



## **Emerald Lake Village District**

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### **Board Attendees**

Sara Auger, *Commissioner (Chair)*  
Brett Taber *Commissioner*  
Katie Page, *Commissioner*  
Rick Rose, *Clerk*

### **Residents**

Wayne Held, Don Johnson, Melissa Taber, Joseph O'Brien, Susan Ireland and Debbie Kardaseski

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

### **Agenda**

ELVD Commissioner meeting  
Thursday June 10, 2021 @ 6:30 PM

~ Pledge of Allegiance

~ Roll Call & Quorum of Commissioners

~ **Authorization vote for entering into loan agreement with NH Municipal Bond Bank (NHMBB):** A requirement for applying for a loan/bond is an agreement from the board authorizing the application and to be signed by the clerk, as well as the board members. Some of the highlights of the loan agreement (this is an alternate source for financing to obtain the best financing) is a 2.75% interest rate (the highest rate that NHMBB feels it would be) until the bond sale occurs in the second week of July. We are seeking a 20-year loan for \$945K for the Warrant Article #2 road project. The balance of the project of \$315K is coming from a grant from the State's Drinking Water Trust Fund. The application must be submitted by June 21st. We are also awaiting, from Wright-Pierce, the status of the (SRF) State Revolving Fund.

Resident Joe O'Brien asked if this would affect our taxes. Commissioner Taber replied stating that it would impact our water rates potentially increasing them to \$100 each year for this particular project. Commissioner Taber made a motion to authorize the chairman of the board to sign the application for the loan agreement with the NHMBB. Commissioners Taber, Page and Auger all accepted, motion passed.

~ **Resident Melissa Taber speaking on ELVD Summer gathering:** Melissa would like to put together a Summer Bash for the residents on July 17th. This will be a potluck participation and grills will be onsite, as well. There will also be games. Commissioner Page is also looking into obtaining a bounce house for the kids. Flyers will be posted at the kiosks, website and on FB.

Dog night at Dog beach (Meetinghouse) went well and will continue every other Wednesday night at 6pm, weather permitting.

~ **Resident Debbie Kardaseski speaking on ELVD topics:**

\* Debbie suggested a remedy to the parking issue. The district owns a piece of land (which would be far enough away from the well) next to the mailboxes at Emerald Beach. Permits most likely would be needed. This area (which Commissioner Auger mentioned could benefit from no-cost selective logging) could become a new playground or move or move current playground equipment on this land. She suggests leaving the basketball court where it is as most of the kids that utilize this get there by bicycle. She's also suggesting that the money budgeted for the Administrative position this year go towards this project, should it become one. Resident Susan Ireland asked if that could be possible and Commissioner Taber advised we'd have to run this by legal counsel. Commissioner Page will look to see if there are available grants to do this kind of project.

\* Another suggestion Debbie had was in regards to our water bills. She's requesting that the board check to see (with the Town) if bills can be sent out quarterly instead of semi-annually.

\* Debbie also requested that the board pay more attention to the maintenance of the district's ditches, as they are not a resident's responsibility. The stones that are placed there are no longer allowing water to dissipate properly.

~ **Parking rules for ELVD roads and Eastman Beach:** There is no parking on any ELVD roads due to the narrowness of the roads and **NO** parking at Eastman Beach due to the well (parking not allowed within 250 ft from the well) and Source Water Protection rules set forth by the State of NH. The board fully understands the frustrations of this situation and it was a difficult decision to have to put this well there. At Annual Meeting, the board proposed a warrant article to approve funding to obtain additional property for parking, but was ultimately decided against by the residents.

Commissioner Auger wanted residents to know that per our rules "neighborhood electric vehicles" (traveling less than 35 mph) can be parked in this area. These "vehicles" have to be strictly electrical and contain no gas nor oil. They also have to be street legal and registered with the Town.

Resident Susan Ireland asked if the lot at Eastman (near the log cabin) could be utilized. Commissioner Taber explained that even though it's far enough away the resident that lives there owns that lot. The board also looked into an area near Moccasin Trail when the resident was willing to sell but a wetlands engineer advised that it would be unlikely usable.

Resident Melissa Taber asked for an explanation as to why parking can be different at different well sites.

Commissioner Taber explained that Meetinghouse Beach has a Variance Organic Compound (VOC) because it is a drilled well that goes down over 400 ft and bedrock locks in the pipes so any contaminants on the surface do not leach into the water source and Eastman Beach is a gravel pack well and is above ledge and only 30ft deep so any surface contaminants there can leach into the water source. This is also the reason why porta potties (chemicals can leak or be tipped over) can **not** be placed there.

The district, along with the engineers, made every effort to find source water at any other location but Eastman Beach. A test well was done at another area but produced far less water than at Eastman Beach, which will produce 20 gallons per minute with a continuous flow even in the Winter time when the lake is at a low level. This well is also a big improvement from the other bedrock wells we currently have in the district even during a drought. Last year, we had to spend in excess of about \$100K-\$150K to truck in water.

Resident Susan Ireland asked who was monitoring the area near the well due to her observing some slimy, odorous scum which was also next to the trailer that is parked there. Commissioner Taber explained that Aquamen is continuing to do pilot testing in this area and there is a discharge (to keep the flow) and regenerates itself. The odor is being produced by the iron, manganese and total organic compounds (TOCs). Through the treatment process the odor and color issues are eliminated. Commissioner Taber will follow up with Aquamen with this concern for any secondary issues.

Resident Joe O'Brien had a question about fireworks usage on the beaches and suggested someone be in charge when these are being lit. Last year there were too many people congregating around Meetinghouse beach and would have resulted in injuries. The district allows the residents to light fireworks but they are not anything that is hosted by the district or the board. The person/people who are lighting off the fireworks are responsible for the safety of the people around them and the clean-up after the fireworks are done. Resident Melissa Taber suggested that an area on each beach be roped off specifically for fireworks. A fireworks safety guide (provided by Commissioner Page) will be posted on the website and on FB.

