

BAKER HILL ROAD DISTRICT
PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE
WILLIAM PRENDERGAST, CHAIR

20 Bridge Street, Lanesborough, MA
September 8, 2021– 12:00 P.M.
MEETING MINUTES

Attending: William Prendergast (Chairman), John Goerlach, Hank Sayers, Linda Pruyne, Mark Siegars (Attorney)

Also Attending: Kristin Tool (Web Maintenance)

Meeting called to order: 12:07

Minutes: Minutes of August 11, 2021. Motion to approve by Mr. Sayers, seconded by Mr. Goerlach. All in favor.

Road Maintenance

The report provided by the Department of Public Works was reviewed covering August 12 to September 8th. Monitored numerous times, cleaned up road (scrap steel, stone dropped, oil stain).

Legal Issues

Response to Ethics Committee Summons.

All materials have been gathered and forwarded.

Pending Litigation.

The paper work is being prepared.

State Ethics Committee.

Mr. Siegars requested a motion from the Committee to ratify the Executive Session meeting held on August 26th, 2021.

A motion was moved by Mr. Goerlach to approve ratifying the Executive Session Emergency Meeting of August 26, 2021, to discuss litigation related to the State Ethics Committee summons. Mr. Sayer seconded the motion. Mr. Goerlach, aye. Mr. Sayer, aye. Mr. Prendergast, Aye. All in favor.

Road Resurfacing

Mr. Siegars met Jeff Collingwood with Bill Decelles to go over the proposed resurfacing the road. The scope of the project has changed to include the passing lanes in both directions all the way to the feed out. They discussed the benefits of coating the road or milling down 1.5 inches to remove the top layer and replace it with new material. Jeff Collingwood will prepare the numbers for scope of work discussed.

Motion to approve going forward with the contracting for road surfacing moved by Mr. Sayers, and seconded by Mr. Prendergast. Mr. Goerlach abstained.

One Stop Economic Development Funding

Mr. Siegars reported that he assisted Michael Murphy (Selectman) in filling out the proposal for One Stop Funding for the Town. The proposal was accepted and the Town will receive \$50,000 for various projects?

Board Member Issues

Ms. Pruyne closed out the FY21 accounting. During the discussion it was suggested that the new Police Chief come to the BHRD meetings as he has a budget interest.

The State Audit

The audit has reached the Testing stage. The Road District's financials are so small compared to the regular audits that it has caused a lot of duplicated requests and delays as they try to figure out how fit our square peg fits into their square hole. So far it has been a cordial experience.

The Route 7 Landscaping Project

The cleaning and sprucing up of the Route 7 island and the Memorial Bench has been completed and planted. The Committee is very pleased with how quickly and economically the project was completed. Photos have been posted to the website.

Web News

Kristen Tool presented the analytics for the previous month. In the past 30 days, there have been 135 visits, with 115 new to the site. 85 of those visits were initiated after the landscape plantings were installed and the photos posted. Most visits were generated from the Town of Lanesborough Facebook page (94). The rest were from Google, and the Town website.

No Executive Meeting was held.

Future Meeting: October 13, 2021 at 12 PM. Water District Office, Bridge Street.

Meeting Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was moved by Mr. Sayers. Seconded by Mr. Prendergast.

Meeting adjourned 1:12 PM