

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 18th Day of June, 2022, at 1:00 o'clock P.M., 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, call the meeting to order and determine if a quorum of the proprietors is 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 Annual 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. Said newly elected moderator shall again certify to the Annual District Meeting that a quorum, consisting of fifty (50) proprietors of the District in attendance or by proxy, is present.
Incumbent SR

Majority Vote Required

Article 2: To see if the District proprietors will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be needed to defray the expenses of the District for the 2021 fiscal year as delineated in Chapter 107 of the Acts of 2010 and as set forth in the attached proposed SFLD - Operating Budget - FY2023:
Prudential Committee: Recommend

Majority Vote Required

Article 3: To see if the District as set forth in section 3(e) Chapter 107 of the Acts of 2010 will vote to authorize District to enter into an agreement to grant a permanent easement that allows the encroachment of a house located at **89 Lake of the Lake Courts** Registry of Deeds Map Book 417F Page 142, Block G, Lot 18 in Becket, Assessor's parcel ID: 022/219.0-0099-0000.D (Map 219 Lot 99) **onto adjacent district property** as shown on Registry of Deeds Map Book 417F Page 142, Block G, Lot Un-numbered (known as Common Land) Assessor's parcel ID: 022/219.0-0100-1000.D (Map 219 Lot 100.1). The easement acknowledges and clarifies the existent of a **right of way** onto District **common land** held in perpetuity for the exclusive use of all SFLD proprietors. An affirmative vote will authorize the Chair of the Prudential Committee and District Treasurer to consummate an access agreement on the behalf of the District and to execute any and all documents as may be necessary or proper to complete this transaction.

Background: U.S. Bank Trust authorized a survey plan entitled "Boundary Survey - Plan of Land in the Town of Becket, Massachusetts Prepared for Gallaher Real Estate" dated Sept. 27, 2021. This plan ("the Plan") shows an encroachment onto the district property where a corner of the house and deck extend about 3 feet onto District property and a shed was also constructed within the District common area parcel. Along with the easement document entitled (the "Plan"), an easement narrative will be recorded at the Berkshire Middle District Registry of Deeds. The easement will contain an access agreement that will permit the property owners of 89 Lady of the Lake Court, their heirs and assigns access to repair and maintain the encroached portion of the structure. The shed shown on the plan will be removed completely from District property. The proposed easement is contingent upon approval by the proprietors of the District.

Prudential Committee: Recommend

2/3 Vote Required

Article 4: To see if the District as set forth in section 3(e) Chapter 107 of the Acts of 2010 will vote to authorize the Prudential Committee to enter into an agreement to grant a permanent easement across land of the District located off 0 Sherwood Drive (Assessor's parcel ID: 022/216.00-453-0000.D Map 216 Lot 453) recorded with the Berkshire Middle District Registry of Deeds in Book 5153, Page 178 to provide for a septic system for the benefit of land of Sally F. Eldred located 460 Wells Road, Becket, MA (022/216.00-454-0000 Map 216 Lot 454) recorded in the same Registry in Book 1707, Page 259. An affirmative vote will authorize the prudential committee to enter into the easement on the behalf of the District and to execute any and all documents as may be necessary or proper to complete this transaction.

Background: This existing house may not have any other location for septic system that complies with Title V.

Prudential Committee: Recommend

2/3 Vote Required

Article 5: To see if the District as set forth in section 3(e) Chapter 107 of the Acts of 2010 will vote to authorize the District to enter into an agreement to purchase land of **Leonard & Joan Cunningham** located on **0 Fireside Lane**, Map Book 417F Page 9, Block 7A, Lot 6 in Becket, Assessor's parcel ID: 022/217.0-0101-0000.D (Map 217 Lot 101). The purchase of this vacant parcel is needed because of its location at the juncture of Fireside Lane, Maid Marian Lane and Lancelot Lake. An affirmative vote will authorize the Chair of the Prudential Committee and the District Treasurer to enter into negotiations to acquire this property and to execute any and all documents as may be necessary or proper to complete this transaction.

Background: Over the years erosion has filled in a significant portion of the northwest portion of the lake. Dredging this area to restore the original shoreline would be a temporary fix that would also be cost prohibitive. The Prudential Committee in an unofficial consultation with Tighe and Bond engineers who redesigned the Lancelot Dam gave rise to the idea that a settlement basin could be designed and constructed to prevent the infiltration of road sediment into the shallow wetland area adjacent to Lancelot Lake. Where possible settlement basins are a very cost-effective method to collect road runoff material before it enters the riparian area.

