

**SHERWOOD GREENS ROAD IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTNANCCE DISTRICT**  
**PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**JULY 9, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM.

Present were Committee members: Bob Gerstle, Ken Einhorn, John Kammerman, Terry Hayden and Michael Lavery. Also present were: Kathy Borden, Treasurer; Mary White, Clerk; Ken Hunter, Virginia Lavery and Vera Clark.

Michael Lavery was sworn in as a Prudential Committee member by the District Clerk.

Minutes: There was some discussion to determine and understand why the Annual Minutes were posted in draft format prior to Committee review. It was explained that these Minutes are required to be submitted within 10 days of the Annual Meeting. Action: To clarify the appropriate way to handle and process the Annual Minutes going forward.

The Minutes for June were accepted as amended. (Bob Gerstels' name was misspelled.)

Warrant: The warrant was signed after Ken explained why some of the divers were paid different salaries.

Treasurers Report: The Treasurer's report was accepted.

Road Report: The road report was e-mailed to John. There was not much happening. There was a complaint about over hanging branches and rocks surfacing in the road on Fairview drive. This road is on the priority list. The Road Report was accepted.

Lakes Report:

Silver Shield Lake is done. They did a good job. This year we have no divers on the weekends. Andre has put in over 100 hours using a sickle at the bottom of the plants. Usually the only shore line areas done are at the beach. The next area to be done will be near Schultz's property. The same method will be used. If the plants start to bud, they must be removed before they blossom, or there will be many more next year.

A question was asked as to who Damien is. He works with Ken Hunter removing weeds. Ken Einhorn said it can be frustrating, you pull and the weeds re-grow

There is a company that uses oxygen and bacteria to treat the weeds, but they are probably pretty expensive. The weed growth is being hastened because of the shallowness of the lakes. Ken said he doesn't see as much re-growth of Phragmites. The beach has been tested by the State, and we are below allowed limits for E-Coli. When we have heavy rains, goose droppings can be washed into the lakes causing higher E-Coli counts. Andre has been working on Golden Fawn Lake. Michael said the pulling is sufficient. Aquatic Control is now Solitude Lake Mgt.

Bob questioned the statement in former May 2016 Minutes that the Cons. Comm. said we used the wrong chemical a few years ago. Michael attended the meeting, and will research the names of the chemicals involved .(after the meeting, Michael looked it up. The chemical approved by the Cons. Comm. was Imazapyr. The chemical erroneously used was Glysophate).

The Lakes Report was accepted.

Mail Boxes: John sent a copy of the contract. It is pretty straight forward. Electric work is not covered. We will have to run a line from the pole, dao the ditching, etc. The location of the boxes will depend partly on the entrance and exit locations of the access road. Kathy asked what the payment schedule will be. It will be 1/3 before work starts, 1/3 after the first week and 1/3 when the job is done.

Mosquitoes: Terry spoke to the Mosquito Control Supervisor, Chris Horton. Residents will have to either opt in or out for services within Sherwood Greens Road District. If one does nothing, the ditches and standing water on Greens property will be the only areas treated. If anyone has questions, it would be beneficial for them to call the Supervisor, (413) 447-9808. Ken thanked Terry for all her hard work. The Committee concurred.

Bob asked about contracts with Always Growing. Always Growing has an evergreen clause in which either party can cancel the contract within 60 days. A few year ago, letters were sent to several local contractors. Always Growing was the only one to respond.

Bob asked when the paved section of Long Bow East will be sealed. John will check with Jaime.

Michael said the road near the culvert between his house and Hunter's house should be grade, raked and rolled, or we are in danger of losing all the expensive work done on the culvert. There was a discussion to determine the exact location of the road, as it was not included on the Priority List that was generated in February 2016. Action Item: Michael was asked to send an email to John, providing details of the exact location and if it was not identified in February 2016, it would be added to the next round of projects.

Terry suggested that Ernie be invited to our next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10;22.

After the meeting was adjourned, Virginia Lavery, who has recently spoken with local Wired West representatives, gave an update about the high-speed internet municipal lighting project with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The project was stalled and is now moving forward under new directions from the Governor's appointed body, the Mass Broadband Institute (MBI), which will work directly with the towns. This may or may not exclude Wired West. Exude Internet is a third party satellite solution that offers a comparable service in the meantime, and is not affiliated in any way with the State of Massachusetts, MBI, Wired West or the Town of Becket.

The next meeting will be on August 6, 2016

Respectfully submitted.

Mary S. White,  
District Clerk