

BAKER HILL ROAD DISTRICT
PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE
WILLIAM PRENDERGAST, CHAIR

20 Bridge Street, Lanesborough, MA
Meeting Minutes, May 11, 2022 - 12 PM

Attending: William Prendergast (Chairman), John Goerlach, Linda Pruyn (Treasurer), Mark Siegars (Attorney), Kristen Tool (Website), Lorna Gayle (Clerk/Secretary), Bill Decelles (Department of Public Works), Chief Derksen (Lanesborough Police)

Meeting called to order: 12:04 PM

Public Comment: None forthcoming

Minutes: Minutes for April held over to June 8th meeting.

Road Maintenance Report

The Road Maintenance report listed 48 bags of trash collected, guardrail repairs were made that were covered by insurance. The Committee and Mr. Decelles discussed the pros and cons of purchasing a 'Hot Box' and upcoming truck lease payments. Also discussed were the holes that have appeared on the road and how to repair them. The Committee asked Mr. Decelles to hold off on stripping the road and crack sealing preferring to repair the holes that they deemed more dangerous, particularly for motorcycles.

Mr. Goerlach suggested ordering the 'Hot Box' before June 30th and the end of this fiscal year.

Mr. Siegars suggested that DPW and the Police talk with Josh Lang (Town Administrator) about monies that may be made available for the 'Hot Box' as it is a public safety issue. Also, due to ARPA funds being used for projects this year rather than Town revenue, there should be extra cash the Town can put in toward the purchase.

Legal Issues

Mr. Siegars presented the Committee the latest version of the legislation circulated by Adam Hinds office. He told Senator Hinds that BHRD was having a meeting today and he would get back to him about setting up a meeting to discuss the situation.

Mr. Siegars also suggested that the BHRD be put on the schedule for the next Select Board meeting to bring them up to speed on their meeting with Adam Hinds.

Mr. Siegars also suggested meeting with Paul Mark, State Senator Candidate, to tell him what is going on with the Mall. Paul Mark is running for State Senator in the BHRD district precinct.

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Board Member Issues

A general discussion was held by the Committee members about the condition of the Mall and its impact on the safety and security of the Town. They also discussed the action suggested by Mr. Blake (Town Attorney).

Road Project

Mr. Collingwood will be contacted for an update.

Income and Expense Report

Ms. Pruyne distributed the Warrant and discussed expenses for the coming year and outstanding expenses from FY22.

Website Review

Ms. Tool reported 52 visitors to the website, and all quiet.

Annual Budgeting Meeting

A motion was moved to set the Annual Meeting for May 26th at 12 pm, the Water District Office.

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

Future Meeting: June 8th, 2022, 20 Bridge Street at 12 PM.