Prudential Committee: Recommend

2/3 Vote Required

Article 6: The moderator shall entertain nominations from the floor for individuals to fill two (2) Prudential Committee positions. The moderator will then have the district proprietors vote to elect by secret ballot two (2) regular members, each of whom shall be proprietors of the district, and none of whom may be the clerk, treasurer, or assistant treasurer, to the Prudential Committee from among those nominated. The terms of service of the two (2) elected regular members shall be three (3) years from the date of this 2022 Annual District Meeting and/or until the election and qualification of their successors.
Incumbents PG&GB

Majority Vote Required

Article 7: The moderator shall entertain nominations from the floor, each of whom shall be a proprietor who may or may not be a Prudential Committee member, to fill each of the following voluntary positions; Superintendent of Dams and Lakes and Superintendent of Beaches and Boats, and to have each of these individuals report to and serve under the direction of the Prudential Committee. The terms of service of each superintendent shall be one (1) year from the date of this 2022 Annual District Meeting and/or until the election and qualification of their successors or to take any other action relative thereto.

Prudential Committee: Recommend

Majority Vote Required

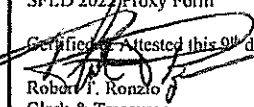
Article 8: To see if the District proprietors will vote to exclude those proprietors who have been recommended by the Prudential Committee on the attached list as having met the criteria set forth in Section 21 of Chapter 107 of the Acts of 2010, including submitting an Opt-Out Form or its equivalent stating the reason for seeking exclusion and exemption from taxation and having agreed to release any easement rights to access the lakes and beaches in the District if their request is acted upon favorably. The Prudential Committee may charge a reasonable fee to the petitioner in order to verify that the petitioner is the record titleholder for the parcel. The exclusion from taxation does not become final until a release of easement rights acceptable to the Prudential Committee is recorded in the Berkshire Middle District Registry of Deeds and petitioner has paid all recording fees. A copy of the recorded release and vote of the Prudential Committee also must be filed with the Town of Becket's Board of Assessors by the petitioner.

Prudential Committee: Recommendation annotated for each petitioner's request **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 9 day of April, 2022

Attestation
The Sherwood Forest Lake District
Prudential Committee Members
Electronically Voted and Approved
the following documents
SFLD 2022 Annual District Meeting Warrant
SFLD 2022 Special District Meeting Warrant
SFLD FY2023 Proposed Operating Budget
SFLD 2022 Proxy Form
Certified & Attested this 9th day of April 2022

Robert F. Ronzio
Clerk & Treasurer
Sherwood Forest Lake District

**Prudential
Committee
of
Sherwood Forest
Lake District**

I have served this warrant as directed above.

Attest


Constable

Becket, Massachusetts

May 6, 2022
(date)

Attestation

The Town of Becket Constable
Robert T. Ronzio
adml1751i4aiMAC3Signed
The SFLD 2022 Special District Meeting Warrant
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Certified & Attested this 6th day of May 2022


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Majority Vote Required

Article 2: To see if the District proprietors will vote to appropriate the sum of \$7,200.00 to fund the following at the listed amount for the balance of the fiscal year:

Dam & Lake Management Expenses new total \$111,000.00

and to fund this by transferring \$7,200.00 from the General Reserve Account

Prudential Committee: Recommend

Majority Vote Required

Article 3: To see if the District proprietors will vote to appropriate the sum of \$17,000.00 to fund the following at the listed amount for the balance of the fiscal year:

Insurance new total \$37359.96.

and to fund this by transferring \$16,653.16 from General Reserve & Beach & Boat Management

Prudential Committee: Recommend

Majority Vote Required

Article 4: To see if the District proprietors will vote to appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to fund the following at the listed amount for the balance of the fiscal year:

Operating Expenses new total \$8,000.00

and to fund this by transferring \$120.00 from the District Expenses Account

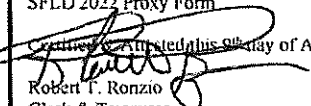
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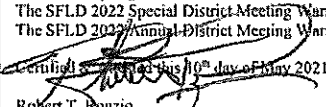
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 Clerk & Treasurer
 Sherwood Forest Lake District

Prudential
Committee
of
Sherwood Forest
Lake District

I have served this warrant as directed above.

