

**BAKER HILL ROAD DISTRICT**  
**PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE**  
**WILLIAM PRENDERGAST, CHAIR**

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20 Bridge Street, Lanesborough, MA  
Meeting Minutes, November 8, 2023 - 12 PM

**Attendees:** Bill Prendergast (Chair), Hank Sayers, Linda Pruyne, Lorna Gayle (Secretary), Mark Siegars(Attorney), Kristen Tool (Web Manager)

**Absent:** John Goerlach

**Also Attending:** Charles Durfee (DPW Director)

**Meeting called to order:** 12:06 PM

**Public Comment:** None Forthcoming

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of September 13, 2023. Motion to approve moved by Mr. Sayers, seconded by Mr. Prendergast. All in favor.

#### **ROAD MAINTENANCE**

Mr. Durfee reported that the road was monitored. The catch basins were vacuumed.

Mr. Durfee reported that the town is switching over to all LED lights to save money. Mr. Durfee confirmed that there would no cost for this changeover on the Connector Road. The Committee agreed they should follow suit.

**A Motion to request that Eversource change Connector Road lights to LED when they do the Town lights was moved by Mr. Prendergast. Seconded by Mr. Sayers. All in favor.**

Mr. Durfee also confirmed that the island at the base of the Connector Road at Route 7 was weed whacked. He confirmed the DPW would maintain it in the future.

#### **WEBSITE UPDATE**

Ms. Tool reported very low traffic. What traffic there was focused on the Reuse Study. The average visit was 5 minutes. Some viewed the Reuse study for 10 minutes or more.

Ms. Tool updated the Committee about the Mural Project under the bridge on Partridge Road. She has submitted a grant to the Mass Cultural Council and to the Taconic Foundation for funding. The children who be will designing the mural are very excited. A professional mural painter will realize their designs on the large wall surface. The Committee and Ms. Tool agreed that they need a police presence, particularly if the children are there to watch their designs immortalized.

### **LEGAL ISSUES**

Mr. Siegars confirmed he mailed the deed to Pyramid that would facilitate the transfer of certain parcels back to BHRD.

Mr. Siegars also confirmed Target has obtained approval for their water connection and septic system, making them independent from the Mall.

The Committee discussed tax revenue, and tax remedies.

### **COMMITTEE MEMBER ISSUES**

Ms Pruyne distributed the new tax rate calculations. She explained the tax rate changes from \$61.22 per 1000 to \$56.44 per thousand. The new rate has to be submitted to the State. Tax classifications have to be done as well. Mr. Siegars will schedule that meeting.

### **MEETING ADJOURNED**

Mr. Sayers made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Prendergast seconded it. All in favor.

### **NEXT MEETING:**

**December 13, 2023. The Water District Office, Bridge Street. 12 Noon.**

Meeting adjourned: 1:10 PM