

BAKER HILL ROAD DISTRICT
PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE
WILLIAM PRENDERGAST, CHAIR

20 Bridge Street, Lanesborough, MA
Meeting Minutes, OCTOBER 12, 2022 - 12 PM

Attending: William Prendergast (Chairman), John Goerlach, Hank Sayers, Linda Pruyne (Treasurer), Mark Siegars (Attorney), Kristen Tool (Website), Lorna Gayle (Secretary)

Also attending: Ben Gelb (Town, Treasurer)

Meeting called to order: 12:03 PM

Public Comment: None forthcoming

Minutes: Minutes for September 14, 2022. A motion to accept was moved by Mr. Sayers, seconded by Mr. Prendergast.

Road Maintenance Report

From September 14th to October 11th the road was monitored three times per week. Mowed lawn three times. Vacuumed catch basins. Crack sealing is going to be delayed for fear it will be plowed off.

Motion to delay crack sealing moved by Mr. Sayers, seconded by Mr. Goerlach.

Introducing Ben Gelb, new Town Treasurer

Mr. Gelb was introduced by Ms. Pruyne who explained that he wanted to understand the relationship of the BHRD to the Town. Mr. Siegars gave him a brief overview, also explaining the various properties included in the road district. He also explained the importance of having Mr. Gelb in the Collector's job before the next tax period.

Plow Truck for DPW

Mr. Goerlach asked for clarification about the monies for the plow truck. It was explained that the payment for this year was being held over to next year to allow for a hotbox to be purchased, per Mr. Decelles. If the truck is not ordered it should be and the payment will be there as discussed as long as BHRD still controls the road. If the State takes the road, the Town will have to cover that truck expense.

One Time Gift to the Town for Police Station Property

A motion was moved by Mr. Sayers to pay the town of Lanesborough an additional \$150,000 for the purposes outlined in the Police Services Contract and the Fire and Ambulance Services Contract due to the deterioration of the so-called Berkshire Mall property and its impact on the general safety and well-being of the Community. These funds are solely for the purposes of buying, obtaining facilities, for the provision of those services. The motion was seconded by Mr. Prendergast. Mr. Goerlach abstained.

The Committee decided that a press release should be prepared to announce the gift to the Town. Mr. Siegars will prepare it.

Annual Audit

Mr. Siegars said he would call Mr. Scanlon to schedule.

Upcoming Elections

There is a community meeting scheduled by Paul Mark for November 12th, assuming he wins his seat.

Motion to Adjourn. Mr. Sayers moved a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Prendergast. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned: 1:09 PM

Future Meeting: November 9, 2022, 20 Bridge Street at 12 PM.