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Board Attendees

Sara Auger, *Commissioner (Chair)*

Brett Taber *Commissioner*

Katie Page, *Commissioner*

Rick Rose, *Clerk*

Residents

Wayne Held and Ray Cowham

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

Agenda

ELVD Commissioner meeting

Thursday June 24, 2021 @ 6:30 PM

~ Pledge of Allegiance

~ Roll Call & Quorum of Commissioners

~ **Next Steps for Source Water Protection Grant:** Commissioner Page has been in contact with the construction company that bid on this project and they came back with new pricing to include an update on new material costs and the total for both fences for Eastman (all fencing) and Meetinghouse (short fence replacement) is \$21,043. Fencing around the Eastman well (\$10,802.50) will be similar to the Hummingbird site fencing. This new quote is good for 10 days and costs (due to the pandemic) could either increase or decrease. The grant approval amount is for \$21,414. The whole grant is for fencing, labor, signage and surveillance. The contact at DES is out of the office until July 6th, as we are seeking the possibility of getting the grant increased due to the costs for the project increasing. Due to time constraints on the quote and the DES contact being out of office til then, Commissioner Page will see if she can work with someone else in the interim. Commissioner Page made a motion to enter into an agreement with MH Fence for the Eastman site fencing in the amount of \$10,802.50. Commissioners Auger, Taber and Page all accepted, motion passed.

~ **2020 Audit Quotes to review and select:** Commissioner Page confirmed that both of the quotes we received were their flat fees and any additional fees assessed would be if they needed more time/research in order to complete their in-house audit. The board's goal is to use the company's flat fee rate to the best of our advantage without having to pay anything extra. Commissioner Page made a motion to move forward with Vachon Clukay & Company in the amount of \$7500 for this year's auditing needs with a potential to spend an additional \$7620. Commissioners Auger, Taber and Page all accepted, motion passed.

~ **Loan sale date to review best finance options for water main replacement:** Commissioner Taber explained there was some misinformation (on behalf of Wright-Pierce) with the application through the NH Municipal Bond Bank. The board was seeking options for the best interest rate while we were waiting for the State to finalize their State Revolving Fund option. The deadline with the NHMBB was June 21st and Commissioner Taber spoke with someone there to finalize whether or not we were going to continue to seek funding through them. Because there was a potential for a higher interest rate with them we decided to not go with them and continue with the State Revolving Fund with last year's locked-in rate of 1.29 percent. Commissioner Taber spoke with someone and found that our

application never went to the Governor's Council this month. There is another Council in July and once they get the loan agreement paperwork to us, we can sign and return it. Commissioner Taber made a motion to allow the board to enter into the loan agreement with the NHDES State Revolving Fund program and authorize the Chairman to sign off once we receive the documents. Commissioners Page, Taber and Auger all accepted, motion passed.

~ **TDS internet services and revised costs:** Commissioner Taber advised we currently do not have internet service. Efforts were previously made to work with TDS and we finally received a response (they claim they did respond to us earlier) from them. TDS will provide internet service and will cost an additional \$20 per month for a 3 year period. The service for the Patten Hill water system communications will cost \$79 per month. The quote for service (250 mb) for the office will be \$94 per month. Commissioner Taber made a motion to enter into internet service agreement with TDS. Commissioners Auger, Page and Taber all accepted, motion passed.

~ **Road Agent Update**

- Calcium Chloride Disbursement: The road agent has been unsuccessful utilizing other resources to get this task completed. He has to replace his whole sander. The next road grading is scheduled (his equipment is currently tied up at another jobsite) for the week of July 5th, so the calcium chloride will have to wait until this is completed.

- Culvert Cleanings Summer 2021: These are still scheduled for the Summer leading into the Fall. The company we've used for the past 2 years, Bellemore, had a rate increase per hour with a minimum of 4 hours going from \$180 to \$195 per hour. The culvert review with the road agent and Wright-Pierce has compiled 13 -15 culverts that would need some work over the next 3 years to align with the shoreland permit. This year we're concentrating on getting some of the smaller ones completed. Commissioner Taber will follow up with Wright-Pierce for the permitting and then the road agent can finalize his schedule over the next couple of months.

