

SHERWOOD GREENS ROAD IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE DISTRICT

Prudential Committee Minutes for September 10, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 9:21 AM.

Present were committee members; Ken Einhorn, Michael Lavery, Terry Hayden and Shawna Garanzuay. Also present were: Mary White, District Clerk; Jaime Garanzuay, District Superintendent; Ken Hunter, Steve Stambler and Ira Korner.

Minutes:

The minutes were not accepted, as Terry said that there was not a quorum of the member present at the August meeting, therefore we would have postponed acceptance until that quorum was present.

Tax Classification Hearing:

The Tax Classification Hearing was held at 9:30 as advertised. After an explanation of the purpose for this hearing, a vote was taken which was unanimously in favor of keeping a single tax rate.

Treasurer's Report:

Because Kathy was not present, Terry read the cost report, the report was not accepted, because there was a discrepancy between the warrant and the report.

There was a review of the available funds and the projects list.

We need: \$1,700.00 for Fairway Drive repairs, \$3,600.00 for Bow South, \$2,000.00 for re-application of CaCl. We have \$12,000.00 in the General Account and \$11,000.00 in the Major Improvement Account, so we have sufficient funds for these projects.

Road Report:

The tree company, Asplundh, has been in the Greens cutting back trees from power and phone lines. They stopped Jaime and asked if they could cut down a tree that Ernie has been wanting to cut down. The tree was located between the old tennis court and the new mail box shed. Jaime gave the ok for them to cut down the tree.

Ernie has finished the work on Fairway Drive and will start roadside mowing in the Greens at the end of September.

Jaime is, at this time, still waiting on a response from Ira about the culvert. He is also trying to find out how the Town of Becket deals with culvert situations when a new homeowner builds on a town road.

Jaime spoke to Ira Korner about his culvert and told him that the question of who is responsible for the installation will be discussed at this meeting.

Shawna said that she has been trying to get a hold of the TOB, highway dept. to see what they do in a situation like this. It was brought up that although in some things we are required to follow Town policies, in this instance we are bound by our own by-laws, and not what the Town would do. Terry said that the intent of the by-laws has not changed with the acceptance of the new by-laws.

When “originally” is referred to about the installation of culverts, Robinwood Development Corp., the people who established the Greens, did install the first culverts, but were not responsible for them from then on.

Jaime asked where he can get permit applications. Terry said that she has templates for them.

Jaime said that it has been in past minutes where Sherwood Greens has replaced culverts if they could cause damage to the roads when we have a severe storm.. Both of Ira’s culverts are set wrong because of the combination of ditches and elevation. Terry said the ditching issue sounds like a Greens problem.

Ken said that whoever does Ira's culverts should be made aware of the proper pitch for them. We need to get Jaime a draft permit and make sure it includes the proper pitch for the culverts. Jaime said that in the past, Ernie has done work for Ira, and if he does this job he will know what needs to be done.

Terry told Ira that the by-laws can be found on the town web site.

Ira said that by-laws imply that when you put in culverts, they are installed properly.

Terry said that we need to be consistent and work together as a team and not "throw anyone under the bus".

Ernie had asked that the minutes be sent to him so he will know what the committee discussed and recommended. Terry said no we will not send them to him. He will have to work with Jaime as District Superintendent.

The Road Report was accepted.

LAKES REPORT:

The beach has been tested weekly between Memorial Day and Labor Day for E-Coli , and it has been well within the limits set by the State.

Ken remarked that even with the dry conditions, and the lakes so low, he is pleased with how little growth of Phragmites he sees. He questioned whether we will need to use chemicals in the near future. Michael said that there are two chemicals approved by the State to be used to treat lakes. The one approved for our use is Glycolphosphate, which can damage trees and other land plants. The other one is Habitat, which is safe for trees and plants. Can we get this amended by the Cons. Comm.?

It was moved to move forward with the Habitat to control Phragmites. The vote was unanimously in favor.

Michael will look up the exact wording of the Coms. Comm. meeting dealing with the chemicals used.

Michael thanked Ken for the great job he has done with the lakes.

Michael e-mailed me the exact wording, which is as follows:

“The District would like to continue control of Phragmites. The annual report on the invasives controls stated Glycolphosphate was used to control Phragmites while the NOI indicated the chemical to be used would be Imazapar. Also it was found that the District had overlooked the need to register the original OOC and this should be done immediately.” We were agenda item number 9 on the minutes

The Lakes Report was accepted.

Additional Business:

The builder cannot go any further with building the mail box building, because the electrician has to do the wiring first. The electrician will need to receive his first payment in order to buy supplies. The lighting will be solar, with wired electricity if needed.

Shawna has been in touch with the Post Office, and they will not install the boxes until the shed is completely finished. She will keep in touch.

Terry asked why the lumber used in the construction is not pressure treated. Jaime said because it was not stipulated in the contract. Besides the building will be covered with the shingles etc. and it should be all right. It was questioned if the concrete slab is thick enough. Jaime said it is 8” in the middle and 12” on the sides and approved by the Becket Building Inspector.

Terry attended a meeting where it was mentioned that there was no Treasurer’s report given at the Annual Meeting. She will look at past minutes and give a copy to Kathy.

Jaime told Ira not to black top before the culverts are in, or he will have to dig up part of the driveway to install them. He thanked Ira for attending the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15

The next meeting will be held on October 1, 2016

Respectfully submitted.

Mary S. White

District Clerk