

# **Sherwood Greens Road Improvement and maintenance District**



**Annual Report  
2022 - 2023**

## **2022-2023 Sherwood Greens Prudential Committee Report**

Welcome to the 2022-2023 Sherwood Greens Prudential Committee annual meeting. The members for 2021-2022 are Terry Hayden, Marc Shultz, Bruce Lipton, Joan Boccino, Dara Morin, Joe Hanrahan and Dean Lagroterria. Jane Hanrahan is the Clerk, Kathy Borden is the Treasurer, and Bob Moore is the District Superintendent. We are fortunate to have such a professional and hardworking team, who has worked diligently throughout this past year. Our goal is to ensure Sherwood Greens is a well-cared for and a safe community. I would personally like to thank each and every one for their efforts, especially Dean Lagroterria who recently resigned from the Board. Dean's contributions over the years are unique and much appreciated.

The official address for Sherwood Greens is 1439 Jacobs Ladder Road, Becket MA, 01223. Our telephone number is 413-274-2374. As you know we maintain a homeowners list which includes names, addresses, email addresses and telephone numbers. This list is solely used for Sherwood Greens communications and is never shared with anyone else. We also maintain an informal email list for easy communication. We uphold strict confidentiality. We strongly encourage you to be sure your contact information is current. There will be an update of the information shortly after the annual meeting, so please contact me with any updates. We used these during the past years to keep home owners informed. It is in your best interest to be part of this communication network.

This past winter was one without any notable events aside from the warm weather impact of potholes. Fortunately, the dedication and tireless effort of Gary Obrien and his staff, and the fine supervision by Bob Moore, our District Superintendent, we made it through with minimal issues.

The "big news" is Sherwood Greens now has high speed internet service. Many residents have already signed up and are enjoying the connected services from Wired West (aka Whip City Fiber). We also received approval from the General Counsel of the Massachusetts State Reclamation Board (Jessica Burgess, Esq.) to move forward with Sherwood Greens' participation in the Berkshire County Mosquito Control Project. Please refer to the applicable pages in this Annual Report for additional details. Chris Horton of the Berkshire County Mosquito Control Project is with us today for further discussion.

You will find the Treasury reports that contain the financial standing of Sherwood Greens Road Improvement and Maintenance District. The Budget Sheet contains our proposed budget for

the upcoming 2023 year. Our appreciation to Kathy Borden for maintaining and monitoring our monetary balances.

Attached is the Lakes Report from Bruce Lipton. Bruce has led the charge for our lakes, the expansion of the beach, and has done an outstanding job. In his report you will read the benefits of all the work he has accomplished. Ken Wagner is now a part of our lake management program and has been invited here to provide more insight and to answer any questions.

Many thanks are also extended to Marc Shultz, our Vice Chair. Marc continues our efforts to remain compliant with the Becket Conservation Committee, providing the Commission with our lake (aka Monkey surveys; he is instrumental in the modification our monthly treasury reporting including financial graphs for easy reading, and keeping us safe during the Winter Season with the update of our Winter Policy.

Attached also is the Annual District Superintendent's report for your review. Thank you, Bob for all of your efforts in keeping Sherwood Greens safe and beautiful. I would also like to thank our District Clerk, Jane Hanrahan who has facilitated the efficient workflow of the Sherwood Greens Prudential Committee. Jane seamlessly, with grace, makes everything for us appear easy.

Attached is our monthly meeting schedule for fiscal year 2022-2023. We welcome all to attend. The meetings will continue via Zoom conferencing and begin at 9:00 am.

Sherwood Greens is a wonderful place to live. Its beauty, during all four seasons, is very special. This is your community, and we thank you for your support. Come to the meetings, be aware of cars and people that may be of concern, and we appreciate feedback and suggestions of what can be done to make Sherwood Greens even better.

We are all looking forward to a wonderful warm weather season.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Hayden  
Chairman  
Sherwood Greens Prudential Committee

# COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

SHERWOOD GREENS ROAD IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE DISTRICT  
1439 JACOBS LADDER ROAD, BECKET, MA 01223

Berkshires.

Greetings:

To the Clerk of the Sherwood Greens Road District,

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said District who are qualified to vote in District affairs to meet at the PRIVATE BEACH OF SHERWOOD GREENS ROAD IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE DISTRICT, on Shuttlecock between Long Bow Lane West and Long Bow Lane East, Becket, MA, on the 4th Day of June, 2022 at 9:00 o'clock A.M. (Rain date June 11, 2022 at 9:00 o'clock A.M.), (*bring personal chairs or blankets*) for the following purposes:

## ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING

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

**Article 1:** Election of Moderator for a one-year term, ending at the Annual Meeting of calendar 2023.

**Article 2:** To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money needed for the operating budget for FY 2023 and to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected offices as follows:

| Account                      | Amount                                |
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| 1. Lake Maintenance          | \$55,756.00                           |
| 2. General Road Maintenance  | \$13,000.00 GRR/Tree removal/Culverts |
| 3. Winter Road Maintenance   | \$17,800.00 Fixed rate/Under contract |
| 4. Major Road Improvements   | \$10,000.00                           |
| 5. Annual Maintenance        | \$10,000.00 Ditch cleaning/potholes   |
| 6. Mosquito Control          | \$ 1,800.00                           |
| 7. General Reserve Account   | \$ 3,000.00                           |
| 8. Superintendent's Salary   | \$ 6,000.00                           |
| 9. Superintendent's Expenses | \$ 600.00                             |
| 10. Treasurer's Salary       | \$ 4,800.00                           |
| 11. Clerk's Salary           | \$ 3,000.00                           |

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| <b>12. Clerk's Expenses</b>                   | <b>\$ 600.00</b>   |
| <b>13. District Office Expenses</b>           | <b>\$ 700.00</b>   |
| <b>14. Insurance, Bonding and Withholding</b> | <b>\$ 2,000.00</b> |
| <b>15. Town Officials</b>                     | <b>\$ 2,800.00</b> |
| <b>16. Entrance Way and Beach Maintenance</b> | <b>\$ 2,000.00</b> |
| <b>17. Tax Collection (Billing Company)</b>   | <b>\$ 300.00</b>   |
| <b>18. Prudential Committee Expenses</b>      | <b>\$ 300.00</b>   |
| <b>19. Attorney's Fees</b>                    | <b>\$ 3,000.00</b> |

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| <b>Prudential Committee recommends</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>\$137,456.00</b> | <b>2/3 vote required</b> |
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**Article 3:** To see whether the proprietors will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,950 to install a new mailbox shed, accommodating 2 mailbox clusters donated by the Becket Post Office. Comprising the amount is the cost of the Shed (\$5,000), new cement (3,000), excavating and stone (\$2,500) and electrical work to add solar lighting (\$450.00).

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| <b>Prudential Committee recommends</b> | <b>2/3 vote required</b> |
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**Article 4:** To see if the proprietors will vote to approve the request of Wesley P. Moore and Susan M. Askins ("Moore/Askins") to exclude their real property located at Fairway Drive and Silverleaf Drive in the Sherwood Greens Road Improvement and Maintenance District (the "District") from taxation by the District based on the following:

The Special Act creating the District is set forth in Chapter 31 of the Acts of 1997, as amended by Chapter 235 of the Acts of 2006 (together, referenced as the "Special Act"). Moore/Askins own real property located in the District as set forth in a deed recorded in the Berkshire Middle District Registry of Deeds in Book 7044, Page 231, (the "Property"). Section 19 of the Special Act creates a procedure for exclusion from the District provided "such estate is so situated that it can receive no benefit from the repair and maintenance provided in the district." At a duly noticed meeting of the Prudential Committee on April 21, 2022, called for the purpose of voting on the application of Moore/Askins to have the Property be excluded from the District under Section 19, the Prudential Committee voted by a vote of 4 to 0 not to exclude the Property because the access to the Property is over the streets maintained by the District. FURTHERMORE, as provided in Section 19 of the Special Act, the petition to exclude the Property is hereby included in the Warrant for the Annual District Meeting, with a record of the vote by the Prudential Committee. Copies of the petition and the record of the vote of the Prudential Committee are on file with the District Clerk and available by request.

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| <b>Prudential Committee recommends</b> | <b>2/3 vote required</b> |
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**Article 5:** To entertain nominations and cast votes in the Sherwood Greens Road Improvement and Maintenance District Road election to fill vacancies and renewals of district officers as follows:

1 Member Prudential Committee, three-year term (Vacant)

1 Member Prudential Committee, one-year term (Vacant)

**Prudential Committee Recommends**

**Majority vote required**

And you are further directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies at the usual places designated by the District at least fourteen (14) days 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 2022

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Members, Prudential Committee

I have served this warrant as directed above.

Attest \_\_\_\_\_  
District Clerk (Date)

Becket, Massachusetts \_\_\_\_\_

## **Prudential Committee Meeting Schedule 2022 - 2023**

All Meetings are Held at the Becket Town Hall (or Via Zoom) at 9:00 AM

July 9th

August 6th

September 10th

October 1st

November 5th

December 3rd

January 7th

February 18th

March (TBD)

April 1st

May 6th

June 3rd Annual Meeting

June 3rd Prudential Committee Meeting

**SHERWOOD GREENS ROAD IMPROVEMENT and MAINTENANCE DISTRICT**  
**Phone 413 274 2374**

**Prudential Committee Agenda for the June 4, 2022 Annual Meeting**  
**(Rain Date: June 11, 2022). To be held at 9:00am at the PRIVATE BEACH OF**  
**SHERWOOD GREENS ROAD IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE DISTRICT, on**  
**Shuttlecock between Long Bow Lane West and Long Bow Lane East, Becket, MA**

**Signing in of residents and receipt of proxies**

**Advise Attendees whether Prudential Committee Annual Meeting is recorded**

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**Additional Business**