



**EMERALD LAKE VILLAGE DISTRICT**  
HILLSBOROUGH, NEW HAMPSHIRE, 03244

ELVD Workshop Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, August 8, 2018

In Attendance: Diane Cunningham, Commissioner, Linda Whiting, Commissioner, Wayne Held, Commissioner, Jessica Vitkauskas, Treasurer, and Kim Grondin, Clerk.

Public Attendance: Bob Hutchinson, Brett Taber, Melissa Taber, Joseph Feindel, Eileen Feindel, and Richard Whiting.

The workshop was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioners discussed the auditor's drafts and recommendations, which Jess Vitkauskas, Treasurer reviewed. Diane Cunningham, Commissioner made a motion to accept the auditors draft, seconded, and approved. Jess Vitkauskas, Treasurer will complete the electronic signatures needed for the draft.

Commissioners discussed water issue from resident on Meghan Lane stating he had a foul odor coming out of his faucet. Bob Hutchinson, former commissioner states when seasonal residents turn on and off their water, they will get an odor until they run their faucets for a little bit to clear the pipes.

Commissioner Wayne Held states Glenn Winters, resident is just about done with the electrical building. The only thing left to complete is to cut a hole in the floor to be able to place the stairway in, insulate the building and put the door on. Commissioner Wayne Held states once the building is complete, WSO will be contacted to contract an electrician and set up the electrical part of the building.

Commissioners discuss the estimate from Glenn Winters, resident about fixing the gazebo. Commissioner Wayne Held states "we will discuss exactly what will be completed when the contract is drawn up, which will have to be approved." Joe Feindel, resident asked if that was the only bid the commissioners received? Diane Cunningham, Commissioner responded "yes". Melissa Taber, resident asked what the amount of the bid was? Diane Cunningham, Commissioner states "I want to say it was like \$1500". Wayne Held, Commissioner states "when the time comes, we will sit down with Glenn Winters, resident and go over the estimate." Melissa Taber, resident asked why the bidding wasn't put out in the papers, as well as the kiosks? Brett Taber, Resident asks what is required for advertising a job in the district? Bob Hutchinson, former commissioner states "it has to go in a local newspaper, whether it be the Messenger, Concord Monitor or Villager for at least five days to open the bids up. If you just put it around the district, my advice is to go take them down quick because on a bid you have to open up bids to everyone because this is a municipality". Wayne Held, Commissioner thanked Bob Hutchinson, former commissioner.

Diane Cunningham, Commissioner states a former commissioner had given her a bunch of paperwork that could be doubles and triplets but didn't want to throw them away. Wayne Held, Commissioner states we should file them per year, per RSA.

Bob Hutchinson, former commissioner states "I did a hydraulic study on the water when I was a commissioner. I busted my butt when I was the commissioner. You have a 6000-acre water shed on top of the mountain behind Farrah Marsh. Even though Farrah's Marsh was low when we got all the rain, when you hear we are getting 3 to 4 inches of rain, pull the boards on the lake because you have 6000 acres water shed there, and all the stuff coming off the mountain, all the brooks, and all the springs that go in the pond. If you don't take the boards out first before the water gets down there, you will be in trouble, as kayaks are ended up at Henniker road and the docks will float away. If you don't turn the water over, the water will get stagnant and will start backing up on the beaches and that is when you get violations. So please if you hear of 3 to 4 inches of rain, pull the boards".

Wayne Held, Commissioner presented ELVD workshop meeting minutes. Diane Cunningham, Commissioner made a motion to accept the July 31, 2018 workshop meeting minutes, seconded, and approved. Kim Grondin, Clerk presented ELVD BOC's meeting minutes dating July 19, 2018. Diane Cunningham, Commissioner made a motion to accept the July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting minutes, seconded, and approved.

Commissioners are waiting on recommendations from contractor that did the work on the H&H intersection. Diane Cunningham, Commissioner states that there is a house on Hemlock that has a completely blocked culvert, which is causing a backup. Diane Cunningham, Commissioner will draft a letter to the resident to clean the culvert. Bob Hutchinson, former commissioner states that the set up that was completed is not going to work. Diane Cunningham, Commissioner states "from Debbie's house down, it is doing what its supposed to do but the problem is before Debbie's house". Melissa Taber, resident suggests using colored construction paper to post at the kiosks to inform residents that it is the residents' responsibility to clean out their culverts.

Kim Grondin, Clerk has asked Diane Cunningham, Commissioner to order some more microcassette tapes.

