

# COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

SHERWOOD GREENS ROAD IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE DISTRICT  
1439 JACOBS LADDER ROAD, BECKET, MA 01223

## ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

**Meeting opened at 9am June 2, 2018**

**2 proxy forms recieved but only one was valid as the second did not have a proxy name listed.**

Article 1: To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money needed for the operating budget for FY 2019 and to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected offices as follows:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
General Road Maintenance	\$ 11,500.00	GRR/Tree removal/Culverts
Winter Road Maintenance	\$ 17,000.00	Fixed rate/Under contract
Major Improvements	\$ 15,000.00	
Annual Maintenance ditches, leaf removal	\$ 11,500.00	Roadside mowing-2X, weed spray
Lake Maintenance	\$ 31,000.00	
Mosquito Spraying	\$ 1,800.00	
General Reserve Account	\$ 7,000.00	
Superintendent's Salary	\$ 5,000.00	
Superintendent's Expenses	\$ 600.00	
Treasurer's Salary	\$ 3,800.00	
Clerk's Salary	\$ 2,000.00	
District Office expenses new phone	\$ 3,000.00	\$1,000 increase for storage unit and
Insurance, Bonding and Withholding	\$ 3,000.00	
Town Officials	\$ 2,800.00	
Entrance Way and Beach Maintenance	\$ 2,000.00	
Tax Collection (Billing Company)	\$ 300.00	
Prudential Committee Expenses	\$ 300.00	
Attorney's Fees	\$ 1000.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$118,600.00</b>	

Prudential Committee recommends

2/3 vote required

Lengthy discussions ensued regarding budgetary items, the most significant of which were:

### MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS:

David Edgecomb- made a statement to let attendees know that he does not support additional amounts placed on budget, that he feels confused over revenue & budget as well as transparency of stabilization funds. States that he is unable to give his full consent and feels that the additional money needed is available if properly managed.

Bob Gerstle- requested an explanation of major improvements listed. John Kammerman reviewed the priority list provided by Road Supervisor.

Michael Lavery- requested an explanation regarding improvements were planned and what the year to date expenses were.

David Edgecomb- made motion to reduce major road improvements budgetary item to \$12,000. Motion seconded but failed to pass with vote of 9 (yes) and 11 (no) .

#### **ANNUAL MAINTENANCE:**

Discussion regarding whether herbicides are being used to keep weeds down, Road Supervisor states that they are not being used. Request voiced to have “weed spraying” removed from budget descriptions. Terry Hayden made motion to remove weed spraying from description, motion seconded and passed unanimously.

Annual Maintenance line item passed as amended 19 (yes) and 0 (no).

#### **LAKE MAINTENANCE:**

Ken Einhorn spoke regarding need for the additional \$13,000 for spraying treatment and answered questions regarding timing, resident notification and bids from other companies. Ken stated that he had received guidance from LAPA prior to choosing Solitude but that he welcomes any residents to join him in obtaining other bids.

David Edgecomb- requests a policy be created regarding standards for resident notification.

Lake Maintenance line item passed with vote of 16 (yes) and 4 (no)

#### **MOSQUITO SPRAYING:**

David Edgecomb- requests protocol for resident notification

Discussion regarding only using larvacide this year, see results and revisit spraying then if needed. Motion of use only larvacide but leave budget amount the same in case spraying is needed proposed and seconded but motion was later removed when Board determined that vote was for budget amount, not type of treatment.

Mosquito Spraying line item passed with vote of 20 (yes) and 1 (no)

#### **GENERAL RESERVE ACCOUNT:**

David Edgecomb- proposed motion to decrease line item back to \$3000. Motion seconded and passed with vote of 17 (yes) and 1 (no).

GENERAL RESERVE ACCOUNT line item passed as amended with a vote of 18 (yes) and 0 (no)

#### **DISTRICT OFFICE EXPENSES:**

Motion to change wording of description to “\$1500 increase”, motion seconded and passed unanimously.

DISTRICT OFFICE EXPENSES line item passed as amended with a vote of 18 (yes) and 0 (no).

#### **ATTORNEY FEES:**

**David Edgecomb** - discussed lack of transparency with this budgetary item as well. Terry Hayden replied that increase last year in amount paid to attorney was due to request for memorandum and for snow plow contract review.

**ATTORNEY FEES** line item passed with vote of 18 (yes) and 0 (no).

**Article 2:** To entertain nominations and cast votes in the District election to fill vacancies of district officers as follows:

**1 Member Prudential Committee, three year term**

David Edgecomb nominated, nomination seconded and elected with vote of 15 (yes) and 5 (no)

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Margaret Rodriguez nominated, nomination seconded and was not elected with 10 votes

Dean Lagotteria nominated, nomination seconded and elected with 11 votes

**1 Member Prudential Committee, three year term**

Margaret Rodriguez nominated, nomination seconded and was not elected with 9 votes

Emily Pfeiffer nominated, nomination seconded and elected with 12 votes

**1 District Clerk, three year term**

Laurie Boucher nominated, nomination seconded and elected with unanimous vote.

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:**

Littering- request made to have letter sent to police to further outline their authority in district.

Comment made regarding excellent road conditions allowing ease of access for emergency vehicles during recent fire.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 11:15am, seconded and approved by board.