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Meeting Minutes

Emerald Lake Village District (ELVD) Commissioner Meeting

Thursday, July 22, 2021 @ 6:30pm

Board Attendees: Sara Auger, Commissioner (Chair)

Brett Taber Commissioner

Katie Page, Commissioner

Carolyn Renken, Treasurer

Residents: Shelley Sheehan, Al Sheehan, Melissa Taber, David Lee, Kaylyn Rushford, Heather Auger, Austin Brown, Don Johnson, Soren Wills

Public Comment

Shelley Sheehan had a question about ATV & side x side use on district roads and how to enforce it. The district has sent letters out to residents using ATVs on the roads, our other recourse is to contact local authority.

ATVs are permitted to ride on private land and designated trails on public land. ATV use on district roads is prohibited. Permitted uses of public roads include road crossing and trail connectors (up to 500 feet), but the speed limit is limited to 10mph in such areas, and must be operated on extreme right of the public roadway.

Melissa Taber asked about district purchasing another beach trash can, as the one from Burnham was taken to Emerald Beach after a fireworks incident left it burned to the ground. A resident volunteered to provide, otherwise district will purchase or accept donation in another meeting.

Fireworks usage on our Beaches

Commissioner Auger does not believe in punishing all for a few irresponsible fireworks users on the beach. Fireworks are legal in the state of NH. Other towns that require permits publicly list names and phone numbers on website or permit holders that must be approved by local fire &

police. NH Department of Safety division lists Hillsboro as fireworks permissible with no restrictions. Commissioner Taber is reaching out to our insurance carrier to find out more feedback and suggestions for the district on fireworks use at our beaches. We need to understand using fireworks on beaches vs. fireworks at private residents per our insurance. Commissioner Taber explained incidents on our beaches from 2020 and 2021 using fireworks that could have ended much worse than they did. Commissioner Auger feels our houses are too close together and it would be safer to use them at our beaches. We are awaiting to hear more from Primex, our insurance company.

Income Survey

This one-page, simple income survey is needed to be eligible for funds on the table, grants, loan forgiveness. The point of this survey is to determine MHI (median household income). We need 75% completion to be successful. Commissioner Auger reached out to Erick Toledo of RCAP, he has reached out for USDA approval, if approved the help from RCAP will cost nothing. Completing this income survey could make us eligible for up to 15%-40% loan forgiveness. Survey would be distributed to all our water users.

American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA)

Commissioner Page has spoken to the Town Of Hillsboro about the ARPA. Our municipality is not eligible, we fall under the umbrella of the Town of Hillsboro. Hillsboro is getting \$600,000 and has not started conversations on what to do with the money. Commissioner Page is working with the town on ELVD proposed projects and what funding might be needed. There are 5 categories of projects, for best results Commissioner Page will be submitting projects across different categories, such as a playground which would provide outdoor space/mental health for children and improving water infrastructure and water treatment. Commissioner Page is working with the town administrator, who is supportive of us receiving funds as well as we are all residents of Hillsboro. Commissioner Page will be attending an upcoming meeting with the Town to discuss disbursement of funds.

Next Steps for Source Water Protection Grant

Commissioner Page, we have made our first payment for materials. Efforts on this project include getting the fence to code at Meetinghouse, signage and fencing for new well. Commissioner Page is waiting on a response from the Contractor for when work will begin. Monday documentation for reimbursement will be sent, it will take 2 weeks to get money back. This project is being fully funded by the grant.

Next Steps 2021 Water Main Replacement Project

This week survey work for the Environmental Review is being conducted on the identified project limits (roads). A list of roads has been shared on our website. This effort is part of the design phase of the project. The purpose of the Environmental Review is to analyze the effect a

project will have on the people and the natural environment within the project area and the effect the material and social environment may have on the project. Next month, August, we are looking to complete the permitting and design phase.

Road Conditions & Road Agent Update

As the board announced at our 7/22 meeting, we know longer have a road agent. The board has put this effort back out to bid, sealed bids are due August 10.

Eastman Well Update

PH correction on pilot testing will continue next week. Aquamen has been pulled across many projects over the last few weeks including leak repairs, electrical surge that took out all 24 volt circuits including our touch screen to read the tank level at patten hill and zone meter installation. Craig, of Aquamen, is working with the insurance company to recoup some of the costs from the electrical surge. In asking Wright Pierce in their best guess, when this well will be online is no sooner than 3 months. Upcoming, we need to get through state approvals, design effort, and installation to complete Eastman Well.

Beach Updates

4x4 boards at Meetinghouse Beach will be fixed between the sand and the grass area. Thank you Don Johnson, Chris Reed, Dana and Sara Auger for coming out to volunteer.

On Eastman Beach especially, please be respectful of our signs and keep our beach area clean. Trash barrels are provided by the district, and emptied out by Melissa Taber (as a volunteer effort).

Handicap access is going to be explored at Eastman Beach, for a space open to code. Such as putting in a small culvert and making a path, to the left of the current gate, proposed by Commissioner Taber.

Zone Meter Update

Zone Meter on Red Fox has been installed, it will be active in cloud service by next week. The Mocassin meter pit is installed, the wall will be reconstructed and then tie into the main to get this one online next. We have a new completion date to NH Department of Environmental Services by end of August. We currently have 5 zone meters, after this project we will have 7.

Alternate Frequency Request for Standard Public Notice Update

Commissioner Auger sent a letter to the state requesting Alternate Frequency Request for Standard Public Notice Update. It was approved. Next notice will not be due until on or by June 15, 2022.

Read July Water Sample Lab Results

Arsenic -- 0.01 mg/L (sample taken at Meetinghouse) Max Level is 0.10

Arsenic -- 0.04 mg/L (sample taken at Hummingbird) Max Level is 0.10

Chlorine -- 0.85 mg/L (sample taken at Autumn) Max Level is 4.0

Chlorine -- 0.07 mg/L (sample taken at Birch Tree) Max Level is 4.0

Fluoride -- 3.6 ppm (sample taken at Meetinghouse) Max Level is 4.0

Water Deliveries Year to Date: Gallons of Water Trucked In & Cost

To date we have trucked in 180,000 gallons of water for a cost of \$25,857.02.

Money Owed to District from Water Violations/ Leak Repairs

The Board of Commissioners has a list of Water Violations/ Leak Repairs costs owed to the district. If violations are not paid voluntarily, then list will be sent with the Water Warrant this fall to the Town of Hillsboro. The board is currently looking into a number of violations.

Eugene "Skippy" Edwards Memorial Bridge Sign Dedication

We are still awaiting the dedication sign to come in the mail, the board will wait until the sign is in hand before scheduling a sign dedication date.

Approve 6/24, 7/8 and 7/13 meeting minutes

Commissioner Auger made a motion to approve 6/24, 7/8 and 7/13 meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Page seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Soren Wills voiced his concern on many topics. Soren Wills requested our Engineering plan for water and roads per Right to Know Law. Since the board has no contact information for Soren Wills, this information (ELVD Asset Management Plan) was made available publicly online via our website www.elvdnh.com on July 26, 2021.

Adjourn meeting and sign any necessary bills. Meeting was adjourned at 8:48pm.

Sincerely, Approved by:

Sara Auger, ELVD Board of Commissioner - Chair

Brett Taber, Commissioner

Katie Page, Commissioner

Rick Rose, Clerk
