

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Sherwood Forest Road Maintenance District

Tuesday, April 5th, 2011

Committee Members Present: David Bonney, Marty Feit, Clerk-Treasurer; David Devane, Road Superintendent, Gilles Beaudoin, Nancy Devane, Jack Sayward

Committee Members Absent: None

Public Present: Gerry Grondin

The meeting is opened at 6:00 pm

Location: Becket Town Hall, 557 Main Street

Meeting Introduction; I.A.W. - M.G.L. CH39- Section 23C.

Committee members discuss proposed by-law changes- Various topics to discuss

Amending the two-year term – David Bonney asks who has a copy of the by-laws. Marty advises that he needs an updated copy. Committee members discuss which version on the web is the most updated version. Nancy advises committee members where to look for the latest version and states that they are dated 2006. David states that they are looking to amend Chapter 3 Section 2. David suggests that they can change two to even years and the other three odd years to keep them alternating. David asks committee members if they also want to make it so that the alternate member can vote in place of a regular member. Nancy voices concerns over everyone leaving the committee at the same time. Committee members briefly discuss whether or not they are planning on running once their terms are up. Committee members state that there are currently seven positions; five regular and two alternates. Nancy asks if anyone present has a sample by-law available.

Committee members work on the word choices available. Nancy Devane reads aloud to amend chapter 3 Section 2 to read as follows; Beginning in the year 2011 all prudential committee members will serve two year terms; three regular resident- 2 years (two regular on even years and one on odd year), two non-residents- 2 years, One resident alternate-2 years, one non-resident alternate- 2 years. In 2012; one regular resident, one non-resident, one alternate resident and clerk and treasurer.

David expresses concern for the three month that Marty will be gone. He states that the way it reads now, the clerk is responsible for producing the minutes. Nancy suggests that they can appoint an assistant clerk and then someone could sit in for Marty in his absence. Nancy also suggests that with permission from the A.G. a person can attend a meeting either via cell phone, speaker phone, or via skype.

Amending the two-year all season contract- Committee members discuss if it would be possible to legally amend the contract. Committee members agree that they do not have the authority at this point to change the contract.

Amending the alternate position to allow alternate members to be able to sit in and vote in place of regular members in their absence. Nancy reads aloud; **Alternate members can serve for regular members in which the position in which they were elected. Committee members agree with Nancy's statement.**

Nancy advises that the attorney suggested making the changes slowly, explaining that too much change at the same time often makes people real nervous. Committee members briefly discuss the topic of Insurance and **how** much protection they may need. Nancy states that she was unable to find the notice requirements. Marty advises that he has asked their attorney to look into the topic of **Insurance**. Nancy explains that under section 9, if your negligence causes someone harm, then you would not be covered. David states that the insurance is not going to happen until the beginning of the next fiscal year, and at that time they should have all their pertinent information gathered. Committee members discuss whether or not the SFNA has their own insurance aside from White Wolf's insurance.

Marty asks what about Craig's bond; David states that Marty should have it. David advises Marty to ask Craig and to make sure that it is in place. Committee members discuss whether or not the bond is carried over; Nancy states that he will most likely renew the one already in place.

Committee members complete the discussion with an overview of the important changes and amendments discussed. Committee members discuss emailing everyone that they have email addresses for; prior to June 1st. Committee members are reminded that not everyone has a computer and they need to have consideration for those people.

Motion to adjourn the meeting is made; seconded; Unanimous Approval. Meeting is adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Schedule Next meeting for May 7th, 2011.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marty Feit
Clerk-Treasurer

