



Emerald Lake Village District

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ELVD Special Workshop Meeting

Friday, December 4, 2020 @ 6:30 PM
Online meeting via GO TO Meetings ONLY

Board Attendees - Remotely

Brett Taber, *Commissioner*
Sara Auger, *Commissioner*
Katie Page, *Commissioner*
Debbie Kardaseski, *District Admin*
Rick Rose, *Clerk*

Residents - Remotely

Melissa Taber, Greg KLos, John Geary and Ed Ley

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Taber at 6:30pm.

AGENDA

- Roll Call & Quorum Commissioners - validate online forum rules are followed.
- Review need/options for future Annual Meeting date needs under revised Governor Emergency order #12 pursuant to Executive order 2020-04 - temporary modifications of public access to meetings under RSA 91-A and emergency order #23.

Discussion Topics

- Discussion and vote on loan choice for upcoming bond sale: Closure/acceptance date is on December 11th. The board had voted to authorize the application for seeking to transfer the bond anticipation note to the permanent loan. Commissioner Taber made a motion to re-assess and authorize to seek out the bond sale for the \$495K (to cover road and water projects) bond anticipation note. Roll call votes as follows: Commissioner Auger; yes, Commissioner Page; yes and Commissioner Taber; yes. Motion passed.
The board had previously approved a 10-year term and will continue on that route. Payback estimates (with an interest rate of about 1%) would be about **\$532K**. If we chose a 20-year term the interest would potentially double and payback would be roughly **\$605K**.
Tax/water rate impact for 10-year loan: The road portion for tax purposes would be about .27 per \$1000. Water rate impact would be about \$56 per year.
Tax/water rate impact for 20-year loan: The road portion for tax purposes would be about .17 per \$1000. Water rate impact would be about \$36 per year.
With the water rate change we just had, the impact is already absorbed into the new rate charges. Commissioner Taber made a motion to go forward with the application for the 10-year loan with the NH Municipal Bond Bank for the water/bridge projects. Roll call votes as follows: Commissioner Auger; yes, Commissioner Page; yes and Commissioner Taber; yes. Motion passed.

- Discussion on water treatment piping options: In preparation for treatment options (for iron and manganese) for the new well, it was advised the best option would be to have a dedicated line into the treatment plant. Treatment (scheduled to be done by Aquamen) of the iron and manganese has to occur before the arsenic and fluoride treatment. The board is seeking to find answers (through Wright-Pierce and Aquamen) to whether or not treatment can be done at the well site or needs to be done within our existing treatment center. There will be a pilot test to test water quality. To reconfigure plumbing (from the well to the treatment center) it would cost about \$1800 in materials and labor. The bond will cover as much of this project as possible. NHDES will be looking for us to establish treatment plan options as well as how we plan to carry out maintenance for the new well.
- Discussion on beaver removal and beaver dam impact: Some work was done to try and break down the beaver dam and attempt to seek out a water leak, but the water level dropped. This task will be re-visited next week sometime. If we cannot maintain water levels, it would hamper the excavation process of the bridge.
Commissioner Taber spoke again to the beaver trappers and advised them of the board's decision to attempt to relocate the beavers and was advised that the cost (\$575 per beaver) would be much higher (than termination) and would require additional permitting and set-up fees.
Due to the much higher cost of relocating the beaver/s Commissioner Taber made a motion to hire a beaver removal operator, up to \$500, to remove/terminate beaver/s. Roll call votes as follows: Commissioner Auger; yes, Commissioner Page; yes and Commissioner Taber; yes. Motion passed.
A resident had a question regarding any if there was any policy on geese. Commissioner Taber advised there was none and is advising any resident having an issue with geese should contact NH Fish and Game.
- Discussion on water system fines: Admin Kardaseski has confirmed with legal that if a resident does not pay their fine, we can do a warrant and give it to the tax collector and could end up having a lien placed on the property. The board will be looking into how the Town deals with this issue and come up with something similar to suit the district's needs, but, as a reminder, the district has the right to shut off any resident's water for failure to pay a fine.
The board does suggest that 'seasonal' residents have their water line shut off during the months that they will not be in the ELVD. Doing this will protect both the resident (from any fines due to a leak within their property) and any loss of water to the district's water supply.
- Holiday lighting contest: Resident Melissa Taber has volunteered to run the contest this year. No entry required. Melissa will drive through the district (on December 22nd) and decide 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. Donations for prizes (given out on December 23rd) will be accepted. Details will be placed on the website, FaceBook and at the kiosks.
- Adjournment of meeting: Commissioner Taber made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 pm. Roll call vote: Commissioner Page, yes, Commissioner Auger, yes and Commissioner Taber, yes. Motion passed.
- The next meeting is December 17th @ 6:30 and will be online only, as of tonight.

*Meetings will be held primarily online using GoTo meetings as posted on the website.

When emergency orders become relaxed, office meetings will resume.

The Agenda is subject to change at the Commissioner's discretion up to and during the meeting*

Regards,

Rick Rose, *ELVD Clerk*

Approved by:

Brett Taber, *Commissioner (Chair)*

Sara Auger, *Commissioner*

Katie Page, *Commissioner*

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