

Sherwood Forest Road Maintenance District

Meeting Minutes

Saturday November 14th, 2015

Committee Members Present: Elise Fitzsimmons; Chair, Howard Lerner; Vice Chairman, Vee Cowell, Stan Taylor, Sandy Cortez- Greig, Joe Gagnon, Denielle Morin; Clerk-Treasurer

Committee members absent: Patty Clemons

Public present- Charles Andrews, Craig Willis, Stu Eldred, Robert Grace, Julia Grace

The meeting is opened at: 9:05 am, General Laws Chapter 30A Section 20.

Howard Lerner moves to suspend reading of the open meeting laws. Stan Taylor seconds. The vote is unanimous.

Meeting Minutes- Mr. Lerner makes a motion to accept the minutes with the noted revisions. Mr. Greig seconds the motion. The vote is unanimous.

Road Superintendent Report- Mr. Andrews reports that the grading and raking is mostly complete. He also reports there are a couple culverts that need to be installed. Mr. Andrews states that they are going to put some gravel on Fireside and widen it a bit. Mr. Andrews and Mr. Willis state that the sand and salt has been ordered and delivered so the roads are ready for winter and plowing. Mrs. Fitzsimmons asks if the guardrail at Will Scarlett and Sherwood Drive is going to be repaired. Mr. Andrews states that he is trying to get that done before snow.

Maid Marion Update- Mr. Andrews reports that he received three bids. One was over the threshold of Chapter 30B for proposals and the other two came in late. He recommends we start over with the bid process in the spring. Mr. Andrews also states that he intends to contact Shep at the Conservation Commission to make modifications regarding the spacing of the boulders to make it easier for mowing and more esthetically pleasing.

Expansion of Voting Rights- Mr. Greig informs the board that he met with Elizabeth Goodman. He states that he received an electronic copy of the changes to Act to expand voting rights to everyone that owns property and while also maintaining the rights of the people who currently have voting rights. Mr. Greig distributes a copy of what he received from Beth to members of the Prudential Committee. Sandy requests permission distribute it to members of the Special Committee once it is put in PDF form so it can't be altered. The board agrees to allow that and it is determined Vee will convert the file to PDF format and send it back to Sandy for distribution. The question is raised how to proceed to get it changed with the legislature and Mr. Greig states that it can either be done through a special meeting or by sending it to the Board of Selectman. Mr. Lerner states that it is his opinion it will be better received by the legislature if it's done through a special meeting so it's obvious it is the wishes of the whole community. Mr. Greig states that he also met with Elizabeth Goodman regarding the Kopelman and Paige decision as to whether or not Wells Rd residents are in the district. It is the opinion of Mrs. Goodman that the letter requested by the town clerk clearly states they are part of the district and therefore are assessable for taxes as members of the district. The residents of Wells Rd will be given the opportunity to opt-

out of the Road District at the annual meeting. There is also discussion regarding altering the language to allow the residents of Sherwood Forest to serve on the Prudential Committee rather than the existing language stating that one must be a member of the Road District to serve on the Prudential Committee. Mr. Lerner points out that the letter sent to Wells Rd residents should also be sent to the assessor's office to give them a heads up it will be coming.

Clerk/Treasurers Report- Ms. Morin states that the district brought in \$4,983 in tax revenue for the month and mentions that she has distributed of the spreadsheet to everyone showing year to date spending so far.

Warrant- Mr. Lerner makes a motion to approve the warrant. Mr. Taylor seconds the motion. The vote is unanimous. Mr. Lerner asks what the bank balance is and Mrs. Morin informs him the district has \$139,179.71 before paying these bills. Mr. Lerner makes mention that he has been trying to get a new phone for Mr. Andrews using the tax exemption. Mrs. Fitzsimmons calls for a motion to allow Howard the power to just handle it. Mr. Taylor makes the motion. Mrs. Cowell seconds the motion. The vote is unanimous. Mr. Lerner asks Mrs. Morin to get a copy of the tax exemption certificate as soon as possible.

Chief Procurement Officer- Mrs. Fitzsimmons states that she spoke with Mrs. Goodman about whether the chief procurement officer can be a member of the board. Mrs. Goodman informed Mrs. Fitzsimmons that she would need to do more research and get back to her. In the mean time she recommended Mr. Andrews stay the chief procurement officer until it is resolved.

Public Input- Mrs. Fitzsimmons asks if anyone has public input. Hearing none Mrs. Fitzsimmons calls for a motion to adjourn.

Adjournment- Mr. Greig makes a motion to adjourn. Mr. Taylor seconds it. The vote is unanimous. Meeting is adjourned at 9:54am.

Scheduled next meeting is for December 12th at 9:05 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denielle Morin
Clerk-Treasurer