

BAKER HILL ROAD DISTRICT
PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE
WILLIAM PRENDERGAST, CHAIR

20 Bridge Street, Lanesborough, MA
Meeting Minutes, July 12.2023 - 12 PM

Attendees: Bill Prendergast (Chair), Hank Sayers, Linda Pruyne, Lorna Gayle (Secretary), Mark Siegars(Attorney)

Also Attending: Chief Derksen, Jen Lyon

Absent: John Goerlach, Charles Durfee (Director, DPW), Kristen Tool (Website)

Meeting called to order: 12:05 PM

Public Comment: None Forthcoming

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of May 11, 2023. Motion to approve moved by Mr. Sayers, seconded by Mr. Prendergast. All in favor.

Minutes of June 7, 2023. Motion to approve moved by Mr. Sayers, seconded by Mr Prendergast. All in favor.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

Mr. Durfee reported to Mr. Prendergast that they have continued mowing on a regular basis. Overhanging branches have been removed by speed signs and guardrails.

JMJ RE HOLDINGS LLC

Mr. Messing called Mr. Prendergast that he would not be attending the meeting as planned.

ADVERTISEMENT AND BID OPENING FOR RESURFACING

Mr. Siegars reported that Jim Collingwood has received 5 requests to bid for the July 17th bid opening . The contract will then be awarded July 27th. Work will begin in September if all goes to plan.

POSSIBLE LITIGATION IN FORM OF DEFAMATION

Mr. Siegars asked the Committee to meet in Executive Session regarding defamation litigation.

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

PLANNING ISSUES AND FUNDING SOURCES

Chief Derksen approached the Committee regarding the purchase of a fire arms training system with monies leftover from FY23 monies given to the Town. The system cost \$15,245.00.

A motion was moved by Mr. Sayers to approve Chief Derksen using the unexpended funds given to the Town FY23 in the amount of \$15,245.00 . The motion was seconded by Mr. Prendergast. All in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. C30A. 21(3), and 940 CMR 29.02-29.03 to discuss strategy with respect to litigation as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the District, (defamation action). Motion moved by Mr. Sayers, seconded by Mr. Prendergast. Aye, Hank. Aye, Bill. All in favor.

Discussion was held, no immediate action taken.

Motion to come out of Executive Session moved by Mr. Sayers and seconded by Mr. Prendergast at 12:45pm.

GENERAL MEETING ADJOURNED

The general meeting was adjourned at 12:46 PM.