Attest 
Constable

Becket, Massachusetts May 10, 2022
(date)

Attestation
 The Town of Becket Constable
 Michael Hunt
 Electronically Signed
 The SFLD 2022 Special District Meeting Warrant
 The SFLD 2022 Annual District Meeting Warrant
 Certified and attested this 10th day of May 2021

 Robert T. Ronzio
 Clerk & Treasurer
 Sherwood Forest Lake District

**SHERWOOD FOREST LAKE DISTRICT
PROXY FORM**

The undersigned, being a recorded owner of real estate in Sherwood Forest in the Town of Becket:

(Print your name above this line and remember to use a separate proxy form for each parcel owned.)

(List above a description of the property owned, include Road/Street Name, Assessors Map and Lot Number.)

As of (_____), hereby appoints as my/our representative:
(Print date above)

Dr. Howard G. Lerner, 21 Mystic Isle Way, Becket, MA 01223, Stanley C. Taylor, 7 Gulf Street, Shrewsbury, MA 01545, and Steve Rosenthal, 84 Mystic Isle Way, Becket, MA 01223; or any of them, acting singly, to represent me/us and to vote on my/our behalf with full authority and power in my/our stead:

or _____

To vote as proxy for the undersigned at all Special and Annual District Meetings, called by Warrant of the Prudential Committee of the Sherwood Forest Lake District acting under the authority of Chapter 107 Acts of 2010 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to be held at the Becket Town Hall, 557 Main St., Becket, Massachusetts 01223, and at any or all adjournments or continuation thereof, and to cast any vote which the undersigned would be entitled to cast at such meetings if then personally present.

This proxy shall be in full force and effect at all District Meetings until a succeeding proxy is issued unless written revocation is delivered to the District Clerk not later than 10 days prior to a scheduled meeting.

The undersigned being a recorded owner hereby authorize the above named Proxy.

WITNESS my hand (signature) this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

(PLEASE SIGN YOUR NAME AS IT APPEARS ON YOUR DEED)

INDIVIDUAL

OR

TRUST, COPORATION etc.

Authorized recorded/owner's signature

(Name of Entity)
BY: _____
(Its Title: _____ duly authorized.)

**Please mail the Proxy Form to:
Sherwood Forest Lake District
P.O. Box 663
Becket, MA 01223-0663**



SHERWOOD FOREST LAKE DISTRICT - PROJECTED OPERATING BUDGET - FY 2023

LINE ITEM	7/01/2022 - 6/30/2023 CATEGORY	APPROPRIATION 2020 APPROVED	APPROPRIATION 2021 APPROVED	APPROPRIATION 2022 APPROVED	APPROPRIATION 2023 PROJECTED<0.03%	NOTES
1	OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 7,600.00	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 8,200.00	(ACT 107 Sec 19 authority) fixed % of district budget
x	ASSOCIATED DAM EXPENSES	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 84,000.00			Prior Year DAM MGMT Category now combined with LAKE MGMT
2	DAM & LAKE MGMT	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 103,000.00	\$ 107,000.00	(Professional providers)
	BEACH & BOAT LAUNCH					
3	MANAGEMENT	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 8,400.00	\$ 8,400.00	\$ 8,700.00	(price quote bid - subcontractor)
4	PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE EXPENSES	\$ 382.00	\$ 382.00	\$ 382.00	\$ 392.00	(ACT 107 Sec 18 Committee's compensation)
5	DISTRICT EXPENSES	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 18,050.00	\$ 18,650.00	(ACT 107 & BY-LAWS)
6	INDEP CONTRACTOR	\$ 200.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 850.00	(ACT 107 Sec 18 Moderator's compensation)
7	INSURANCE	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 27,810.00	\$ 29,500.00	MGL Ch 25B § 2, 8 & 13 statutory authority & limitation
8	UNCLASSIFIED EXPENSES	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00	MGL statutes
9	OUTSOURCED SVCS	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 7,400.00	(professional provider - contractual noncompetitive bid)
	FUND ACCOUNTS					
10	GENERAL RESERVE FUND	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,200.00	\$ 8,400.00	MGL Ch 40 Sec 6 NOT TO EXCEED 5% OF PREVIOUS FY'S LEVY
11	STABILIZATION FUND	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	MGL Ch 40 Sec 5B NOT TO EXCEED 10% AMT RAISED IN PRECEDING FY
12	OVERLAY ACCOUNT	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00	TAXPAYER REIMBURSEMENTS FOR OVERPAYMENT OR ABATEMENTS
13	REVENUE/BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE	\$ 36,953.00	\$ 36,953.00	\$ 36,953.00	\$ 36,953.00	RAN (.65%) INTEREST FOR SHORT TERM DEBT
	SUB TOTAL	\$ 46,354.00	\$ 46,354.00	\$ 46,554.00	\$ 46,754.00	
	GRAND TOTAL	\$ 218,240.00	\$ 218,240.00	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 227,450.00	less than a .03% increase (0.029957756%)
	NOTES:					
	Line 1 Town's Assessors & Tax Collectors Fee 3%	\$ 6,547.20	\$ 6,547.20	\$ 6,600.00		
	Lines 2, 3, 4, 6, 8 & 10 (All bids subject to MGL Ch 30B monetary limitations)					
	FY 2020 Budget Approved at the SFLD Annual District Meeting on June 8, 2019					
	FY 2021 Budget Approved at the SFLD Annual District Meeting on June 27, 2020					
	FY 2022 Budget Approved at the SFLD Annual District Meeting on June 19, 2021					

