



Sherwood Forest Lake District Prudential Committee Meeting



Date Saturday, June 8, 2013

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Becket Town Hall
557 Main Street, Becket, MA 01223

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Committee Members present: Howard G. Lerner (Chair), Stuart R. Eldred (Vice Chair), William F. Maier, Dennis B. Guerri, William J Osborn III, Stanley C. Taylor (Alternate), and Clerk/Treasurer Robert T. Ronzio.

Committee Members absent: Lucy A. Ferriss and Joseph P. DeCarolis.

Public Present: Elise L. Fitzsimmons and Nancy J. Fishell

The meeting is opened at 10:00 AM.

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Introduction - Mr. Lerner opened the meeting with a call to order at 10:00 AM and announced that parliamentary procedural rules previously adopted will regulate and conduct of the meeting in accordance with the provisions of the Open Meeting Law, other pertinent Massachusetts general laws, the by-laws of the district and local customs and traditions. Mr. Lerner asked if anyone would like to have the entire rules and regulations read aloud. Hearing no response, he dispensed with the remainder of the reading, noting that everyone present acknowledged that they were familiar with the procedural provisions outlined above. Mr. Lerner asks if there is anyone present who is planning on recording the meeting. Mr. Lerner stated that the meeting will be recorded for Mr. Ronzio's brother on his own personal recorder. Mr. Lerner noted that there are agendas on the table for all present. He again states to all present that the aforementioned guidelines are being followed to insure that the district complied with the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

Prudential Committee Members Comments and Announcements - Mr. Lerner stated that on the behalf of the prudential committee and the district proprietors he wished to thank Mr. Osborne and Mr. DeCarolis for their years of service to the district.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 11, 2013 – Mr. Lerner requested that the approval of the minutes be tabled to the end of the meeting. The committee agreed.

Dam Management

a. Big Robin Bid Package/Status Award - Mr. Lerner noted that Pre-construction Dam Conference meeting with the contractor, conservation commission, Office of Dam Safety and the district's engineer went very well, and everything is ready to go. Mr. Lerner gave committee members the tentative dates for different stages of the project, and advised everyone that he will email an updated schedule when it is finalized. Mr. Lerner also stated that the contract was signed at the meeting and Attorney Goodman has been emailed a copy.

b. USDA- Long Term Application - Mr. Lerner noted that this is progressing well, and stated that Mr. Ronzio and Attorney Goodman will meet on June 12th to finalize the initial paperwork.

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c. Big Robin Lake Level and Will Scarlet Beach Closure - Mr. Lerner explained that the contractor would be as considerate as possible as to the needs of the proprietors regarding the summer height level of the lake and the use of the Will Scarlet and Little Robin Dam beaches during construction. He noted that that the fence for Will Scarlet beach will go up prior to the arrival of contractor's equipment.

d. Contractor Storage Site - Mr. Lerner noted that as of Friday the site has been cleared and that all of White Wolf's equipment and material has been removed. Mr. Lerner explained that the district and SFNA are in the process of signing a formal lease agreement with the SFNA. Mr. Osborne makes a motion to give Mr. Lerner the authority to enter into a lease agreement with the SFNA for an amount up to \$1200 a year, Mr. Eldred seconds the motion; Unanimous Approval. The lease will be for four years with terms renewable annually. Committee members discuss the fact that although the district has previously negotiated a permanent easement on the property, however the lease payment will enable SFNA to pay its taxes to the town.

Lake Management - Mr. Maier stated that the aquatic control surveys would be completed within the next two weeks. He asked that the committee if they still would like him to look into hand-pulling method of invasive weed management. After a brief discussion it was decided that this method would be desirable only in those cases where the infestation was minimal. Mr. Maier move onto the topic of the beach water testing program and stated that the district is in the third week of this summer's swim season. He reported that the results are within the state's mandated acceptable guidelines.

Beach and Boat Management

a. Board of Health Beach and Water Testing Permits - Mr. Lerner stated that he could officially report on this matter, as he is now an elected member of the Town's Board of Health. He informed committee members that all eight beaches within the district have been permitted and tested as required by state statute.

b. Water Testing Contract-Schedule / Contract - Mr. Maier noted that per order of the BOH the district is now on weekly testing schedule instead of the bi-monthly program until further notice. He stated that he is somewhat hopeful that this will change once the current inspections results are reported but it could be costly nevertheless.

