

BAKER HILL ROAD DISTRICT
PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE
WILLIAM PRENDERGAST, CHAIR

20 Bridge Street, Lanesborough, MA
Meeting Minutes, September 13, 2023 - 12 PM

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

Also Attending: Gina Dario (Town Administrator), Charles Durfee (DPW, Director), Katie Lemanski (Town Accountant)

Meeting called to order: 12:02 PM

Public Comment: None Forthcoming

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of August 9, 2023. Motion to approve moved by Mr. Sayers, seconded by Mr. Prendergast. All in favor.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

Mr. Durfee reported to Mr. Prendergast that the road was milled and half paved. Mr. Siegars reported that when the original road was paved there was an error in the placement of the grates for run off and the road crew would do hand work in order to divert the water into the catch basin. Additionally, all the millings went to the Town. Mr. Durfee indicated that the cost of the millings being given to the Town by the BHRD was close to \$50,000.

Mr. Siegars suggested that the police sit on the road for few days once it reopens to deter speeding.

Ms. Pruyne reported complaints about the landscaping of the island at the entrance to the road on Route 7. Mr.s Durfee agreed to take over it's care and weed whack the overgrowth.

Mr. Sayers reminded the Committee that the Electric Company has not come and trimmed the trees.

WEBSITE

Ms. Tool reported only 67 visits. Ms. Tool also requested permission to clarify some of the language on the site for transparency. Ms. Tool will also create a drop down menu indicating where the annual budget is.

Ms. Tool presented an idea to have the 6th graders at the elementary school create a mural that can be painted under the bridge on Partridge Road. She offered to research the idea further and write any grants required in support of the project. Mr. Durfee offered to figure out the amount of paint required for the backdrop. The Committee discussed a variety of themes.

LEGAL ISSUES

Mr. Siegars had nothing to report..

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

Mr. Prendergast asked about the transfer of BMG property. Mr. Siegars said it was a matter of buying the property from them.

Mr. Prendergast asked about meeting with Paul Mark. Mr. Siegars is following up on that.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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

NEXT MEETING:

October 11, 2023. The Water District Office, Bridge Street. 12 Noon.

Meeting adjourned: 12:53 PM