

SHERWOOD GREENS ROAD IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE DISTRICT

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Telephone # 413 329 3191

February 27, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 9:13 AM.

Present were Prudential Committee members: Terry Hayden, Ken Einhorn Michael Lavery and Shawna Garanzuay. Also present were: Kathy Borden Treasurer, Jaime Garanzuay, Ernie from Always Growing and Ken Hunter.

The January 9th minutes were reviewed followed by a Motion to Accept the Minutes - Accepted.

Treasurer's report:

Treasurer reported a strong cash position with strong collections during January and February. Ken asked about the use and restrictions of the Stabilization Funds, and answers where given.

Motion to Accept the Treasurer's report – Accepted.

Warrant – Reviewed and signed

Road report

Ernie will finish the Rock removal on Robinwood Lane. Through the month of January the roads were sanded almost daily due to icy conditions. Phragmites were cut and burned during February as well as more sanding and plowing. Discussion on the barrels followed with their use or benefit . Jaime discussed the situation about the young people driving 4 wheelers through the Greens. They were asked to drive on the trails and they agreed and left.

Motion to accept the Road Report – Accepted

Action Items:

- Silverleaf Barrel with the wooden rack will be removed.
- All Barrells with metal racks will remain and maintained
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Lakes Report:

Ken is still trying to get 2 bids for the aquatic control of the weeds. Aquatic Control seems to be the most active vendor at this point. The benefits of the Mass Lakes Assoc membership was discussed. Committee to look over and decide about membership at a later date. . In late April Ken will contact the divers about coming season. This would be the 4th year of weed pulling as opposed to a \$25,000 chemical defoliates.

Motion to accept the Lake Report – Accepted

Priority Projects Review and Selections:

- Projects were split into three categories:
- Major Improvements - \$13,950.00
- General Road Maintenance - \$5,400.00
- FY17 BUDGET – Major Repairs - \$6550.00
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See the attachment for the details of the Projects.

Motion to spend \$13,950 from MAJOR IMPROVEMENT ROADS , with a Motion to Reserve the Culverts and Entrance way Projects till a future date. - Passed

Motion to spend \$5,400 from GENERAL ROAD MAINTENANCE - Passed

By-Laws and Legal Matters:

Janice Pumphrey cannot be our lawyer. It causes a conflict of interest because she is the town's lawyer also. Elizabeth Goodman agreed to become the "SGRD"s lawyer. All the changes were presented to her and she read over the bylaws and prior opinions. These are the recommendations' and her suggestions.

- The District is not required or obligated to improve the roads . It is up to the discretion of the District. Jeanne had found that information in 2010 and it is pertinent today.
- We have the Right to require a permit based on the bylaws of 2004.
- We have the Right to require the permit applicant to post a bond.
- We must remove the section that imposes a \$100. Fine. Only the Attorney General can impose a fine.
- Proposed amendments were given with the language needed for the articles to be read and voted on at the Annual Meeting.

- We should adopt as a district the “construction standards”. An example was presented used by Sherwood Forest and it has links to Mass Guide for Paved Roads.

We could adopt this guide to fit our description if we decide to adopt it. The wording for the Annual Meeting article was presented and could be used if accepted.

Michael asked about the permit process and how to enforce it. Working closely with the Building Inspector would be the way to enforce all the permits process.

Culverts:

More discussion on the responsibility of culvert upkeep and replacement.

Our responsibility or the home owner – metal or plastic – impact the road or not – effect the sale of the house or not – impact the tax rate.

ACTION ITEM:

- Culvert question, table for now and address at next meeting.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25

Ernie will be given the telephone while Jaime is out of town. (3/7-3/15) The same number will be used # (413) 329 3191

The next meeting will be rescheduled to April 9, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Borden
Treasurer/Asst Clerk