Bob Hutchinson, former commissioner and Wayne Held, Commissioner discussed water system. Bob Hutchinson, former commissioner states that there are 118 houses on the new water system that are ready for water meters, as well as giving Wayne Held, Commissioner recommendations and ideas. Jessica Vitkauskas, Treasurer and Melissa Taber, Resident presented ideas on how to inform the public on the water situations. Bob Hutchinson, former commissioner, Wayne Held, Commissioner and Brett Taber, resident had discussions on the water system and loans. Many different conversations were taking place at once. Melissa Taber, resident states "no one is listening to one conversation, there are four conversations going on and its so annoying in this office. No one listens to one conversation and I'm about to get pissed and walk out". Melissa Taber, Resident asks "is there going to be any updates on the last meeting questions, like residents using hoses?" Diane Cunningham, Commissioner states "a lot of people have wells that I didn't know about". Melissa Taber, Resident replies "but what I am saying, the questions that were brought up, commissioners said they were going to check on or follow-up on and this happens continuously that no one follows up on anything". Diane Cunningham, Commissioner states "we have checked on the ones that you told us about". Melissa Taber, resident states "but it does not get put on the website, so we know that you are following up on it". Diane Cunningham, Commissioner states "I'm sorry, we will put it on the website". Melissa Taber, resident replies "you told us that you were going to do that already". Diane Cunningham, Commissioner states "I told you that house had a well". Melissa Taber, resident replies "it is not just me, 69, is he pumping from the lake, you said you were going to go check". Diane Cunningham, Commissioner states "he has a sign up stating that he is pumping from the lake". Melissa Taber, resident states "but you said you would check on these people because I told you, how can we trust that they are using lake water and not from our water source". Diane Cunningham, Commissioner states "I cannot just trespass onto his property". Melissa Taber, resident states "then how can you send fines to people and not collect from them and was that followed up on and how do we know"? Diane Cunningham, Commissioner states "it will be talked about next Thursday night at the meeting under old business". Melissa Taber, resident replies "nothing is posted, we have a website, no one can access it. I do not get it. Every single meeting that residents bring up questions, nothing is put on the website, its unbelievable". Kim Grondin, Clerk asked if the commissioners have access to the website? Diane Cunningham, Commissioner reply's "no we don't. Everything that we want to put on the website has to go through Dave and

we have to pay for it, so that is why we discuss it at the meetings and its put in the minutes under old business". Joe Feindel, resident states "several people are asking why are we using Dave, Dave is a problem, he is not efficient, he is out of town a lot and yet all of you always use Dave again and I think this is where she is saying a lot of the problem lay, as Dave is not doing his job and he charges you for every little nickel and dime thing. He is part of the district and I feel he should help us a little bit, but he doesn't". Diane Cunningham, Commissioner states "actually he does and gives us a good deal." Wayne Held, Commissioner states "anytime I ask him to post minutes, it is there the next day". Kim Grondin, Clerk agrees that he is punctual when asked to post something. Diane Cunningham, Commissioner states "it is not that hard to navigate the website, but I am not going to post personal information on residents. It will be mentioned at the BOC's meeting under old business". Joe Feindel, Resident states "you are right, this is a workshop, not a BOC's meeting". Bob Hutchinson, former commissioner asks commissioners "do you want me to go see if the resident is pumping from the lake? I am friends with everyone". Diane Cunningham, Commissioner states "I am not going to go walking onto residents' property". Bob Hutchinson, former commissioner states "if they are violating, you stop at the road and ask for permission to come on, if they give you permission, you go on property, if they do not, then you stand on the road and have the conversation". Diane Cunningham, Commissioner states "he has a sign stating he is pumping from the lake".

Diane Cunningham, Commissioner states to Joe Feindel, resident "do not pull the poison ivy out. DES states that if we pull it out, we have to replace it with bushes and no matter what we do, it will keep coming back".

Joe Feindel, resident states "up on Patten Hill there is a bunch of junk by the water tank that has been there for years. I have offered to remove it multiple times and this is my last offer. It will be \$500 to remove the yellow building, raft, etc. and it interferes with the mowing. I have asked this before and as she (Melissa Taber) stated there is no follow-up with the questions that are asked at the previous meeting and I don't get an answer and its very frustrating. So, I understand where she (Melissa Taber) is coming from". Wayne Held, Commissioner states it will be discussed and thanks Joe Feindel, resident for his input. Discussion between Wayne Held, Commissioner and Joe Feindel, resident about the details was had. Wayne Held, Commissioner states the commissioners will look at all options and get back to him.

Commissioners coded and signed invoices for the water and general accounts.

Next BOC's monthly meeting will be held at the Gazebo in Eastman Park, ELVD on **Thursday, July 16, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.**

Motion was made by Diane Cunningham, Commissioner to adjourn workshop meeting at 7:14 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Wayne Held and approved.

Sincerely,  
Kim Grondin, ELVD Clerk

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Approved BY:

Diane Cunningham, Chairman of Commissioners

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Wayne Held, Commissioner

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Linda Whiting, Commissioner

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