SFLD READ FIRST

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 19th.

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 FY2023 expenses, and to dealing with proprietors who have requested to be excluded.

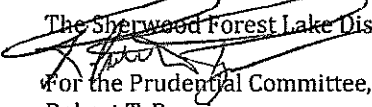
Next review the **SFLD Projected Operating Budget for FY2023**. It covers the anticipated costs in each expense category. The projected budget is somewhat like last years due in part to continued mandatory Office of Dam Safety and Department of Conservation and Recreation reports which will continue for another year. After that reporting will be required on a five-year basis. Environmental areas of concern center on the revegetation cover that controls berm erosion, and water runoff control measures along Sir Galahad Drive. Anticipated costs associated are somewhat uncertain due how the steep embankment intersects with the road but fortunately the work is mostly regrading and cross culvert replacement. However, the lake district may have to bear some of the associated cost because a portion of the work is not within the roadway itself. Two years ago, the district was awarded a \$703,000 grant from the Commonwealth and the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs sent the final reimbursement payment in July 2021. This major project is now behind us but there is still a lot that needs to be done to save and preserve the lakes within the Sherwood Forest. This spring the district with continued engineering assistance from Tighe & Bond and consultation from Ecosystems Consulting Services the district will schedule additional investigative work needed to ensure the preservation of a healthy lake habitat in every lake in Sherwood Forest. Change occurs everywhere and climate change whether it be by design or whether it occurs naturally could affect us all negatively unless we intervene. Excalibur Lake has experienced algae blooms, other lakes have invasive plant growth such as milfoil which needs constant attention, so the district awarded it lake management contract to ESS to handle all the contracting, pre-treatment planning, communication, scheduling, and reporting to ensure that the work is performed on time and with the proper approvals and notifications required by the permitting authorities such as the Conservation Commission and the MA DEP.

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 to include continued Covid-19 restriction regarding gatherings and social distancing requirements. 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 attend and vote on your behalf.

For those who would like to remotely listen to the proceedings, the district has set up a tele-conferencing opportunity. Proprietors may call the following number **1 (623) 600-3762** and use access code **114253**. The conference number is actually located in Arizona, so you need to be able to call there without paying long-distance rates. Most cell phones have free weekends and unlimited US coverage, but make sure!

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 17, 2022** to be counted. **Please don't forget postage.**

The Sherwood Forest Lake District is an equal opportunity provider.


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

PS IMPORTANT: If you have already returned a **SFLD Proxy** for this year, you do not need to send in another **DUPLICATE** proxy, but if in doubt return it. Only one proxy per parcel will be counted.

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.



United States Department of Agriculture



Sherwood Forest Lake District
PO Box 663
Becket, MA01223-0663 Email: www.sfldbecket.com
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RECORD KEEPING

The Sherwood Forest Lake District (SFLD), as a recipient of federal financial assistance, is required to to annually survey the community to ensure that the district does not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, religion, gender, familial status or disability. Since the district must collect and track the data by ethnic, racial/national origin and gender status, a survey will be sent out along with the Annual District Meeting mailing. We encourage proprietors to return the form to the district clerk. Since the information is considered sensitive you may not wish to include it with your proxy or put a return address on the envelope.

DEMOGRAPHIC SURVEY

The following information is requested by the Federal Government in order to monitor our compliance with various civil rights laws. You are not required to furnish this information, but are encouraged to do so. The law requires that we may not discriminate based upon this information, nor whether you choose to furnish it. However, if you choose not to furnish it, under Federal regulations we are required to note the race and sex on the basis of visual observation or surname. If you do not wish to furnish the below information, please check the first box.

I do not wish to furnish this information _____

REQUESTED CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE INFORMATION:

Ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino _____
Not Hispanic or Latino _____

Race/National Origin: American Indian or Alaskan Native _____
Asian _____
Black or African American _____
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander _____
White _____

Sex: Female _____
Male _____

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