

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Sherwood Forest Road Maintenance District

Saturday, July 9th, 2011

Committee Members Present: David Bonney, Marty Feit, Clerk-Treasurer; Gilles Beaudoin, Al Barvenik, Davis Devane (arrives at 10:45) Nancy Devane (arrives at 10:45)

Committee Members Absent: Jack Sayward, Gerry Grondin

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.

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman-

Election of Chairman- A motion is made to elect David Bonney as Chairman, motion is seconded; Unanimous Approval.

Election of Vice Chairman- A motion is made to elect Gilles Beaudoin as Vice Chairman Motion is seconded; Unanimous Approval.

Adoption of Rules- Mr. Bonney advises that they will adopt Chapter 9, section 23C of MGL.

Appointment of Road Superintendent- Mr. Bonney advises that this can be tabled until Mr. Devane returns, explaining that he was present earlier, and is expected back. Mr. Bonney advises that Mr. Devane hasn't said that he does not want to stay in the Superintendent position; therefore he is expected to accept the nomination.

Appointment of District Counsel- Mr. Bonney advises that they have had a good run with Kopleman and Paige and that they should continue on with them. Mr. Feit explains that they have done a good job, however expresses concern that Kopleman and Paige represents the Town of Becket and that depending on the situation, there could be a conflict of interest, if the district had litigations with the Town. Mr. Bonney states that if

that situation arises, that it is his assumption that Kopleman and Paige would appoint another attorney to represent them. A motion is made to appoint Kopleman and Paige as their legal counsel, motion is seconded; Unanimous Approval. Mr. Feit offers to send the firm a letter stating that they have been appointed as counsel again, Mr. Bonney explains that that it not necessary at this time.

Procure Insurance- Mr. Bonney advises that there is money in the account for the Insurance. Mr. Feit explains that they already have a binder for \$1187.00, A motion is made to procure indemnification insurance for the board, motion is seconded; Unanimous Approval.

Accept resignation for Jack Sayward- Mr. Bonney states that they have a written resignation from Mr. Jack Sayward, due to personal reasons. A motion is made to accept the resignation from Mr.Sayward, motion is seconded; unanimous Approval.

David and Nancy Devane arrive at the meeting. Mr. Bonney explains that they had tabled the appointment of the Road Superintendent. He confirms with David that he is still willing to accept the job, David confirms that he is. A motion is made to appoint Mr. Devane to the Road Superintendent position, motion is seconded, Ms. Devane abstains from the vote, the other three members present vote for the approval, Mr. Devane is appointed as Road Superintendent.

Meeting dates for Committee and Annual meeting- Dates are discussed and reviewed. Meeting dates are as follows: 8/6, 9/10, 10/1, 11/5, 12/3, 1/7, 2/4, 3/3, 4/7, 5/5, and 6/2. Board members discuss the date of the Annual meeting; members decide to table the setting of the date until the next meeting.

Approval of June 6th Meeting Minutes- A motion is made to accept the meeting minutes from the June 6th meeting, motion is seconded; unanimous Approval.

Sherwood Forest Road Superintendent's Monthly report- Covering June 1st-30th, 2011

Calls/Complaints-

June 6th- call from Sheila Cyr, 224 friar Tuck Drive, asking about repairs on the road. I called her back and informed her that the road will be fixed this summer.

June 20th-I received a letter from Ms. Ellen Youman about property on Robin Hood Lane. I have called Ms. Youman only to find out that the property was hers from their divorce. In addition, I have tried to contact her only to hear that Mr. Youman says that he would inform Ms. Youman about contacting me. Committee members discuss the different ways to try and contact Ms. Youman, members decide to send a letter via registered mail to be sure that the letter is received.

Road work-

Week of 1st-4th – grading on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

Week of 5th-11th- grading on the 6th and 7th.

Week of 12th-18th- grading on 16th and 17th.

Week of 19th-25th-grading on the 20th-25th.

Week of 26th-30th- grading, mowing on the 27th,28th,29th,30th.

