

Sherwood Forest Road Maintenance District Tax Classification Hearing Minutes

Saturday December 12th, 2015

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Committee members absent: Patty Clemons, Joe Gagnon

Public present- Stu Eldred, Robert Ronzio

The meeting is opened at: 9:01 am, General Laws Chapter 30A Section 20.

Mrs. Fitzsimmons calls to order the tax classification hearing. Mrs. Fitzsimmons asks for a motion to make the tax classification the same for everyone in Sherwood Forest. Mr. Cortez-Greig makes the motion. Mr. Lerner seconds the motion. Mrs. Fitzsimmons asks if there is any public input. Hearing none Mrs. Fitzsimmons calls for a vote. The vote is unanimous.

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Mr. Lerner makes a motion to suspend reading of the open meeting laws. Mrs. Cowell seconds the motion. 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. Mrs. Fitzsimmons states that the minutes are being posted on the town website.

Road Superintendent Report- Mrs. Fitzsimmons makes mention that this topic will be skipped today as Mr. Andrews is not in attendance for the meeting. Additionally, Mrs. Fitzsimmons states that Mr. Andrews has not returned phone calls to his cell phone by Ms. Morin nor responded to Mrs. Fitzsimmons emails.

Clerk/Treasurers Report- Ms. Morin draws everyone's attention to the spreadsheet showing year to date spending and states that for November the Road District brought in \$41,519 in tax revenue. Ms. Morin states that on the warrant everyone will see that the Tonlino bill is listed under the bills that cannot be paid because there is no work order to go with it.

Warrant- The warrant is altered to add in a bill for \$2000 dollars for general liability insurance given to the clerk/treasurer at the start of the meeting. Mrs. Fitzsimmons calls for a motion to approve the warrant. Mr. Taylor makes a motion. Mr. Lerner seconds the motion. The warrant is unanimously approved with the addition and the board members initial the change.

Expansion of Voting Rights- Mr. Cortez-Greig tells the board he distributed the proposed changes to the Act to the board and members of the former Special Committee. As of yet, Mr. Cortez-Greig has received minimal feedback. Mr. Cortez-Greig would like permission to send the proposed changes to the Selectman for the Town of Becket. It is determined the discussion will be tabled for January.

Mr. Cortez-Greig also tells the board that they all have been given a copy of the letter intended to send out to Wells Rd residents. He states that it is his opinion they should be sent during the month of December as the residents need to be the registered owners of the property as of January 1st so it should be distributed as close to that date as possible. Mr. Cortez-Greig inquires as to who is going to sign the letters for the Wells Rd residents. It is mentioned that the procedure for filing a petition to opt out of the road district is to submit individual petitions to the Road District for approval and petitions will be placed on the warrant for the next annual meeting for a vote. There is mention that an opt-in procedure still needs to be drafted. Mr. Lerner suggests changes to the language in the letter. Mr. Ronzio makes a suggestion that the petition for exclusion include a plot and parcel number for home owners so their property can be easily identified. The board determines the Chair, Elise Fitzsimmons, should sign the letter. Mr. Cortez-Greig makes the motion. Mr. Taylor seconds the motion. The vote is unanimous. The letter is accepted by the board with the noted revisions.

Mrs. Fitzsimmons also makes mentions that there needs to be a public hearing addressing the petition from the residents on Wells Rd. Mr. Taylor makes note that the board is discussing it in a public meeting currently. There is confusion as to whether the regular monthly meeting meets the requirement. Mrs. Fitzsimmons states that she will discuss it with Elizabeth Goodman and report back at the January meeting.

Public Input- Mr. Ronzio inquires as to the procedure for ordering materials for road work. Mrs. Fitzsimmons informs him that Mr. Andrews puts material orders on the work orders and the contractor handles the actual ordering.

Adjournment-Before calling for a vote to adjourn, Ms. Morin makes mention that she needs to know who should sign the new tax exempt certificate and also needs the boards' approval to reissue a check to Patricia Clemons that has not been cashed. Mr. Lerner makes a motion to allow Ms. Morin to sign the tax exempt certificate. Mrs. Cowell seconds the motion. The vote is unanimous. The board also approves the reissuing of Mrs. Clemons check. Mr. Lerner makes a motion. Mrs. Cowell seconds the motion. The vote is unanimous.

Mr. Greig makes a motion to adjourn. Mr. Taylor seconds it. The vote is unanimous. Meeting is adjourned at 10 am.

Scheduled next meeting is for January 9th, 2016 at 9:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Denielle Morin
Clerk-Treasurer