Warrant #11 FY2013 - Mr. Lerner reviews the warrant with committee members present. Mr. Ronzio advises there is approximately \$6000 currently in the account. Mr. Eldred makes a motion to accept the warrant as presented, Mr. Osborne seconds motion; Unanimous Approval.

Property Acquisitions/Donations - Previously discussed at the May meeting. Mr. Lerner reminded the committee that according to the district bylaws the prudential committee is able to accept property donated as gifts, but he wanted them to understand that this would only be done as long as the taxes are current on the parcel in question.

Website- No report

Any other business to come before the Committee -

Mr. Maier informed the committee members that he wants to make sure that they take Elizabeth Goodman out to lunch/dinner, and asked that this not be forgotten. Committee members all agree that this would be a great opportunity to thank her for her work this year and that it would be a social event where no district business would be discussed. It was decided that it should be done sometime this summer when everyone was available.

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Mr. Eldred stated that he would like to discuss at the July meeting the following: agendas dates, minutes, the monthly cash flow, budget and spending documentation and vendor payment.

Mr. Lerner indicated that there are properties the district owns which according to the special act have voting rights. He would like the committee to given him the authority to sign proxies for these parcels. Mr. Eldred makes a motion to give Mr. Lerner the authority to sign the proxies, Mr. Osborne seconds the motion; Unanimous Approval.

Mr. Ronzio confirms with committee members that he has the upcoming yearly prudential committee schedule prepared, and that committee members will need to approve the dates. Mr. Ronzio noted that Saturday, July 13, 2013 would be the first meeting of the new fiscal year.

Review of May Meeting Minutes - Mr. Lerner asks committee members to take a few moments to read and review the minutes as presented. Committee make minor changes, Mr. Eldred makes a motion to approve the amended minutes, Mr. Taylor seconds motion; Unanimous Approval.

Mr. Osborne makes a motion to continue the meeting until date and place certain being at the Becket Town Hall immediately following the adjournment of the Annual District Meeting, Mr. Eldred seconds motion; Unanimous Approval.

Mr. Lerner reconvenes the prudential committee meeting on Saturday afternoon, immediately following the adjournment of the Annual District Meeting.

Committee Members present: Howard G. Lerner (Chair), Stuart R. Eldred (Vice Chair), William F. Maier, Dennis B. Guerri, Stanley C. Taylor (Alternate), and Clerk/Treasurer Robert T. Ronzio.

Post Annual District Meeting Requirements:

Swearing-In -Mr. Ronzio administers the oath of office to the new elected committee member, Elise Fitzsimmons.

Board Reorganization –

Mr. Eldred makes a motion to nominate Mr. Lerner as the Chairperson, Ms. Fitzsimmons seconds motion; Unanimous Approval.

Mr. Lerner makes a motion to nominate Mr. Eldred as Vice Chairperson, Ms. Fitzsimmons seconds motion; Unanimous Approval.

FY2014 Prudential Committee Calendar - Committee members briefly go over meeting schedule for the upcoming year and tentative approve it as it follows past practices, Mr. Ronzio stated that this will be emailed to the committee for further review.

Mr. Eldred makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Osborne seconds motion; Meeting is adjourned at 2:46 pm.

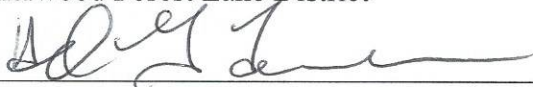
Schedule - Next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 13th, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,


SIGNED: 
Robert T. Ronzio

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Robert T. Ronzio
Clerk & Treasurer
Sherwood Forest Lake District



Howard G. Lerner (Chair)

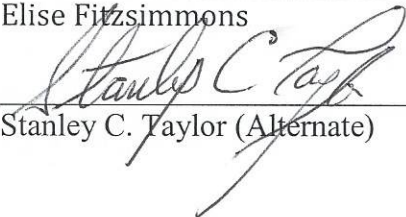


Stuart R. Eldred (Vice Chair)

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Stanley C. Taylor (Alternate)

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