

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

# Sherwood Forest Road Maintenance District

Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Committee Members Present: David Bonney, Marty Feit, Clerk-Treasurer; Al Barvenik, Gerry Grondin, David Devane.

Committee Members Absent: Gilles Beaudoin, Nancy Devane

Public Present: Fran Barevenik, Howard Lerner, Robert Ronzio.

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 October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Meeting Minutes-** David Bonney advises that the correction to be made to the September meeting minutes was in fact not corrected, Marty advises that he will make the correction and submit it to Mike McEnerney to post the correction on the Web. A motion to accept the meeting minutes from October 1<sup>st</sup> is made, the motion is seconded; Unanimous approval.

## **Sherwood Forest Road Superintendent's Monthly report- October 2011**

Calls/Complaints:

Cynthia Humphrey, 85 Mystic Isle Way- Washout in front of driveway; Whitewolf repaired that section of the road.

A. Clemo, Porcupine Loop- Culvert across from his house was blocked and water was flowing into the septic area. Culvert was cleaned, will look at a larger culvert and trench.

Katherine Bushaw, 235 Prince John Drive- Complaint of water overflowing driveway culvert needs a new culvert, left message for Mrs. Bushaw. Mr. Devane asks board for a letter to be sent to Mrs. Bushaw stating that they are waiting to be contacted back from her.

Los Scott Hui, 405 Prince John Drive, Allison Crawford, 415 Prince John Drive- Complaint that road was not plowed and that there was a medical emergency; Whitewolf had a crew in the area and the road was taken care of, residents were able to get to the doctor.

Sandy Sayward, Nottingham Court- Noticed what looked like rocks moving at road culvert at Prince John Drive and Nottingham Court, will look at area.

Regular order of business-

September 20-21: Put up new signs and worked on waterways.

October 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>: Work on Fireside and Maid Marion, removing tree stumps, rocks and brush. Tree trimming on Woodsman and Prince John Drive.

October 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>: Tree trimming on Woodsman and Blue Boar. Work on porcupine Loop and cleaned out culvert and trench. Worked on piping at Alan-A-Dale and Whistling Arrow Way, worked on piping Sherwood Drive.

October 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>: Leaf blowing. October 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>: Leaf blowing.

October 29<sup>th</sup>: Snow Storm.

David Devane, Road Superintendent

**Work Orders:** Mr. Bonney advises that he does not see all the work orders in the package. Mr. Devane states that he speaks with Craig Willis in the morning as well as in the evening, regarding what jobs are to be performed the next day. Mr. Devane explains that he uses the invoices as the work order. Mr. Bonney explains that this is not acceptable as of today and that he will ask Marty to send out a letter stating so. Mr. Bonney explains the correct process that needs to be followed when scheduling work on a project. Mr. Bonney states that Craig must have work orders before he can be paid for any job, excluding the snow plowing. Mr. Bonney advises that all culvert repairs also have to come before the committee. Mr. Devane advises that he will be meeting with Kathy Vstecka in regards to Fireside Lane. Mr. Lerner advises that Kathy was going to put a cease and desist; however if the Engineer comes in and professionally designs the project than she will agree to work with them. Mr. Lerner advises that they will need to back to the Conservation Commission, after speaking with the engineer to update them as to what the plan is. David Devane advises that he had authorized Craig to complete the work as they had discussed. Mr. Bonney advises that FEMA would not have authorized this work to be done. Mr. Feit explains that this work was not part of the original work order; however it may have been part of the mitigation. Dave Devane explains that he advised to go in and clean up the culvert and clean out the trench. Mr. Bonney advises that Mr. Lerner had suggested that an Engineering firm be hired; Mr. Bonney confirms that he agrees with this. Mr. Lerner states that he did not actually go to the Town Hall; instead Kathy from Conservation came to him. Marty suggests that Craig should either be

responsible to split the cost or cover the cost completely. Mr. Bonney confirms that this is why the work orders always need to be done correctly. Mr. Bob Ronzio suggests that they should speak with Lenny Tisdale regarding the culverts, explaining that they had a similar issue at the bottom of Bonney Rigg Hill Road. Mr. Ronzio advises that he has a meeting over mitigation with FEMA on Wednesday. Marty advises that their mitigation is closed. Marty suggests that he would like to suggest, as a member of the public, that the Lake District and the Road District should get together, quarterly, to touch base on these important topics and to try to work together and better their communications. Committee members discuss dry hydrants and whose responsibility it is to maintain and plow them. Marty suggests that they ask Craig Willis to do the plowing. Mr. Lerner and Mr. Ronzio leave the meeting.

**Street Signs to be replaced-** David Devane reports that all the signs that Craig was given, have been replaced. Mr. Bonney suggests that now would be a good time to go out and see which streets are still missing signs, get the bid out and be ready come the new fiscal year. Marty suggests that they also need to get a list together of some of the improvements that they would like to accomplish and try to stay on top of the list, rather than always playing catch-up.

**Public Participation-** No additional participation.

**Treasurer's Report-**Marty reviews the figures, bank balances as well as outstanding bills with committee members present. Marty advises that compared to last year, they are now behind last years cash flow and that it mostly due to the storm.

**Warrant Approval-** A motion is made to approve the warrant as presented, the motion is seconded; Unanimous Approval.

**Web Update-** Marty advises that he has spoke with Mike; Mike explains that he has been very busy with work, however he promises substantial progress in the near future. Mr. Bonney reminds that the winter parking ban needs to be posted on the web as soon as possible. He advises the ban is to be posted November 15<sup>th</sup>- April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Conflict of Interest-** Marty advises that committee members need to complete the course on-line and submit a copy of certification to Marty by the next meeting.

**Follow Up last meeting-**

**Back taxes, selectman meeting attendance-** Marty advises that he did go to the meeting as well as spoke with the Town Administrator regarding these taxes owed to the Road District. Marty explains that there is about \$180,000.00 owed in back taxes. He goes on to explain that these properties will eventually go into tax title and monies will then be collected by the Town Treasurer.

**Update on FEMA monies-** Marty advises that they should have a check for \$89,000.00 in about three weeks. He explains that they now owe Craig that money so that the check

will have to go to him. Marty reminds committee members that they had already paid Craig \$25,000.00 so that amount will come out of the FEMA check. And add \$25,000 to our bank balance.

**Committee Report-**

**Work Permits-** Previously discussed.

**Road Work-** Previously discussed.

**Winter Roads-** Previously discussed; request Craig to plow out the dry hydrants.

**Superintendent Responsibility-** Previously discussed.

**Bylaws-** David Bonney reports that this is an ongoing project, ideas to be brought to the annual meeting.

A motion is made to adjourn the meeting, motion is seconded, and the meeting is adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marty Feit  
Clerk-Treasurer