~ **Signage for Red Fox Crossing Bridge**

- No Jumping/Diving Sign: The signs have come in and they will be posted this weekend. There will, however, be no sign posted about no fishing off of the bridge. There is no room and there are safety concerns on the bridge for cars and people to fish at the same time. No one is allowed to park on the bridge. There may be the availability for 1-3 spaces near the Burnham Park area for people wanting to fish there. In addition, there will be more guardrail installed on Red Fox from the bridge to the telephone pole towards Gould Pond.

- Eugene "Skippy" Edwards Memorial Bridge Sign: We received samples to decide upon and Commissioner Page will purchase the sign (\$83) and seek reimbursement. The sign that was chosen is green with white lettering. The board will plan a date for a "memorial gathering" once the sign is complete which will take up to 3 weeks.

~ **Water Updates**

- Level of Deficiencies current standings: The State is aware that the zone meters were not installed by June 1st but should be by the end of June. Commissioner Auger submitted the Summary of Leaks/Type of Leaks report to the State on June 15th. The State did not provide any feedback. In September we have the Well Transducers due and the board expects to need updated quotes/pricing.

- Trucking in Water 2021 Costs Year-to-date: So far we've had to truck in water costing \$15,864.52. Water was also being trucked in today (usually when the tank reaches the 15ft level) and tentatively scheduled weekly. Commissioner Taber explained why we've needed water to be trucked in already by stating last year (twice weekly for most of the Summer) we also needed to start trucking in water in June. We had many Winter leaks, the rates of consumption over the last several weeks (from Thursday to Monday) has climbed. The state is experiencing a drought and wells are not being replenished quickly enough. The Mary Rowe well tripped out for several days and even though it only produces 3-4 gallons a minute it still would provide 6000 gallons a day. There have been several violations of water usage in the last 30 days contributing to a lower tank level (it dropped a foot and a half last weekend) and are being addressed. Aquamen is continuously monitoring for leaks and the new zone meters will aid them in determining water loss/usage.

- Eastman Well: Well piloting continues, however, there is no well completion date yet. The State is waiting to give us the final approval from the well report which includes results from well piloting and adjustments to permitting may be needed.

- Mailing of quarterly notices: These are for the level of quarterly deficiencies. Commissioner Taber is unaware of any recent fluoride deficiencies.

~ **Beach Updates**

- Summer Beach Sand Permitting Needs: We will not be able to include this project as it is not included in any current permitting. The board will reach out to the contact that is named on the permit and see if they can support us in obtaining the permit.

- Donation of Charcoal Grill: Resident Ray Cowham has donated 2 grills for Meetinghouse Beach and are currently installed. He has also volunteered to paint some benches and obtain a swimming dock. Commissioner Taber made a motion to accept the donation of the grills. Commissioners Page, Auger and Taber all accepted, motion passed.

- June Lake water testing: Commissioner Taber will collect samples for Tuesday and Clerk Rose has volunteered to drop those off at the lab.

- Upkeep of Beaches: Commissioner Taber made a motion to purchase lumber to repair picnic table boards up to \$150. Commissioners Auger, Page and Taber all accepted, motion passed. The board will look into options (for the future) for other picnic tables that might last a bit longer and/or require little maintenance.

Please use the trash receptacles provided or engage in trash in/trash out practices. Please do not just drop the trash on the ground...keep our beaches CLEAN.

Also, ELVD policy states you cannot have open containers at the beaches and it has been posted in all locations. Law enforcement can enforce this policy and each resident takes their own risk.

Resident Wayne Held has encouraged all residents to take care of any overgrown vegetation around their properties, especially near street and speed limit signs.

~ Upcoming ELVD Events

- ELVD Dog Swim Get Together on Wednesdays at 6pm, weather permitting, @ Meetinghouse Beach, 103 Gould Pond Rd.

- ELVD Potluck Get Together on July 17th at 1pm @ Meetinghouse Beach and more details can be found on www.elvdnh.com.

~ Approve 6/6 and 6/10 meeting minutes: Commissioner Auger made a motion to accept 6/6 minutes as written and to amend 6/10 minutes stating that there will not be any "no fishing" sign posted on the bridge and Commissioner Taber stated his amendment was that on page 2, paragraph 3 that VOC should read Volatile Organic Compounds instead of Variant Organic Compounds. Commissioners Page, Auger and Page all accepted, motion passed.

~ FYI: The problem tree next to 11 Hummingbird has finally been removed.

~ Commissioner Page extended her gratitude to the residents for complying with the parking issue at Eastman and we are finding far fewer cars parking in that area.

~ 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 7:46pm.

* 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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