



Sherwood Forest Lake District Prudential Committee Meeting



Date Saturday, May 19, 2012

Time: 10:00 AM

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

MEETING MINUTES (DRAFT)

Committee Members present: Howard G. Lerner (Chair), Stuart R. Eldred (Vice Chair), William F. Maier, Joseph P. DeCarolis, William J Osborn III and Clerk/Treasurer present Robert T. Ronzio.

Committee Members absent: Lucy A. Ferriss, Stanley C. Taylor (Alternate) and Richard D. Hackbarth.

Public Present: Steve Rosenthal and David Seifer

The meeting is opened at 10:11 AM.

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Introduction - Mr. Lerner calls the meeting to order at 10:11 AM and announces 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 asks if anyone would like to have the entire rules and regulations read aloud. Hearing no response, Mr. Lerner dispenses 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. Ronzio states that the meeting is being recorded for Mr. Richard Ronzio. Mr. Lerner notes 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 complies with the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

Prudential Committee Members Comments and Announcements - Mr. Lerner asks if anyone present has any comments or announcements. Hearing none, he moves on.

Prudential Committee Members Review and Approve Meeting Minutes - Mr. Eldred states that his first name has been misspelled in one paragraph of April meeting minutes and asks to have it corrected. Mr. Lerner cites an error in the Engineering Status Report paragraph. It states that Mr. Lerner made the motion when in fact Mr. Maier did. The committee agrees and Mr. Ronzio notes that he will make the change. Mr. Lerner also makes a correction under Aquatic Controls paragraph where it is stated that committee members discussed it when in fact it was Bill Maier who presented the topic, which he said would be discussed at a later date when the Aquatic Controls Technology report was completed. Mr. Ronzio notes the change and then states that on page three, under the Lancelot Spillway topic, there is an incorrect date; Mr. Ronzio advises that he will go ahead and eliminate that statement. Mr. Eldred makes a motion to accept the amended minutes as discussed; motion is seconded; unanimous approval.

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Warrant - Mr. Ronzio requests that he be allowed to present the warrant for review, stating that Mr. DeCarolis informed him that he will have to leave early but he wished to be present for the warrant approval. Mr. Ronzio reviews the bills that he has in hand to be paid. Mr. Lerner asks if this warrant payment will pay all of the attorney's fees; Mr. Ronzio states that this will pay all invoices through the month of April. Mr. Eldred makes a motion to approve the warrant as presented, Mr. Osborne seconds motion; unanimous approval. Warrant is passed around for signatures.

Mr. Ronzio goes over the budget with committee members, advising that they have approximately \$11,000.00 balance in the budget now that FEMA/MEMA reimbursement has been deposited into the SFLD's account.

Hurricane Irene -Big and Little Robin Dam Damage Repair FEMA Update - Mr. Lerner advises that will be looking into any state money that they may receive.

Little Robin Conservation Commission Report - Mr. Lerner informs the committee that Stantec® made a presentation Thursday night. He explained that Randy Christensen from Stantec® did an outstanding job. He states that the Conservation Commission was very receptive to what the district was proposing and everything went very well. However, no decision was made due to easement concerns by the commission. Additionally, the commission stated that there would have to be another site visit sometime in June. The commission then moved to continue the hearing until Thursday, June 21, 2012.

Engineering Status Report - Mr. Lerner states there really isn't anything new to report. Mr. Ronzio adds that he did call the engineer, Morris Root, to remind him to get any bills in by July 7th at the very latest. He also informed the committee that they would then have to have a meeting to approve the final warrant to pay any outstanding bills for the current fiscal year. He asks the committee to please consider scheduling the first FY2013 meeting now; otherwise, any late payment requests may have to be moved into the new fiscal year. This would most assuredly delay paying outstanding obligations until the district starts collecting FY2013 funds in August. According to DOR directives, the deadline for FY2012 payments is July 10, 2012.

