

SHERWOOD GREENS ROAD IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE DISTRICT

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Phone number 413-770-1660

Held at the Becket Town Hall, 557 Main Street

July 1, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 AM.

Present were committee members: Ken Einhorn, Terry Hayden, Robert Gerstle, and Michael Lavery Also present were: Mary White, District Clerk; Kathy Borden, District Treasurer; Ken Hunter, Robert Ronzio, David Edgecomb, Gabrielle Murphy Dean Lagrotteria, and Howard Leonie.

The June minutes were reviewed and accepted

The warrant was signed

The Treasurer's report was accepted after some discussion on funds for calcium chloride, and the funds available for FY 2018.

Road Report:

Because we have no District Superintendent at this time, there was no report.

Special Meeting Warrant:

The warrant for the Special District meeting was signed.

There was a question about how many full time residents, and how many part time residents are required for the Prudential Committee. Terry answered that that there is no longer a breakdown between full and part time members, because there were not enough full time residents interested in serving. There was a by-law change addressing this. There was some discussion as to where the by-law changes can be found.

Culvert Grant:

Massachusetts has initiated a grant for the replacement of culverts, for which there is a July 11 th deadline. Terry asked our attorney (Elizabeth Goodman) if she would review the requirements. Robert Gerstle would be glad to work with Elizabeth, as he has had some experience with grant writing. Dean

Lagrotteria volunteered to help, as he also has some experience with grants. Robert asked Terry how State grants are awarded. Terry said she is not sure, but thinks it is probably by e-mail.

A Motion was made, seconded and voted to establish a committee of consisting of Robert and Dean to administer grants.

Mary was asked to include the phone number on the letterhead.

Lakes Report:

So far this year 186 hours have been spent pulling invasive growth as identified by the Conservation committee—100 hours on Big Long Bow and 28 hours on Golden Fawn and 50 hours on Silver Shield. The diver is paid \$40.00 per hour, and usually puts in about 350 hours per year. There was not much pulling in June, but it is picking up now. The goal in pulling is to stay in the center of lakes, except for the beach area, which is pulled to the shoreline. The pulling season ends in late July, after which Solitude Lake Management will do a post season survey. Spraying for Phragmites will be done in September or October. Sometime in February, Always Growing will come in and pull them.

The Lakes report was accepted.

Additional Business:

Dean Lagrotteria asked what health concerns were taken into consideration on mosquito spraying. He was told that a vote was taken at a Annual District Meeting approving the spraying of mosquitoes. Although several people expressed concerns, the majority was in favor of spraying. Terry will check on the length of the contract. It was asked what other options were explored? The article was only for spraying, not for other options. We wanted to take advantage of the state program.

There was a statement from the floor that the chemicals used are not approved for this area by the EPA. Terry will send the name of the gentleman to contact about this. Terry was told that the state does not do anything dangerous in spraying. All the concerns will be taken into consideration, and will be addressed the August Meeting.

There was a question as to how standing water should be addressed. It was suggested that the District Superintendent be contacted about better drainage questions.

A question was posed if this comes under the authority of the Prudential Committee. Terry answered that she contacted District Counsel to ascertain if this comes under the committee's purview. It does.

Is there an option to cancel the spraying contract? If there is, it would have to be voted on at a Special Meeting or the Annual Meeting. It was then suggested from the floor that we have a Special Meeting before next year's payment. Although he is not a resident of the Greens, Mr. Ronzio stated that it probably isn't in the Act that established us. Terry said he is welcomed to call the Attorney General's Office. The name of her contact there was Kathy.

Someone asked if they could call our Counsel, and was told that not just anyone can call her, as it would be cost prohibitive. Terry is the contact person approved to work with Counsel. If anyone has concerns, please talk to Terry about them, and she will present them to Mrs. Goodman.

Gabrielle said that she tried to contact Jaime by phone and e-mail, and got no reply from him.

Contracts discussion came up. We do not need a contract for plowing. Maintenance contracts should probably be renewed annually. Michael said contracts need to be reviewed, and this discussion should be tabled until the August 5th meeting.

The appointment for District Superintendent cannot be carried over from year to year. It must be done annually. As of this time, we have no Superintendent.

If roads need plowing after the thaw, Contractor should be given permission to do so even if it could damage roads.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:06 AM.

The next meeting will be held on August 5, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Mary S. White

District Clerk

