



Emerald Lake Village District

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Board Attendees

Brett Taber, *Commissioner*

Sara Auger, *Commissioner*

Katie Page, *Commissioner*

Rick Rose, *Clerk*

Residents

Melissa Taber

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

Agenda

ELVD Workshop meeting

Wednesday April 14, 2021 @ 6:30 PM

Location: ELVD office (in person)

- Roll Call & Quorum of Commissioners
- Pledge of Allegiance

Business activities

- Review final preparations for the Annual meeting: Changes (to simplify) were needed to be made to the ballot for the bond article in the case of amendment/s being made to this article at the Annual Meeting.

Green and red cards will be handed out for those votes that are being done visually.

Commissioner Taber gave the Moderator, Bob Henson, the outline of the flow of the meeting and a checklist if he had any concerns/questions of the flow.

A representative from Wright-Pierce will be there to explain more about the project that's based on Warrant Article #2.

Discussions were had on speaking points for a couple of warrants that each Commissioner will be sharing with the residents. Once a commissioner motions/moves to speak about an article and all residents (each resident will be allowed 5 minutes to speak) voice their questions/concerns the commissioner will then reply with their answer/s, if needed. The Moderator will be the one to keep the flow going between the commissioners and the residents.

- Review and approve all pending Meeting minutes for January to Present: The meeting minutes for January 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th, February 11th and the 25th, March 11th, 20th, 25th and the 31st and April 7th have all been accepted as written with the exception of April 7th where "Beau" Smith should've been written as Bow Smith. Therefore, Commissioner Taber made a motion to accept all minutes as written (with the one amendment). Commissioners Auger, Page and Taber accepted the motion, motion passed.
- Discuss TDS services: Copper line services are no longer being supported by Comcast. TDS (our current provider) will be able to install fiber optics to support this need for us by June 8th. Commissioner Taber spoke to TDS and when they do the install they upgrade to 250 mbs. This service costs an extra \$20 per month per

line totalling \$240 per year. If we choose not to accept the upgrade, they will allow us to remain with the 50 mbs (which isn't adequate enough to hold remote sessions) service with a 2-year contract. After that period is over, they switch you over to whatever they will be offering at that time. Aquamen has advised that 50 mbs would be sufficient for use with the wells. The office cost for TDS would be \$240 per year and \$240 for the wells per year. Due to this, the budget line can be reduced by \$500. Commissioner Taber made motions to add this reduction at the annual meeting and to increase the office service to 250 mbs. Commissioner Auger, Page and Taber all accepted the motions, however Commissioner Auger objected to increasing the service to the office, motions passed.

- Discuss tree removal need: A resident on Hummingbird advised the board that a lot that the district owns has a dead pine tree that leans over their property and puts their fence and propane tank in jeopardy. Commissioner Taber believes that this tree can be cut and dropped in our lot. The board will reach out to find an insured tree person/company for an estimate. Commissioner Taber made a motion to seek out estimates from an insured tree person/company in the amount of \$200 and anything above that the board will have to further discuss. Commissioners Auger, Page and Taber all accepted the motion, motion passed.
- Review water BAN communications: There have been recent instances where residents are violating the water ban and the state is already communicating that the possibility of another drought is in store for NH this year. We are already in a low/moderate drought in this region. The board will be reviewing the penalties (part of the water rules and regulations) for violating the ban and get that communication out to the residents once again. These can be viewed on the district's website.
- Discuss lake level timing communications: In the Spring, normally, we start filling up the lake. But because the bridge project hasn't been completed we are unable to safely do this right now without endangering the project. Therefore, the rafts can't be deployed until the lake is at a safe level. Please allow the board to handle this task. The filling of the lake won't begin until at least the last weekend of April.
- Hemlock Property question: The district owns about 3-4 lots on Hummingbird on the side of our well (the last lot goes up to Hemlock) and are part of Source Water Protection. One resident on Hemlock would like to obtain the adjacent property to increase his property and prevent anyone from building/moving in. Commissioner Taber advised them that he'd have to research any legal restrictions and protocols to follow to see if that could even potentially happen.

Adjournment of Meeting: Commissioner Taber made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioners Auger, Page and Taber accepted the motion, motion accepted. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM

* Meetings are now being held in person at the district office at 147 W Main Street, Hillsboro, NH unless otherwise noted. The Agenda is subject to change at the Commissioner's discretion up to and during the meeting.

Rick Rose, *ELVD Clerk*

Approved by:

Brett Taber, *Commissioner (Chair)*

Sara Auger, *Commissioner*

Katie Page, *Commissioner*

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