

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

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20 Bridge Street, Lanesborough, MA  
September 11, 2024

**Attending:** William Prendergast (Chairman), Hank Sayers, John Goerlach, Linda Pruyne, Mark Siegars, Lorna Gayle (Secretary)

**Also Attending:** Seth Jenkins, Berkshire Regional Planning, Charles Durfee (Director, DPW)

**Meeting called to order:** 12:01 PM

**Public Comment:** None forthcoming

**Minutes**

Minutes for August held over.

**Road Maintenance**

Mr. Durfee reported that the road has been patrolled a number of times. The grass has been mowed and trash picked up.

Mr. Prendergast inquired about the leaning birch trees and what will be done about them? Mr. Durfee confirmed they will be taken care off.

The new truck is currently at Zwack Incorporated in Stephentown.

Mr. Durfee received an email from Balthazar Construction asking if they could close the Mall Road for a couple of days while the reconstruction at the entrance to the Mall Road is underway.. Mr. Sayer would like to see signs up now to announce a closing so truckers can plan alternate routes. The Committee discussed having the signage at Coltsville to prevent trucks trying to enter and having to be turned back. The Committee agreed to the closing but insisted on adequate postings for truckers.

Mr. Siegars also reported the need to erect a gate to prevent unauthorized access to property owned by Unistress. Apparently, someone has mowed a road down along the Connector Road from Partridge Road toward Unistress. The Committee discussed their options and agreed that a gate was necessary and Mr. Durfee will look into the options.

**Master Plan Survey**

Mr. Jenkins, representing the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, joined the meeting to discuss the Master Plan Survey for the Town that is currently up online. There is a question about the Mall and there will be a public event to present the results of the Survey that provides an opportunity for someone from the

BHRD to attend. Mr. Sayers requested a copy of all the comments and Mr. Jenkins confirmed they will be available to the public on the Town website.

### **Legal Issues**

Mr. Siegars has met with Jodie Hollingsworth (Town Treasurer) on various tax issues that are part of the Housing Bond Bill.

Mr. Siegars received a Freedom of Information Act request for the contracts with Town from the Finance Committee.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Committee explained the taxing structure of BHRD for the benefit of Mr. Jenkins, as well as the expense of the recent resurfacing of the road. Mr. Siegars also explained the BMG ownership of parcels along the road and the ongoing discussion to acquire the deed.

**Motion to Adjourn** the meeting moved by Mr. Sayers, seconded by Mr. Prendergast. All in favor.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 1:04 pm

**Future Meeting:** October 9, 2024 at 12 PM. Water District Office, Bridge Street.