

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

20 Bridge Street, Lanesborough, MA
March 9th, 2022 - 12 PM

Attending: William Prendergast (Chairman), Hank Sayers, Linda Pruyne (treasurer), Mark Siegars (Attorney), Lorna Gayle (Clerk/Secretary), Josh Lang (Town Administrator), Rob Derksen (Police Chief)

Absent: John Goerlach, Kristen Tool (Website)

Meeting called to order: 12:03 PM

Public Comment: None forthcoming

Minutes: Minutes for January 12, 2022. Motion to approve Mr. Sayers, seconded by Mr. Prendergast. All in favor.
Minutes for February 9, 2022. Motion to approve by Mr. Sayers, seconded by Mr. Prendergast. All in favor.

Road Maintenance Report

The Road Maintenance report is held over to the April 13th meeting.

Legal Issues

Tax Issues

Explanation of Mass tax liens, abatements by Mr. Siegars.

Status of the Mall

A brief discussion of the security of the Mall property with Chief Dirksen.
Mr. Siegars reported that lights appear to be on in the Food Court area.
Mr. Sayers reported some of the derogatory comments on Facebook about the Mall.

Income and Expense Report

Ms. Pruyne inquired about the I and E report that should be filled annually by the Mall.
Mr. Siegars reported that as far as he is aware, they have not done so.

Road Projects

Mr. Prendergast reported that Mr. Decelles has requested a bid package for the other half of Summer Street from Mr. Collingwood. So far there has been no response from Mr. Collingwood.

Mr. Siegars suggested that the Road District consider contributing to the purchase of a Hot Box to fix potholes with asphalt instead of cold mix. This would simplify repairs. It would require an approximate contribution of \$20K. The highway department would have it available as needed to

fix the road as part of their annual contract. Ms. Pruyne suggested using the Police refund at the end of the year toward the purchase, and also any Highway funds that are left.

Budget Discussion

Ms. Pruyne discussed problems with the accounting of monies spent being posted in a timely fashion and explained what type of reports she needs to keep up to date on actual spending.

Mr. Siegars spoke with Mr. Lang and he has agreed to separate the payments of the Baker Hill Road District to the Town into 3 separate articles to accept money for the police, accept monies for the police car and accept money for the Dept. of Public Works. This clarifies that the Town is not raising and appropriating money for the BHRD.

Mr. Siegars and Ms. Pruyne reviewed how the Town can spend the money received by the Town and what kind of reporting is required to make all the financials consistent whether Police or DPW.

Annual Budgeting Meeting

Mr. Prendergast explained to Mr. Lang, that he, Mr. Siegars and Ms. Pruyne meet to determine the budget for the year and that is why they need completed Police and DPW budgets to work with.

State Audit Report

The audit has ended after 18 months. BHRD is in full compliance financially and from a performance perspective.

Board Member Issues

Mr. Prendergast expressed his disappointment in the work done by the landscaping firm that was hired to rejuvenate the island at the bottom of the Connector Road at the Route 7 entrance. He wants to review the contract with the landscaping firm to see what more is provided by to remedy the situation.

Future Meeting: April 13th, 20 Bridge Street at 12 PM.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12.59 PM

Future Meeting: March 9, 2022 at 12 PM. Water District Office, Bridge Street.