



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, Carolyn Renken, Wayne Held, Don Johnson and Ray Cowham.

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

Agenda

ELVD Commissioner meeting
Thursday April 22, 2021 @ 6:30 PM
Location: ELVD office (in person)

Commissioner Taber called meeting to order at 6:30

Pledge of Allegiance

The swearing in of elected officials was done. Commissioner Sara Auger swore in Clerk Rick Rose for another 1-year term. Clerk Rose then swore in Katie Page (elected for a 2-year Commissioner term) and Brett Taber (elected for a 3-year term, Brett was also elected for Treasurer, he accepted the Commissioner position). The Board then appointed resident Carolyn Renken for a 1-year term as Treasurer. Carolyn was sworn in by Clerk Rose. The Moderator position has yet to be confirmed/accepted. The Board then chose Sara Auger to be Chair of Commissioners.

Roll Call & Quorum of Commissioners

Old Business

Well Update: Well piloting/trailer is back at Eastman and has been all week. Aquamen have been sending samples daily to the lab to be better able to assess treatment options. The greensand is showing promising treatment. They are testing to see if treating with carbon is a good treatment as well as an economical one. The design approval for treatment has been started. Commissioner Auger will find out from them what the cost (which may get paid from the well program) will be for the treatment plan/treatment will entail. The timeline for getting the water online is still undetermined as well whether the piping is being put in the ground or through the lake.

Bridge Update: This past week Accura construction has been doing some backfilling on the Gould Pond side of the culvert and also putting in boulders for embankment retention. They started on the Emerald Drive side of the culvert today. Either this weekend, but most likely next week, they will start pulling the sheeting from the lakeside and continue backfilling, compaction and final grading. Once that is complete, the installation of the guardrails will be put in place and erosion control and seeding will occur as the project nears completion. There has been some silt erosion from when they did the water bypass. Part of the project is that they will dig that back up to fix that grade against the shoreline as part of the cleanup.

Review tree (on Hummingbird) removal: Commissioner Auger placed calls to 4 companies and 2 responded. One company was supposed to look at it Monday/Tuesday but haven't done it yet. Another company has looked at the tree and we await the estimate.

Lake level/Raft deployment update: Commissioner Taber will follow up with resident Mark Martin to see if he'll be able to help with this task. Commissioner Taber will get an update from Accura as to when they think it'd be okay to start raft deployment, but he will be putting in the boards either a day or two beforehand to capture as much lake water as possible.

Water Ban review signage: Commissioner Auger is looking into what extra signage the board has access to use. The State is already advising that a drought is forecast for this season. The use of rain barrels is a great way to collect rainwater since the use of hoses is NOT permitted. The State also advises that if they identify areas in a drought condition and because the water tables affect everything, municipalities/districts/towns have the ability to restrict usage of water. The board will communicate further once all guidelines are learned on ways to deal with this situation, as it arises.

New Business

Review Autumn Road property question: Resident Ray Cowham has recently purchased 17 Autumn Road and he resides on 14 Pine Glen (combined as one lot) and they abut each other and is looking to build a home (single family) on the Autumn Road property. There is currently a curb stop on that lot and wishes to utilize it. Aquamen will need to do a check on it to make sure it's a valid hookup (and no leaks) and is able to be used and is secure. Mr. Cowham is willing to pay for any repairs that he's responsible for to Aquamen.

Discuss upcoming actions for 3-road replacement: Commissioner Auger has appointed herself the contact (with Wright-Pierce) for this project. The paperwork needs to get started for the final application for the State Revolving Fund loan. Wright-Pierce was ready to have it drafted for the board to sign today. We still need to know if we are going to stay with the three roads (up to 6000 linear feet) that were identified at the Annual Meeting or modify (because the article was modified) that plan to include any/all roads we can do with the funds that were approved. The roads chosen will not necessarily go by population or the length of the road, but by the most need. Currently, the roads that we're chosen are Autumn, Old Lantern and Ellenbrook based on a combination of 46 leaks since 2009. A second option includes Bobolink, Deerpoint, Old Lantern, Racoon Alley and Skyview with 82 leaks. A third option includes Bobolink, Deerpoint, Old Lantern, Skyview and Turtle Bridge with 72 leaks. Excavation on any of these options wouldn't begin until at least the Fall of 2021.

Discuss upcoming Notice of Violations: By May 1st, we have to notify NHDES the details and status of public funding. We are working with Wright-Pierce on this and Commissioner Auger will follow-up with them. We will have violations (including the zone meters) coming up on June 1st and Sara is working with Aquamen with these violations. We are expecting more revenue from the Town which will enable us to plan better if/when we can do the zone meters.

FYI on unpaid water bills: The town collects the money from resident water bills. They in turn, send revenue to the district. The town makes the district whole, basically giving us ALL the money due to us. Any resident in arrears on their water bill has a lien placed on their property (by the town) and any unpaid balances get paid to the town by that resident.

Commissioner Auger made a motion to let Aquamen service (clean and calibrate) the PH sensor and purchase a new one, if needed, for \$495 including an hourly rate of \$90. Commissioners Page, Taber and Auger all accepted the motion, motion passed.

Approve 4/14 meeting minutes: Commissioner Auger made a motion to accept the April 14th meeting minutes, as written. Commissioners Page, Taber and Auger all accepted the motion, motion passed. The final draft for the Annual Meeting minutes was given to the board tonight for approval. Commissioner Taber advised there was one amendment to make, so Commissioner Taber made a motion to accept the minutes for the April 17th Annual Meeting with that one amendment. Commissioners Page, Auger and Taber all accepted the motion, motion passed.

Review office activities needing support: Because Carolyn Renken is our new Treasurer, banking information will need to be updated as transfer will go from Debbie Kardaseski to Carolyn and set her up with an email address, as well.

Commissioner Auger stated as we do not have a District Admin, we at least need a PT File Clerk. An

advertisement will be posted locally to be put on the website, kiosks and on FaceBook.
Per Commissioner Taber, Laura Buono (the Town Admin) in the past has expressed an interest in doing some of the District Admin duties on a PT basis. The board may approach her to see if interest is still there.

Commissioner Page made an announcement regarding the issue of stray cats in our area. We were contacted by the ASPCA (from a resident contact) to talk about trapping these strays. So, on April 28th - 30th, they will do some trapping to get these strays some veterinary care and try to get them new homes. Residents are encouraged to keep their cats indoors at this time to avoid being trapped. Information will be placed on the website, kiosks and on FaceBook. There is no financial obligation due from the district as it is being done on a volunteer basis.

Adjournment of Meeting: Commissioner Auger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioners Page, Taber and Auger accepted the motion, motion accepted. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 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:

Sara Auger, *Commissioner, Chair*

Brett Taber, *Commissioner*

Katie Page, *Commissioner*

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