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EXPLANATION/INSTRUCTIONS

Dear Proprietor:

Enclosed you will find **four** documents which require **action** on your part.

The documents you should read first are the **Special District Meeting Warrant** and **Annual District Meeting Warrant**. It explains in article form what district business will be conducted on June 10th.

The **Special District Meeting** is scheduled to begin at 12:05 PM. This meeting enables the prudential committee on your authority to re-allocate or transfer unexpended funds to cover expenses in categories that need additional money. All unexpended money left over at the end of the fiscal year will be carried forward into the next fiscal year. **Think of it as balancing your checkbook.**

The **Annual District Meeting** will take place at 1:00 PM. These articles cover a variety of topics from the election of the prudential committee members, to budgeting funds to cover FY2018 expenses, to updating bylaw language and to dealing with proprietors who have requested to be excluded.

Next review the **SFLD Projected Operating Budget for FY2018**. It covers the anticipated costs in each expense category. The projected budget is a bit higher this year due in part to mandatory Office of Dam Safety reports and the development of an Emergency Action Plan in the event of a catastrophic dam failure, final engineering design specifications and environmental permitting. Anticipated costs associated with the Lancelot dam repair appear to have stabilized in the current economic climate but as with any project of this magnitude, unanticipated issues could change the eventual cost. Last year, the district approved projected funding for Lancelot dam, land acquisitions, but could not move forward until local and state agencies received the proper authorizations. The Town of Becket Select Board at its Annual Town Meeting did approve the transfer of two critical land parcels that abut the Lancelot Dam. Easement issues surrounding the lakes outlet located on proprietor's private property have been resolved. Last fall the prudential committee, with substantial help from the project's engineering firm, Tighe & Bond, applied for a state grant to cover a major portion of the design costs. In November of 2016, the Commonwealth, through the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs, awarded the District \$52,500 to take crucial measures to rebuild the Lancelot Lake dam and to prepare it for extreme weather events and improve the resiliency of this vital infrastructure component. The senior engineer updated the prudential committee over the course of the winter when in February, a dive team explored the condition and stability of the existing low level outlet which had been rendered nonoperational nearly 20 years ago. Once the engineering design is complete, the prudential committee plans to apply for a construction grant and/or low interest loan from the State.

Last is the **Proxy**. The prudential committee would like all proprietors to attend the Annual District Meeting and voice their opinions and vote on each warrant article, however, they also realize that this is impossible for many for a variety of reasons. The **proxy** gives you a chance to participate in the decision making process in that you can assign your vote to an individual or group of individuals who will vote on your behalf.

If you cannot attend, **sign and return** your **proxy** in the enclosed return envelope or give it to someone you know who will attend the meeting. The proxy holder(s) will vote on your behalf. Mailed proxies need to reach the Becket Post Office not later than **Friday, June 9th** to be counted. **Please don't forget the postage.**

For the Prudential Committee,
Robert T. Ronzio
SFLD Clerk & Treasurer

PS IMPORTANT: If you have already returned a Proxy for this year, you do not need to send in another **DUPLICATE** proxy, but if in doubt return it.

To keep you better informed please enter your **email address** in the box below and return it with your proxy.

Email addresses are for SFLD informational purposes only and will never be shared or sold.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Berkshire, ss.

Greeting:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Becket,

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the proprietors of The Sherwood Forest Lake District who are qualified to vote in District affairs to meet in the BECKET TOWN HALL, 557 Main Street, on the 10th Day of June, 2017, at 12:05 o'clock P.M., for the following purposes:

Special District Meeting

The moderator who presided at the previous Annual District meeting or in the absence of that moderator the District Clerk will preside, call the meeting to order and determine if a quorum of the proprietors are present in person and/or by proxy. If the presiding moderator or in his absence the District Clerk determines that a quorum is present, this Special District Meeting of the Sherwood Forest Lake District shall proceed to:

Article 1: To see if the District proprietors will vote to elect a moderator, who should, but not need be, a proprietor of the District to serve in that capacity for the duration of the Special meeting. Said newly elected moderator shall again certify to the Special District meeting that a quorum, consisting of fifty (50) proprietors of the District in attendance or by proxy, is present.

Majority Vote Required

Article 2: To see if the District proprietors will vote to appropriate the sum of \$9,000.00 to fund the following at the listed amount for the balance of the fiscal year:

Dam Management new total \$84,000.00

and to fund this by transferring \$7,000.00 from General Reserve and \$2,000.00 from Outsourced Services

Prudential Committee: Recommend

Majority Vote Required

Article 3: To see if the District proprietors will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to fund the following at the listed amount for the balance of the fiscal year:

Lake Management new total \$23,500.00

and to fund this by transferring \$6,000.00 from Beach & Boat Management

Prudential Committee: Recommend

Majority Vote Required

Article 4: To see if the District proprietors will vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to fund the following at the listed amount for the balance of the fiscal year:

Operating Expenses new total \$6,307.00

and to fund this by transferring \$500.00 from General Reserve Fund

Prudential Committee: Recommend

Majority Vote Required

Article 5: To see if the District proprietors will vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,127.28 to fund the following at the listed amount for the balance of the fiscal year:

Insurance new total \$16,209.28

and to fund this by transferring \$3,127.28 from Outsourced Services

Prudential Committee: Recommend

Majority Vote Required

Article 6: To see if the District proprietors will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to fund the following at the listed amount for the balance of the fiscal year:

District Expenses new total \$17,975.00

and to fund this by transferring \$2,000.00 from Beach & Boat Management

Prudential Committee: Recommend

Majority Vote Required

And you are further directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies of the same at the usual places designated by the town 14 days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 7th day of May, 2017

[Signature] Prudential
[Signature] Committee

[Signature] of
[Signature] Sherwood Forest
[Signature] Lake District

I have served this warrant as directed above.

Attest

[Signature]
Constable

Becket, Massachusetts MAY 7, 2017
(date)