



Sherwood Forest Lake District

Prudential Committee Meeting

Date October 9, 2010

Time: 2:45 PM

Location: Becket/Washington Elementary School
12 Maple Street, Becket, MA 01223



MEETING MINUTES

Pursuant to Section 6 of Chapter 107 of the Acts of 2010 the Sherwood Forest Lake District (SFLD) the Prudential Committee met as required by the statute.

Prior to the SFLD meeting the newly elected Clerk & Treasurer, Robert T. Ronzio who had been sworn in by the Becket Town Clerk, George Roberts, immediately following the adjournment of the initial meeting of the district, administered the oath of office to the newly elected prudential committee members.

Prudential committee present: Howard G. Lerner, Stewart R. Eldred, William J. Osborn III, Lucy A. Ferriss, and Stanley C. Taylor; absent Joseph P. DeCarolis, Richard D. Hackbarth, and William, F. Maier. Clerk/Treasurer present Robert T. Ronzio.

Others in attendance: Steve Rosenthal.

Since there was no elected officer designated to run the meeting Howard G. Lerner offered to temporarily chair the proceedings. No other elected officer volunteered. Seeing that no other names were tendered a motion was made by Mr. Eldred and seconded by Mr. Osborn to have Howard G. Lerner act as temporarily chair. As there were no other nominations a voice vote was taken. Howard G. Lerner was elected to chair this meeting until a chair of the Prudential Committee was elected.

The next order of business was to election of a chairperson for the Prudential Committee. Howard G. Lerner's name was offered in nomination by Mr. Eldred and seconded by Mr. Osborn. A call was made to seek additional nominations. The members present offered no additional names. Hearing none the temporary chair called for a motion to close nominations. A call for discussions was made. No one spoke. Hearing that no one wished to speak the temporary chair called for the vote. As there was a single candidate for the office of chairperson a voice vote was taken. Howard G. Lerner was unanimously elected Chairperson of the SFLD Prudential Committee.

Mr. Lerner next offered to appoint Stuart Eldred as the vice-chairperson provided that was acceptable to the committee. The remaining committee members unanimously agreed to Mr. Lerner's choice. Since there was no motion necessary and since no further discussion was offered Mr. Lerner called for a vote of confidence. A unanimous voice vote was taken and Stu Eldred was appointed to act in the absence of the chairperson or to act as chairperson because the chair had a conflict of interest in the proceedings.

The next item for the committee was to adopt rules for the general conduct of it business. Mr. Lerner offered to have the committee use the general procedures found in the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law statute and regulations promulgated by the Office of the Attorney General. He also suggested that the district purchase a copy of the Massachusetts Moderators Association book *Town Meeting Time: A Handbook of Parliamentary Law* as it was recommended by Bruce Garlow.

A motion was made by Mr. Eldred and seconded by Mr. Osborn. No discussion was offered. The committee unanimously agreed by voice vote. The motion passed.

Johnson, Richard B.; Trustman, Benjamin A.; and Wadsworth, Charles Y. *Town Meeting Time: A Handbook of Parliamentary Law*, 3rd ed. Boston: Massachusetts Moderators Association, 2001.

The committee then turned its attention to other business authorized by the act and the by-laws. A motion was made by Mr. Osborn and seconded Mr. Eldred to have the clerk and treasurer review the things that needed to be accomplished and to take action where necessary and authorized. In the ensuing discussion the members recognized that the treasurer needed to be bonded within 10 day of taking office. The chair called for a voice vote to have the treasurer complete these things in a timely manner. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee's last order of business was to remind the clerk to send written notice of the establishment of the district to the Massachusetts commissioner of revenue. Mr. Lerner called for a motion. It was made by Mr. Eldred and seconded by Mr. Taylor. No discussion followed. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Eldred motioned to adjourn. Ms. Ferriss seconded. The motion passed.