



## **Emerald Lake Village District**

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### **AGENDA**

ELVD workshop meeting

Thursday July 9, 2020 @ 6:30 PM

Location: ELVD office and online meeting via GO TO Meetings

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#### **Attendees - In Person**

Brett Taber, *Commissioner*

Sara Auger, *Commissioner*

Debbie Kardaseski, *Administrator*

Rick Rose, *Clerk*

Shawna Kilcoyne, *Treasurer*

#### **Residents - All Remote**

Melissa Taber, Chris Reed, Greg Klos, Martha Caron, Carolyn & Carl Renken

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

- o Pledge of Allegiance
  
- Roll Call & Quorum of 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 RSA91-A and Emergency order #23

## Old Business

- BAN request made for full funding: This is for the water projects and the bridge. The BAN request is made for the full funding (\$225K for the bridge and \$275K for water) of the two articles so the lawyer and the bank can start that process. Commissioner Taber is working with Bond Counsel to make sure they have all the elements on the checklist for approval. Last night's vote to cure procedural defects was one element that was going to hold up, but passed with a vote of 18-2. This will allow the bank to process the loan and should be completed in about two weeks and provide the funding to us.
- DRA form status: All up to date, except for a copy of last night's meeting minutes.
- Discussion on Water Ban and water shortage updates: Currently, the district has been receiving daily water deliveries for the past two weeks due to water loss. Prior to the Summer season only six of our eight wells were working and right now two other wells are shutting off intermittently. This means only four out of eight wells are working. We've had a minimum of seven active leaks. The population in the district seems to have doubled since July 4th and that, in itself, is a drain on our water supply. The water ban is and has been in effect and not letting up anytime soon. We need to handle the numerous leaks that are continuing to pop up, conserve our usage and get the wells to recover. The trucking in of water has already cost the district in excess of \$20k. As of today, we have had 324k gallons of water trucked in at a trucking cost of \$21,690 and an estimated cost for water at \$3354. On a positive note, the leaks Aquamen have fixed have been speedy and their monitoring efforts are working quite well. They have found that the Deerpoint Drive area is leaking at an excess of 140 gallons per minute and with the fixing of other leaks, the leak has been contained to about 50 gallons per minute. Our infrastructure is old and maintenance of this has not been kept up over the years and will be a slow, uphill battle to correct this problem. Aquamen and the board are striving to establish better contact with the residents about leak repairs. In most cases, the alerts will be made public a day before the repair is to begin and Aquamen is looking into placing some type of road sign so that residents can see that, once they approach their road. Emergency shut offs will continue to be put on the website and on the board's FB page and, at times, there may be circumstances beyond our control that may affect that procedure.  
~The board is compiling an email listing of those residents that wish to be notified when/if their area may be affected by a leak repair/shutoff. If you wish to be a part of that listing, you can send your email address to [info@ELVDNH.com](mailto:info@ELVDNH.com). Eventually, we hope to have a better way to communicate these notifications sent to residents.
- Need for advertising / communicating of open positions: The board has an opening for a commissioner (Mark Martin has resigned) and will, as of August 1st, have a treasurer position open as our current treasurer will be moving from the ELVD. Commissioner Taber made a motion to accept Shawna Kilcoyne's resignation from the board. Commissioner Auger seconded the motion. Votes followed: Commissioners Taber and Auger responded as accepted.  
~Mark Rodier has declined the acceptance (a letter of non-acceptance is forthcoming) of him being a "write-in" on the ballots for moderator, so that position (which is usually only needed for annual and/or special meetings) will be open, as well.  
~For those who may be interested in any of these positions, you may contact the board at [info@ELVDNH.com](mailto:info@ELVDNH.com) or 603-464-3128. The board would like to fill these positions ASAP.

## New Business

- Water system status repairs and water tank: The trucking of water will continue so we can get the tank filled to the capacity we need and to allow the wells to replenish themselves.