Dave Devane, Road Superintendent

Public Participation-

Mr. Ray Pelligrini, states that he has been working with Mr. Devane for over a year now and has spoke with him about having his issues addressed formally. Mr. Bonney explains that Mr. Pelligrini just needed to come before the committee and explain his complaint. Mr. Devane explains that there is an issue with the culvert pipes. Mr. Bonney advises that of they are going to take the pipe out, they will need to go to the Conservation Commission. The culvert in question is at Mr. Brownhill's old residence. Mr. Pelligrini goes on to explain that there was a driveway put in across the street from him and that it was put in incorrectly, he explains that he is trying to now have the problem corrected. Mr. Pelligrini states that he has been told that this was going to be corrected, however, at this point nothing has been done and now his property is being ruined. He states that if the Road District is not going to act on this, then he would like to have a formal rejection from them so that he may move on. Mr. Bonney advises that they have no documentation on any of this. Mr. Pelligrini again asks that if they are not going to act on this, then he needs a written rejection from the committee now. Mr. Bonney explains that there are procedures that they need to address, to include contacting the Conservation Commission. He also explains that they made need to contact their attorney. Mr. Bonney explains to Mr. Pelligrini that they need some time to properly research this. Mr. Pelligrini asks if someone can take just five minutes to come and look at his property and see first hand what he is speaking about. Mr. Pelligrini states that there was a culvert there before there was even a driveway in existence. Mr. Bonney confirms to Mr. Pelligrini that they will investigate the problem and emphasizes how important it is for them to take the proper channels. Mr. Pelligrini states that because of the way and the location of the drain that the Road District put in, it has made his property that he pays taxes on as a buildable lot, completely useless and unusable. Mr. Pelligrini requests that a copy of the minutes be sent to him at the address that he has provided.

Next, member of the public, Margaret Degargen, 101 Porcupine Courts informs the board that she has two complaints. She states that Little John Drive is washed out badly at the end. She also informs the committee that on the corner of Sir Gallahad Drive and Nottingham Drive is also badly washed out. Ms. Devane addresses Ms. Degargen and

explains to her that she could have called to inform them of the poor road conditions. She also states that she has complained in the past about the tree stumps in the road and that nothing has been done to rectify that problem either. Mr. Bonney assures her that Dave Devane will go and look and the problem areas that she is speaking of and try to help fix the problem.

Mr. Craig Willis states that they do the best they can with what they have. He explains that some of the roads are just real washed down this year and the tree stumps are really coming through. Committee members discuss putting down more material on the roads and the fact that it would be terribly costly for the district to do.

Treasurer's Report- Marty advises the committee members of the balances that are in both accounts; he compares the figures to what was available in the same accounts last year. Marty informs the committee members that they are approximately \$30,000 ahead of where they were last year. He also suggests that they need to consider spending some of this money to make the improvements that are before them. Marty goes on to detail all bills due and money spent.

Warrant Approval- Marty reviews the warrant for all present. A motion is made to approve the warrant as presented, motion is seconded; Unanimous Approval.

Delinquent Tax Payers list- Marty explains that he has spoke with treasurer, Chris Bleau and requested a list of delinquent tax payers. Marty explains that he has not yet received the list but does expect to soon. Marty goes on to advise the committee that there is a lot of money out there to be collected and the money that is collected can help fund some of the future road improvement projects.

Any Other Business- Mr. Bonney says that he would like to discuss buying Dave Devane a much needed chainsaw. He explains that he has brought this up once before and they never ended up acting on it. David Bonney explains that there are many instances that it would come in quite handy. David states that for \$400 or less, they should be able to purchase a good chainsaw. David Bonney also adds that he should be paid \$20 an hour for these services. Committee members all agree that a chainsaw should be purchased and David Bonney asks Dave Devane to log his time and keep track of his hours.

Committee members briefly discuss the review of the bylaws and agree to table the discussion until the next meeting.

A motion is made to adjourn the meeting, motion is seconded, and the meeting is adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marty Feit
Clerk-Treasurer

