

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Sherwood Forest Road Maintenance District

Saturday, January 15th, 2011

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

Committee Members Absent: None

Public Present: Craig Willis

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 Annual Meeting Minutes of December 3rd, 2010- Nancy Devane makes a motion to table the acceptance of the December 3rd, 2010 meeting minutes, advising that she found some corrections, referencing the Executive meeting minutes that needed to be changed. David Bonney adds that they will make the necessary corrections, then approve the meeting minutes at the next regularly scheduled meeting, the motion was seconded; Unanimous Approval. Meeting minutes tabled until February's meeting.

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

Calls/Complaints

December 3rd- Sandy Sayward; asked if washout on Dragon Way could be fixed. Work was done, repaired and road temporarily and drainage work will be necessary in Spring.

December 7th- Sandy Sayward wanting to know why we are sanding; sanding was necessary due to many cars were skidding off the roads in several areas around the Forest.

December 7th- Sandra LaBonbard; two cars off the road on Olde Carriage Road and Prince Paul Path, sanders were already out on the roads and that area didn't get sanded. Later when I did my run through the Forest, the cars were no longer there.

Please Note: People with complaints or questions need to be reminded to address the Committee by calling 413-358-5263 and not my home phone number.

Regular order of business-

December 1st-14th - Repair of washouts and potholes.

Winter Plowing/Sanding

Dec. 6th, 7th,9th, 10th-Snowstorm

December 11th-Snowstorm December 12th,16th,17th,19th - Snowstorm

December 20th, 26th, 27th, 28th Snowstorm.

Miscellaneous- Received a letter with a copy of his road tax bill from Mr. James Barret about the water flowing from above into his property from Golden Knight Lane. I spoke with Mr. Barrett on August 14th, 2010 about his problem, asking if we could wait until fall or spring when taxes or road can be worked on, he agreed as long as it is done by spring. Plan is to lay a culvert pipe across the road and grade in a different direction from his property. I left him a message and have not yet heard back from him. I would like to send him the attached letter with the board's approval.

David Devane, Road Superintendent

Public Participation- None

Treasurers Report- Warrant Approval for December- warrant read and reviewed by committee members. Marty advises that on the bottom of the report, he has last year's figures as opposed to this years figure. Marty suggests that they should look into some kind of a safe, Money-Market account to try to get a little bit of interest, advising that they are now not getting anything. Marty goes over figures with committee members, advising that this includes two tax refunds that he had referenced last month. Marty explains that everything seems to be on track, adding that they just need to watch their spending. Marty outlines that out of their allowed \$95,000.00 budget for winter roads, \$18,000.00 has been spent thus far; confirming all looks well as long as we do not get too many real big storms.Marty also advises that he did send out the letter to Mr. Wallberg as promised. A motion is made to approve the warrant as presented; motion is seconded; Unanimous Approval.

Two year All Season Contract- Dave Bonney advises that he would like to have everything in place by the April Meeting. David advises that he has the bid sheet ready to

go, however he had a few things to run by the board. David advises that they currently carry a one million dollar insurance policy, David asks board members if they think that a million dollars is enough or if they should consider raising that amount. Marty advises that in dealing with different businesses, he has found that most carry the one million dollar policy. David asks if they have any paperwork from Whitewolf, wondering what the amount of liability the contractor may currently have. Mr. Craig Willis joins the meeting; Board members ask how much liability insurance he carries, Craig responds that he currently is covered for two million dollars. David closes by stating that everything is ready to go out for the contract.

Bylaws- Nancy Devane asks board members if anyone has any suggestions to help with this matter.

Marty advises that he spoke with Richard Furlong, explaining that there are elderly people that are having difficulty accessing their mailboxes; Richard had them plowed out. Marty advises that he is not sure if they will continue to do that or if that is something that they should think about having someone take care of it. Board members discuss the fact that Wells Road has not been plowed as well or as often as it usually is. Marty mentions to Craig that Enchanted Cove has also not been plowed thoroughly this winter. Craig asks if all the road discussion has already gone past or if it is upcoming on the agenda still, advising that he has one issue to bring up to the committee. Marty states that they can re-open the public participation portion of the meeting. Craig advises that he was just notified that that he is being sued by a lady that slid into a tree. David states that he was hoping not to discuss the legalities therein. Nancy states that they happened to be driving by at the time of the accident, and saw the car down in the ditch. Nancy advises that they got out of the car and offered to help in any way needed, to include calling an ambulance if anyone was hurt. David explains that Whitewolf is easier to actually sue than the road district would be, thus the pending lawsuit. Nancy advises that in the case of a major storm, it is always better if possible to just stay home and off of the roads. David states that they have record of the storm and it was only about an inch of snow at that point and that Dave and Nancy are witnesses to that. Craig advises that he has submitted all paperwork to his insurance company.

Roads to be open for next Spring-David explains that he has this on the agenda just to let everyone know that they are compiling a list now of the roads that need to be opened in the spring.

Tree Work- Dave advises that he has talked to a company that wants to come in and do some tree cutting for the Electric Company. Craig states that when they bring in any tree company to sub-contract for them, they always ask for a copy of the insurance policy. Craig advises that with the larger companies, your pay for the job can be withheld until a certificate of insurance is current and on file.

Any other business- Nancy states that she does have some more information on the open meeting law, however apologizes that she does not have it with her today. David questions whether or not the agenda always has to be posted at the mailboxes, Marty

advises that he has been informed that this is not the case. Marty explains that he has posted the agenda at the mailboxes and will stop and remove the document on the way out. Nancy states that she has contacted the Attorney General's office for information. Marty offers Nancy contact information that he has at the Attorney General's office, to include an email address requested.

David explains that all the information for the Annual Meeting needs to be gathered, stating that it is coming up soon.

Motion to adjourn the meeting is made; seconded; Unanimous Approval. Meeting is adjourned at 11:40 am.

Schedule Next meeting for February 5th, 2011.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marty Feit
Clerk-Treasurer