- Discussion on Road weight limits: Aquamen has concerns about our roads and its weight limitations. Currently, our roads are rated at 20 tons. However, this Summer there appears to be quite a bit of construction occurring that's utilizing heavy trucks and equipment. They question whether we can reduce that rating and/or if residents can alert the board as to when they are having construction work done. This will enable them to do additional sound monitoring on those roads for possible leaks. Because some/most of our pipes are only about 4 ft. below the surface, this extra weight is shifting boulders/rocks and pushing into the pipes and causing leaks.
- Follow up on water runoff from road to yard on Ellen Brook: A resident has concerns about their driveway and water runoff that goes down their driveway and under their house and has eroded one of the pillars under the home. They replaced their septic and now the water goes into their septic and leaching area and are now concerned that this may cause their septic to fail. They are asking what the district may be able to do to assist with their issue. There's a ditch with a culvert coming across Ellen Brook right below their driveway. The water runoff is just above the ditch where it goes into their driveway. The neighbor's property is about 3 feet higher than theirs. The board may consider putting in (if not putting in one could damage the road) a culvert, which is up to the board. A telephone pole may have to be relocated. Commissioner Taber suggested to the resident that they may have to raise/build up their driveway (as residents are responsible for their driveways/culverts per rules & regulations) so it can be as level to the road as possible.
- Commissioner Taber will be the main contact for the roads/bridge projects and Commissioner Auger will be the main contact for any water projects. These may shift in the future as we seek to obtain a third commissioner.
- Update on our road agent Skippy: he isn't doing too well these days so we please ask that you be patient with any issues with the maintenance of the roads. We only have 2 bags of calcium chloride left. This is used to calm down the dust on the roads. There were 2 bags put on the road during the initial application and one when he last graded the roads. Once Skippy does the main road again, he will apply more.
- The board is getting together a survey (hopefully by next week) for the residents to voice their opinion on what they'd like to see to replace the old gazebo. We're hoping to get this project/s done by the end of the year.
- Some residents had concerns about the recent uptick of people on the beaches and whether or not these people were residents and/or guests of residents. For those residents who drive to the beaches, we do have stickers you can place on your car to display that you are an actual resident. For those residents that would like a car sticker, come by the office and show proof that you live in the district.  
As a reminder, all residents have the right to ask any non-residents (Town of Hillsboro residents have Lake Manahan to go to) to leave OUR private property. If they do not cooperate, the Hillsboro police department can be called to ask these trespassers to leave. The beaches are our private property, just like your homes. If someone is trespassing then you are encouraged to do something about it. Responsibility doesn't fall on the shoulders of the commissioners alone nor are they here to monitor the beaches. We are ALL responsible to protect our beaches. We do, also, have a relationship with a local tow company and we will tow cars that do not belong in the district's beaches.  
~ The board wants to thank those that did a great job cleaning up the beaches after the 4th of July festivities. Three of the four beaches were in great shape, however, Eastman beach was not. There was no effort to clean up the enormous mess of fireworks left behind. Plenty of time was allowed for those to clean up the beach as the commissioners didn't get to Eastman beach

until after 9am and it took 3 hours to clean up and while there, anyone responsible for leaving the mess never came to clean it up.

- The board is currently reviewing any/all timelines for the submission of any grants coming up this and next year.
- Review and approval of invoices: done offline
- Adjournment of meeting: Commissioner Taber made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 pm. Commissioner Auger seconded, roll call vote taken: both commissioners approved.
- The next scheduled meeting will be July 16th at 6:30 pm at the office and online.

\*Meetings will be held primarily in the office while supported online via usage of GOTO meetings as posted on the website; as Emergency orders become relaxed, meetings will resume to be held at District Office, 147 W. Main St. Hillsboro, NH unless otherwise noted.

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

Regards,

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Rick Rose, *ELVD Clerk*

**Approved by:**

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Brett Taber, *Commissioner (Chair)*

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Sara Auger, *Commissioner*

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