

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Sherwood Forest Road Maintenance District

Saturday, February 5th, 2011

Committee Members Present: David Bonney, Marty Feit, Clerk-Treasurer; David Devane, Road Superintendent, Gerry Grondin, Nancy Devane.

Committee Members Absent: Gilles Beaudoin, Jack Sayward

Public Present:

The meeting is opened at 10:30 AM.

Location: Becket Town Hall, 557 Main Street

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

Approval of December 3rd Meeting Minutes- Nancy Devane makes a motion to approve the amended minutes from the December Meeting, David seconds motion; Unanimous Approval.

Approval of Annual Meeting Minutes of January 8th, 2011- Nancy Devane makes a motion to table the acceptance of the January 8th meeting minutes until they are correctly amended, motion seconded; Unanimous Approval.

Sherwood Forest Road Superintendent's Monthly report- Covering January 1-31, 2010.

Calls/Complaints

January 11th- Jim Murray from Asplund contacted Dave because he was planning on cutting trees and branches on Prince John Drive and wanted to know what needs to be done with the debris. Dave explained to him that it all needs to be taken out, Jim Murray fully complied.

Major Storms- January 8-9, January 12-13, January 19th, January 25-26.

Miscellaneous- Dave reports that many people have been coming out and stating how well the roads are being taken care of. Dave advises that all the storms of this winter are becoming quite costly; however they are still within their budget.

David Bonney confirms that he has not heard any complaints, just a lot of praise; this is attributed to the good work done by all.

David Devane, Road Superintendent

Public Participation- None

Treasurers Report- Warrant Approval for January- warrant read and reviewed by committee members. Marty advises that considering all the plowing that has been done, they are looking real good at this point. Marty states that they are within the budget allowed and that the roads never looked better! Marty states that taxes will be going out March 1st so they should have that money coming in by April 1st. Marty advises that he has looked into the money market account and that it is his opinion that they should just leave the money where it is. A motion is made to approve the warrant as presented; motion is seconded; Unanimous Approval.

Nancy asks Marty if he has a copy of the contract that they have with the town, referencing the ice storm. David Bonney advises that he has a copy of the contract; he would just need to locate it. Nancy advises that she has called the town numerous times; requesting a copy, however still not has received it yet. Nancy advises that she was told to go to the treasurer.

Two year All Season Contract- David advises that the contract is ready to go and will be advertised on the 9th and the 16th of the month. David states that the postmark is stated to be February 25th by midnight. David explains that at the March meeting, they will open all the bids. David advises Marty that if he receives them at this point, just leave them sealed until the March meeting at which point they that will appear as the first agenda item.

Bylaws- Nancy Devane questions how many people have actually looked at them. Nancy advises that there are several of them that are fairly simple and can be voted on at the annual meeting. Nancy also suggests that they can schedule a meeting just for the bylaws. David questions if everyone is going to have a 2-year term, advising that it is an awful lot for a person to have to be re-elected every year. Nancy asks David to please write down the specific bylaws that he would like changed. David states he would like to even out the ballot. All 1-year and 2-year terms are discussed. David states that people don't even realize who is on the board. Marty suggests that the clerk-treasurer position should be changed to a non-resident position. Nancy and David explain that is a more complicated process. Marty advises that he would be happy to continue on, however will be gone for three months. David advises that the Acts state that no one on the committee can be the treasurer, but is unsure what it says about the clerk. Marty advises that he would be willing to train somebody to do what he does. Nancy reminds that the website business

also needs to be looked into. Marty explains that he has the phone number of a gentleman that he feels would be very good at doing it, he states he has been very busy, however, will be contacting him at his earliest convenience. Committee members agree that once the website is set up, it is only a matter of maintenance.

Roads to be open for next Spring-Dave advises that at this point, it is only Mountaindale Circle that is being added.

Tree Work- Dave advises that he has talked to Craig and he was going to mark a couple of trees. Committee members agree that once the weather breaks a bit, the timing will be better.

Any other business- Nancy asks where the committee stands with the whole dry-hydrant topic. David explains that now that Tony Blair is gone as well as John Hall, nothing has been proposed and that there have not been any agreements signed.

Marty states that a posting referencing snowmobiles, as well quads. needs to be addressed. Committee members discuss that this is an important topic that needs to be taken care of.

Nancy asks who they need to notify once their tax rate is set. David advises that they need to give it to the Town Clerk.

Motion to adjourn the meeting is made; seconded; Unanimous Approval. Meeting is adjourned at 11:35 am.

Schedule Next meeting for March 5th, 2011.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marty Feit
Clerk-Treasurer