~ **Signage for Red Fox Crossing Bridge:** No jumping or diving sign: Numerous calls and emails were received about children jumping off the new bridge. Not only is this NOT allowed, it is NOT safe. The water is very shallow in that area, so talk to your children and advise that this is NOT a safe thing to do. They should be using the rafts that are deployed in the lake if they wish to jump or dive into the water. Signs will be posted as soon as possible.

Eugene "Skippy" Edwards Memorial Bridge Sign: Commissioner Page has been working on getting this sign. The company we are working with has not produced examples for us to look at as of tonight's meeting.

Speed limit, no parking and fishing on the bridge signs will also be posted. Fishing is allowed in the Burnham Park area.

Commissioner Taber made a motion to purchase additional signage materials up to \$100. Commissioners Auger, Page and Taber all accepted, motion passed.

Clerk Rick Rose brought up that the road agent needs to check where Red Fox Crossing, Gould Pond and Moccasin meet as it is getting difficult to navigate the intersection due to its bumpy nature. Commissioner Taber has a meeting with Craig and will bring up the issue and decide what to do after he has the chance to inspect the area.

Resident Susan Ireland asked if calcium chloride was going to be put down. Commissioner Taber explained that the road agent was scheduled to do this 2 weeks ago and discovered his machinery was malfunctioning. The road agent advised he was planning to rectify that issue by the end of this week.

~ **Next steps for Source Water Protection Grant:** Commissioner Page advised we have received the final approval to move forward with our Source Water Protection grant application. We are going to move forward with fencing for the Eastman Beach (and an upgrade to the treatment center) well area. However, fencing and labor costs have

increased (due to the pandemic) since the original quote in November 2020. We will need to receive a new quote or quotes. Commissioner Page will follow-up with the State to see if additional grant money is available due to price increases as we were approved for more than the Source Water Protection grant typically allots. All other aspects of the grant like signage and the security cameras can move forward independently. Approval for the grant extends through May 31st 2022.

~ **Tree removal quotes:** Commissioner Auger received two quotes for tree removal across from the Hummingbird well. Both quotes are comparable as far as scope of work. One company bid \$3000 (\$1000 per tree) while the other bid \$1500 (\$700 for the main one, \$600 for another and \$500 for the third). These bids only are to cut and drop the trees and clean-up wouldn't be necessary. Commissioner Taber feels we should focus on the main tree as it does pose a threat to a resident's property. The other two trees do not pose any threat at this time. Commissioner Auger will advise resident Rene Boucher of Wood and Steel Tree Service that the board decided to go with his bid, therefore, Commissioner Auger made a motion to allow the company mentioned above to remove the leaning tree next to 11 Hummingbird. Commissioners Taber, Page and Auger all accepted, motion passed.

~ **2020 audit quotes:** Commissioner Page received two proposals. The first proposal has a flat rate of \$12,825 with an unknown amount of hours with pricing as follows, \$100 per hour for senior auditors and \$60-\$85 per hour for the staff auditors. The other proposal had a base of \$7500 with their hourly pay for management, staff and clerical workers at a total of \$7620 bringing the total to \$15,120. The board needs to review both proposals and get more information over the following week.

~ **Water projects and Notices of Violations:** The board is still working through a number of action items and deficiencies that were due June 1st. Aquamen has advised us that zone meters should be completed by the end of the month which would satisfy most of the overdue Notice of Violations. The equipment for the zone meters is being delivered June 15th and the first pit delivery and setting for Red Fox Crossing is scheduled to start June 16th or 17th with the second pit starting the following week, however, Aquamen will be walking through these areas tomorrow to firm up the actual dates. Red Fox and Mocassin will need to be closed down for a day or two. The board will update the residents on what roads/dates will be affected as soon as we know.

Commissioner Auger will complete within the next few days the summary of leaks and leak types report.

Commissioner Taber made a motion to purchase postage for the office that the board will need for the office and to send out the water notification mailings that are due out soon. Commissioners Page, Auger and Taber all accepted, motion passed.

Well piloting reporting continues this week. Commissioner Auger will follow-up on its status.

Lake testing will resume this year, as always, for the Summer months.

The board is compiling a list of residents violating the water ban with the use of hoses and the filling of inflatable pools. Our rules state the filling of ANY size pool will incur a \$500 fine. Letters are and will continue to go out. Commissioner Page explained that once a violation is noticed, a warning letter will be sent, followed by a fine and another if warranted.

Resident Debbie Kardaseski inquired if the board had invoiced the two houses (Autumn and Ellenbrook) that had their pipes burst over the Winter. Invoices need to have how much water was needed to be trucked in and the labor associated. Commissioner Auger will do the follow up.

~ **ELVD file clerk updates:** Wayne Held (file clerk) is working closely with the Treasurer and Bookkeeper to get things better organized and set-up and document operating procedures.

~ **Approve 5/27 meeting minutes:** Commissioner Taber suggested having more resident info (like questions asked) instead of just the answer in the minutes. Commissioner Auger made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Commissioners Page, Auger and Taber all accepted, motion passed.

~ Resident Melissa Taber spoke on the FB posts regarding bears. All residents need to be more cautious of what is being left outside their homes to attract these bears. Properly containing your trash dumpsters and feed for animals/pets will help keep the bears away.

~ **Adjourn meeting and sign necessary bills**

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 7:59pm.

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

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Rick Rose, *ELVD Clerk*

**Approved by:**

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Sara Auger, *Commissioner (Chair)*

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Brett Taber, *Commissioner*

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Katie Page, *Commissioner*

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