

**SHERWOOD GREENS ROAD IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE DISTRICT
1439 JACOBS LADDER ROAD, BECKET, MA 01223**

**MINUTES
ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING
JUNE 1, 2013**

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the Annual District Meeting was called to order on June 1, 2013 at 10:01 A.M. by John Kammerman, Chairman of the Prudential Committee. Before the formal meeting began John thanked everyone for coming and informed them that Jeff Kotkin, a board member for many years, was not seeking re-election. For the past several years, Jeff has assumed the responsibility for seeing that our lakes are properly maintained, and are in good shape for our property owners' use. John further said that we owe Jeff a debt of gratitude. There was a round of spontaneous applause for Jeff's dedication.

The District Clerk, Mary White was introduced. She noted that a quorum was present. There were **26** voters present or represented by proxy.

The first order of business was to elect a moderator. Following nominations, it was moved and seconded to elect Jeanne Pryor as Moderator. The motion passed. The District Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Pryor. Mrs. Pryor advised those present that the meeting would be conducted in accordance with our Special Act and District By- Laws, and that a voice vote or show of cards will be used when voting on an article, The following articles were voted on.

Article 1: To see if the District will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to the Attorney's Fee account for the balance of the 2013 Fiscal Year , and to fund the appropriation by transferring \$2,000.00 from the General Reserve Account.

Prudential Committee Recommends

Majority vote required

Article 1 was moved and seconded, In response to a question, Terry Hayden explained that the added expense was because we needed to be represented by an attorney in our endeavors to purchase the land at the entryway. A vote was taken, and Article one **passed unanimously**

Article 2: To see if the district will vote to appropriate the sum of \$11,151.00 to the General Reserve Account for the balance of the 2013 fiscal year, and to fund the appropriation by transferring 11,151.00 from Free Cash.

Prudential Committee Recommends

Majority vote required

Article 2 was moved and seconded. In response to a question, John Kammerman explained what this article was for. A vote was taken, and article two **passed unanimously**.

Article 3: To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money needed for the operating budget for FY 2014 and to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected offices as follows:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Road Maintenance	\$ 19,000.00
Winter Road Maintenance	\$ 17,000.00
Major Road Improvements	\$ 12,000.00
Lake Maintenance	\$ 5,500.00
General Reserve Account	\$ 5,000.00
Superintendent's Salary	\$ 5,000.00
Treasurer's Salary	\$ 3,500.00
Insurance, Bonding and Withholding	\$ 3,000.00
Town Officials	\$ 2,800.00
Clerk's Salary	\$ 2,000.00
Stabilization Account	\$ 2,000.00
Entrance Way and Beach Maintenance	\$ 2,000.00
Tax Collection (Billing Company)	\$ 300.00
Prudential Committee Expenses	\$ 300.00
Attorney's Fees	\$ 700.00
Superintendent's Expenses	\$ 100.00
Total	\$81,700.00

Prudential Committee recommends

2/3 vote required

Article 3 was moved and seconded. In response to a question, John Kammerman and Jeanne Pryor explained what Insurance and Bonding entails. A vote was taken, and article three **passed unanimously**.

Article 4: To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,250.00 for the continuation of an aquatic management program to selectively control nuisance growth of in -pond invasive aquatic plant species and non-native Phragmites, utilizing USEPA/MA registered aquatic herbicides.

Article 4 was moved and seconded. In response to questions about algae in the lakes, when treatment will begin, and how the divers worked out, John Kammerman, Joe Gaze and Margaret Rodriguez explained. A vote was taken, and article four **passed unanimously**.

Prudential Committee recommends

Majority vote required

Article 5: To entertain nominations and cast votes in the District election to fill vacancies of district officers as follows:

1 Member Prudential Committee, three year term

1 Treasurer, three year term

Nominations were moved and seconded for the following opening:

1 Member Prudential Committee, three year term, --- Virginia Lavery, and Ken Einhorn. A vote was taken, and Ken was elected by a vote of **17 to 7** Jill Moretz is resigning as Treasurer, and there were no nominations for that office.

Article 6: To see if the district will vote to approve the petition of Elizabeth J. Saunier and Carl A. Neilson for an exclusion from taxation by the District of Lot 118 on Map 214 .

Prudential Committee Does Not Recommend

Majority vote required

Article six was moved and seconded. Ms. Saunier explained that she feels this lot should be exempt from District taxes, because it does not have access to a District road. John read a report from David Neelon, who researched this matter for the Prudential Committee, in which he said that this lot does have road access. A vote was taken, and Article six was **disapproved by a vote of 25 to 1**

David Wood questioned the prioritizing of suggested Road projects. He suggested that the board have a time frame for each project. There was much discussion. Margaret Rodriguez stated that it is very important that the community communicate with the committee about road problems.

Mimi Stambler said that due to standing water on Long Bow Lane East, there will be a very big mosquito problem this summer. The board agreed to look into the matter.

David Wood thanked the Prudential Committee.

There being no further business, it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:18 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary S. White
District Clerk