Little Robin Easement Status - Mr. Lerner informed the committee that an abutting proprietor has gifted property to the Lake District. He advises them that the attorney has filed the deed and that property has been included into the liability insurance policy. He also advises that another abutting abandoned property is a work in progress. Mr. Ronzio updates the committee on DOR involvement. He states that property is critically important to the dam's restoration effort. Mr. Lerner advises that easement concerns by an absentee owner have been slow and difficult, but the attorney believes something can be finalized by June 21st. Committee members discuss getting a limited temporary or permanent easement from the Wheelers, even though their property does not directly abut the project, as well as from SFNA.

Lancelot Spillway Appraisal (Obstructed Outflow Culvert)/Tree removal & Nottingham Spillway Appraisal (Beaver Dam) - Mr. Lerner advises there has been no change in the last 60 days. Removal of the small trees on the Lancelot dam is debated. Committee members briefly discuss the fact that any contractor working for the district needs liability and workers comp insurance, and since may do not, it is complicating getting things done. Bundling projects together was discussed. Some committee members felt this may be a way to attract vendors with the proper insurances.

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Nottingham's spillway has stabilized, but a flexible pond leveler system similar to the one installed on Excalibur by Beaver Solutions is under consideration if the situation worsens.

Aquatic Controls - Bill Maier gives the committee a brief update on each of the lakes. He advises that committee that they need to decide by the next meeting if they want to go with hand pulling as opposed to chemical treatment. He states there is only about a fifty-dollar difference between the two methods. Mr. Maier volunteers to speak with Mercedes Galligher again and to get specifics on the process and a confirmation on the price. Mr. Osborn states that over time, snorkelers in the shallower areas have had some success in Lancelot Lake and the district may be able to keep it under control with divers. The committee discusses Nottingham's milfoil infestation, which, as reported, is so extensive that chemicals may be needed before divers are brought in to hand-pull the surviving plants. Mr. Lerner suggests they will put this on the agenda for June 9th. Mr. Maier agrees to get estimates.

Website Postings - Categories that are posted on the website are discussed. Committee members agree to compress the topics. Mr. Lerner advises that the warrant is going out this week. Mr. Ronzio advises that the Annual and Special Meeting warrants, and FY2013 budget should be posted on the web at this point, stating that he has sent everything to Ms. Ferriss. Mr. Maier says that this needs to be done immediately and before the next meeting.

Opt-Out request Update - Mr. Ronzio advises that the district has two requests to be presented at the annual meeting for approval.

Beach and Boat Management - Mr. Rosenthal, in his capacity as the beach & boat superintendent, states that his report has been submitted and he requests that the committee review it and confirm its accuracy. Mr. Ronzio reviews remaining budget, and briefly discusses maintenance and upkeep for the beaches.

Mr. DeCarolis leaves meeting (11:15)

Any other business - Mr. Rosenthal asks if anyone is planning on doing a little summary report at the annual meeting; Mr. Lerner advises that he and Mr. Ronzio have prepared an annual report for the proprietors at the annual meeting.

Mr. Lerner speaks to the committee, asking them to make sure that all proxies are turned in to the district clerk prior to the annual meeting deadline. Mr. Lerner states that he would like to have them in hand by June 1st; however, the last legal date is June 8th. Mr. Lerner advises that they must have at least 50 proxies; however, the more the merrier. He advises that a group of concerned individuals, "Friends of the Lake District," have sent out a newsletter encouraging proprietors to come to the meeting or mail in a proxy.

Mr. Lerner advises that he would like to amend the warrant in the amount of \$156.00 to pay Haberman Insurance for the additional liability insurance. Mr. Stuart Eldred makes a motion to approve up to \$160.00; Mr. Osborne seconds motion; unanimous approval.

Review Correspondence - Previously reviewed.

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Adjournment - Mr. Osborn makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 PM; Mr. Eldred seconds the motion; unanimous approval.

Schedule - Next meeting Saturday, June 9, 2012 at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

SIGNED: _____
Robert T. Ronzio
Clerk & Treasurer
Sherwood Forest Lake District

Howard G. Lerner Chair

Stuart R. Eldred Vice-Chair

William F. Maier

Joseph P. DeCarolis

William J. Osborn III