerk; Jaime Garanzuay, Road Superintendent; Carolyn Whitbek, John Kammerman, Ernie Lampron Dave Wood and Steve Stambler.

The minutes for June were approved.

The Treasurer's report was accepted.

The warrant was reviewed and signed.

Road Report:

Jaime spoke to the town's emergency department heads, and was told that it is fine to install gates as long as all department members have keys. They must be notified when the gates are in.

There are trees that hang over the road in the winter from Mountain Meadow Rd. to Moore's house which should be removed. Ernie will charge \$1,500.00 to remove the 14 trees. Bob will be asked if he wants the wood.

Ernie will finish the clean-up of branches on Robins Way.

During the big thunder storm, trees came down on Deer Trail and Long Bow East that will have to be taken care of.

Long Bow West will need \$2,500 to add more material and finish up.

David obtained a quote from All State Asphalt chip and seal for Long Bow West. would be approximately \$70,000 per mile, and calcium chloride would be \$3,500 per mile. Ernie estimated \$2,500 for calcium chloride to the s curve.. David thinks that may-be after several applications of the CaCl, the road will harden very well .

Jaime said that we will need to add materials along with the calcium chloride. This will be \$3,000. It was moved, seconded and voted unanimously to grade rake and roll, add material and apply CaCl from the entry way to the S curve.

We had received a letter from Mr. Mednick about pot holes and other problems on Old Abbey Lane by his home. Jaime checked the road and said that we need to add material at the bottom of the hill, and drainage from Johnson Road.

The motion was made , seconded and voted unanimously to do this work and to spend up to \$12,000.

Jaime spoke to Mike at Beaver Solutions about the beaver problem on Shuttle Cock. It seems we have a very smart beaver. Since he can't get to the culvert from Little Longbow because of the new grate, he has been putting mud on the outside of the gate to dam up the big lake. Jaime removed the material, and a few days later the beaver had built it back using the same material. It is unheard of for beaver to use old material, but this one does it.

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It was moved, seconded and voted unanimously to authorize Ernie to cut the trees on Mt. Meadow and Long Bow west for \$1,500.

Ernie said he would contract for snow plowing for the next two years for the same amount as the last contract. (\$17,000). Discussion on this will be tabled until the next meeting.

There was a question on lakes debris. This will also be discussed at the August meeting.

### LAKES REPORT

For the months of May, June and July, the diver has worked 32 hours and pulled 158 bags of weeds for a total of \$9,415.00. There is \$2,400.00 left in the account for weed pulling. Jeff inspected the lake after one month of weed pulling, and found that the Water Shield is spreading rapidly. He suggested that perhaps we should contract for the harvester.

There was much discussion about owners of land only, who are not around to do the pulling of weeds at their lake front properties. The only thing that could be done about this problem would be for adjacent home owners to pull some of those also if they desire. The diver can be asked by individuals to do extra work for them, but one diver can not possibly do this for everyone.

Caroline Whitbeck showed a new weed that she has discovered in the lake. She will try to identify it to see if it is native or invasive.

### GENERAL DISCUSSION

Caroline showed a sample of stickers to be used on vehicles of property owners. It was moved, seconded and voted unanimously to allow Caroline to purchase 200 stickers for cars and boats.

Not everyone has provided the clerk with certificates of completion of ethics law education. She will provide a list of those who have not.

Joe Gaze spoke to Michelle Dunne about the dog waste problem. Sheila walks the dogs in the AM., and Jim goes out and picks up the bags in the PM. The consensus is that the pick-up should be made sooner. Joe will talk to the Dunnes about this. The committee instructed the chairman to notify the Dunnes that it is not an acceptable practice to leave dog waste on the roadside, no matter how long.

There are reports of dogs running at people as though to attack in the Silver Shield area. The committee recommended that David Wood, the complainant, contact the dog officer or police dept. when threatened.

There will be an agenda item next month to frame a by-law about dog regulations.

Mary will write a letter to Shawna Garanzuay from the Prudential Committee giving permission for her tag sale.

It was moved, seconded and voted unanimously to hold a special district meeting on September 24, 2011, and that the district Treasures ans Clerk be asked to prepare the necessary papers to be presented at the August meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:14.

The next meeting will be held at the Becket Town Hall on August 27, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary S. White, District Clerk