

**SHERWOOD GREENS ROAD IMPROVEMENT & MAINTENANCE DISTRICT
PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

August 27, 2010
(APPROVED 9/24/11)

Members Present: Betsy Epstein, Joe Gaze (Chair), Terry Hayden, Jeff Kotkin, David Neelon
Others Present: Jeanne W. Pryor (Treasurer), Jaime Garanzuay (Road Superintendent), Richard Pryor,
Mr. & Mrs. Kammerman, Ernie Lampron, Mr. & Mrs. Stambler, Dave Wood

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair, Joe Gaze, noting that a quorum was present.

Road Report – Jaime presented the road report noting that the ditches and culverts need to be cleaned out/inspected before the impending storm. The level of water on Long Bow LN E was noted by Joe. Jaime noted that beaver had clogged the culvert outflow and he attempted to clean it out. Jaime called Beaver Solutions who will be in the Greens on 8/27 to look at the problem. Jaime reported that Rod Savery was in to mow the roadsides. The Long Bow LN W road work and calcium chloride application was completed from the entrance to the S turn on Long Bow LN W. Jaime noted that Long Bow LN W from the S turn to Johnson RD needs material (\$3,000) and grade/rake/roll (\$2,200). He suggested that we not apply calcium chloride to this section of road at this time. Ernie noted that material was needed to keep the roads wide so that the grass does not encroach on the roads. He agreed that more material was needed at this time and not calcium chloride. Richard agreed that with the impending storm we should hold off on spending money on calcium chloride. He also noted that in the past, a clogged culvert at Long Bow LN W and Johnson RD caused a washout on Long Bow LN W due to the ledge in culvert that sent water into Rochelson's yard. Ernie noted that the Greens should consider doing the biannual road maintenance of blowing out leaves in the spring and fall and cleaning all ditches/culverts and adding retaining walls in winter to prevent runoff from snow melt as it is beneficial to the roads to clean debris. Betsy made a motion that Always Growing clean out and inspect the ditches before the storm with an hourly rate of \$35 per person and it was seconded by Terry. Discussion followed about possible FEMA expenses. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. The snow plow contract was discussed. Betsy made a motion that the snow plow contract be renewed with Always Growing in the amount of \$17,000 for each of the next 2 years. It was seconded by Terry. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. The most recent letter from Mr. Mednick was read. Jaime and Ernie reported on the work that had been done. The Committee discussed the matter and agreed that repairs noted in this letter on Old Abbey and other work in the Greens has indeed been completed as of this date. Joe will draft another letter to Mr. Mednick including another invitation to attend a Prudential Committee meeting. It was moved by Terry and seconded by Betsy to approve the Road Report and the motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the Prudential Committee Meeting of July 23, 2010, as revised, were reviewed. It was moved by David and seconded by Betsy to approve the minutes and the motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Jeanne. The balance of all accounts as of 8/24/11 is \$72,729.14. Jeanne noted that she has been working with the town to close out fy2011 accounts, has prepared the balance sheet and is working on reconciliation with the town collector. It was moved by Betsy and seconded by Terry to accept the Treasurer's Report and the motion passed unanimously.

Warrant 2012-2 in the amount of \$13,350.70 was reviewed, discussed and signed by the Committee.

Lakes Report - Jeff reported that Wayne worked a total of 46 hours during the month; 224 bags of weeds. He has 28 hours left to do before our money is expended. He has done a lot of work on large leaf pond weed but watershield is thriving. It is more than a one man job. Jeff will ask Marc/Aquatic Control to document what has been done because he will do a phragmite survey in September and he will also document that we have had a diver working with results/pictures. During May-July \$2,415 was spent on weed removal. Jeanne noted that \$2,000 in appropriation was held over from fy2011 for the Lakes Account. There was a discussion of whether weed pulling was effective after September and Jeff will follow up. Richard suggested that hours spent, pictures be documented showing our efforts in weed control. Jeff noted that a weed identified by Caroline was discussed with Marc and he said that it was not a weed that we had to worry about. Purple loosestrife was discussed as being a problem in the Greens. Testing of water at the beach was discussed. A letter to the Greens was received from the Becket Board of Health about complaints of people being sick when swimming at our beach and notifying us that our beach must be tested per DPH regulations. If it is not tested, they can close the beach. Discussion followed. Jeanne is working with Jeff to set up testing/reporting with Berkshire Enviro-Labs. A sign may need to be posted. Jeff noted that he would like to wait until the weed removal is done before he requests that the weeds be picked up from the beach. Jeanne suggested that the committee think about cutting/maintaining the culverts at both ends of Longbow Lake to keep phragmites, and other weeds from clogging beaver fences. There was a discussion of damage to the road and grass near the end of Longbow Lake on Long Bow LN W and whether this access to the lake should be closed. Richard suggested that planning is needed for lake issues. It was moved and seconded to accept the Lake's Report and the motion passed unanimously.

Richard suggested that a meeting of the Prudential Committee be scheduled for after the storm so that emergency issues could be discussed. Joe asked that Jeanne send an email to the committee re storm damage. Mr. Wood agreed with Richard that

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road planning is needed. He comes to meetings in support of the Committee but noted that at the July meeting he brought up the issue of the bottom of Robinwood and the slope up Silverleaf and noted that the bottom of Robinwood was dealt with 2 weeks ago but there are major ruts on upper slope of Silverleaf. There was a ditch put on left side and there are major ruts on the right side but it is in the worse condition he has seen. Mr. Wood suggested that early in May the Committee go around and check roads to see what work needs to be done after the winter and what should be done in the summer. Terry asked for a copy of the road priority list.

David noted that Caroline was authorized at the last meeting to acquire stickers to identify Sherwood Greens vehicles and boats. It was custom artwork that cost \$75 so is difficult to copy and 200 stickers were purchased. The idea is to be able to identify vehicles/boats that belong in the Greens. Stickers to be placed on vehicles/boats are available from David. If a vehicle looks suspicious, the police could be notified. Discussion followed.

Richard asked who would be our representative to FEMA if it is needed after the storm. This should be discussed at the next meeting.

Bylaws for dogs was discussed. Jeanne noted that the District's Act does not address dog issues. The Town of Becket has a dog control bylaw and she recommended that we don't attempt to create a district bylaw. She distributed a copy of the Town bylaw. She provided the Committee with the phone number for the Animal Control Officer, Bert Goodermote, and the bylaw is available on the town website.

The Warrant for the Special District Meeting scheduled for September 24, 2011, at 9:00 am was signed by the Committee.

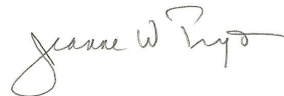
Richard noted that, Mr. Lavery, the owner of the parcel of land near Trail Circle will soon be beginning construction of their home and wind tower.

The proposed purchase of the entrance property was discussed. It was agreed that Jeanne would contact the Town Administrator to let him know that the District is still interested in purchasing the land but their offer of \$12,000 is firm.

Mr. Kammerman noted a red canoe that was left on the beach.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for September 24, following the Special District Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanne W. Pryor
Assistant District Clerk