

SHERWOOD GREENS ROAD IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE DISTRICT

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 11, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM.

Present were Prudential Committee members: John Kammerman, Ken Einhorn, Michael Lavery, Shawna Garanzuay, Margaret Rodriguez, and Terry Hayden. Also present were: Mary White, Clerk; Jaime Garanzuay, District Superintendent; David Neelon, Joe and Terry Hovani, Stan & Mimi Stambler, and Kyra Bothwell.

Minutes:

The minutes for September were reviewed and accepted.

Treasurer's report:

The Treasurer's report was accepted.

Warrant:

The warrant was signed.

Superintendent's report:

There is some Japanese Knotwood, which is an invasive species, growing on the roadside between Long Bow Lane East and Johnson Road, which will be dug out when Ernie cleans the ditches in that area. The homeowners who have the original plants will be referred to Ernie if they wish to have theirs removed also. Michael reported that the swale on the top of the hill on Silver Leaf is full of dirt, allowing the water to flow free. Margaret said that the road to her home is very rutted, and asked if Ernie would add some material to it. Jaime said that it would be better to wait till Spring as any material added now will be taken out by snow plowing. John asked that Ernie provide an updated priority list at the next meeting. Ernie will be doing prep for the winter. This consists of cleaning ditches, cutting over growing trees and brush, and blowing leaves. There was some discussion as to what this will cost. Kyra Bothwell said that the fence at the end of the road by their home is in very poor shape and should be replaced. The prudential committee agreed that this should be done. There is also a problem with road run off onto their property. Jaime will look into this, and report at the next meeting. Kyra also asked if there is any way that power could be run from the light pole to illuminate the flag and also the Sherwood Greens sign. It was agreed that this will be addressed in the spring. Beaver Solutions sent an e-mail saying that a grant from ASPCA paid all but \$585.00 for installing a device at Silver Shield Lake.

It was moved, seconded and approved to allow up to \$4000.00 for winter prep projects.

The road report was accepted.

Lakes report:

Ken said that it is amazing what new phragmite growth did not occur since Aquatic Control sprayed. They are now working on permits for next year. We had 180 hours of diving time. People were very helpful, in various aspects, in the disposal of pulled weeds. Steve Stambler said that in all the years they have lived here, the lake has never looked as good as it does now. John said that Ken has done a "Hell of a job".

The Lakes report was accepted.

Shawna said that Beaver Solutions will set up a meeting between the ASPCA and Mike Callahan, hopefully on a Saturday. No date has been set yet. Will December 6th be a possibility?

Drug Policy:

Before giving a report on the policy, Margaret offered to resign from the committee due to a severe hearing loss. She was asked to remain on the committee for the time being.

We have tried to obtain a grant through FEMA for flood mitigation. In order to apply, we have to have a drug policy. The prudential committee recommended accepting the Town of Becket policy. This states that any agent or vendor will be drug free when performing their duties.

It was moved and seconded to accept the Town of Becket drug policy for Sherwood Greens. The motion was unanimously accepted.

The grant is set up in three steps, the first of which is to obtain a cost benefit analysis from an engineering firm. We have to get started now, because we have to start the grant process in April.

We will have to have matching funds if we obtain a grant.

Right now we have a kind of piece meal approach to road maintenance and repair. If we don't plan for these projects, we will be doing the same things over and over.

There was some discussion on grants and their costs, and what is necessary to have done.

David said that after the last big washout he was down there and thinks that while we need a better dam, we do not need to spend money each year to repair that little section of road below the dam. There was some disagreement as to whether or not that section of road is necessary. Margaret said that we need to look at the money we spend each year on repairs to that section of road and see if there is a better way to spend our money.

A motion was made and seconded to approve up to \$1,000.00 for an engineering firm to perform a cost benefit analysis of projects for 2015 grant proposals. The motion was accepted.

Michael extended an invitation to join the Sherwood Greens Face book site. It was asked if that will replace the current e-mail setup. Michael said no it is just for additional non district information. The committee asked that the words Road District be removed so there will be no question of a breach of the open meeting law. Michael agreed to change it to Sherwood Greens Community.

Terry said that there is nothing new to report on the land purchase.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:13.

The next meeting will be held on November 1st.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary S. White
District Clerk