



Emerald Lake Village District

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ELVD Workshop Meeting

Thursday, March 11, 2021 @ 6:30 PM

Board Attendees

Brett Taber, *Commissioner*

Sara Auger, *Commissioner*

Katie Page, *Commissioner*

Debbie Kardaseski, *District Admin*

Rick Rose, *Clerk*

Residents

Melissa Taber and Mark Rodier

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

Agenda

Roll Call & Quorum of Commissioners & Pledge of Allegiance

Old Business

- Well Update by Commissioner Auger: Aquamen has advised that preliminary operations are underway. Formal operations will begin shortly. Last week there was a wetland meeting with the state. This meeting was to determine if piping through the lake (which would cost less than placing piping in the roads) was a viable option. They provided no stipulations or negative feedback. Once treatment options are known, we will then need to determine if piping must be in the roads or be through the lake. Pilot testing (to test for treatment options) should be done in the next coming week and Wright-Pierce is supposed to have the 5-day pump results. Wright-Pierce is advising that completion should occur within 3-4 months.
- Bridge Update from Commissioner Taber: The project is currently ontrack. Eversource will be onsite tomorrow to remove a pole to allow for additional excavation. Eversource will return to move the electrical lines. They have to do this at different times because they utilize two different teams. The cost to do this was an additional \$4700. The district did challenge this additional cost but Eversource has an easement dated back to 1966, which is prior to the district taking on property in 197, therefore we are considered a private entity and are responsible for the above charges. If there's recourse later to dispute the charges, the board will look into it but decided not to stop the construction because of the additional charges. Accurra is currently working on dewatering the excavation site. There have been some freezing and pump failures and leaks in the metal sheeting. They have to place additional metal sheeting perpendicular to the copper dams to hold back the edges of the roads. Once the excavation is done, which should be by next week, the wing walls and culvert will be delivered and placement will begin. With no other setbacks in the next two weeks, project completion should be April 16th. The board is considering having a ribbon cutting ceremony once the bridge is complete and ready to be opened. The board will revisit the possibility of paving the bridge once it has been completed but at this point it is and was not part of the original plan.
- Open contract and district positions: Current district positions include Commissioners (2 and 3 year terms), Clerk (1 year), Treasurer (1 year) and a Moderator (1 year). All candidates have to be residents of and

registered voters in the ELVD. Filing period began March 3rd and ends tomorrow. The board has fulfilled the open Auditor position. The board has signed on a bookkeeper on a temporary basis, for now. Open Contract positions are for Summer maintenance for June-August (only one bid was received) and for year round road maintenance, in which we also received only one bid. Commissioner Auger made a motion to accept the bid from Emerald Lake Lawn Care for the Summer maintenance contract in the amount of \$10,850. This is about \$1500 more than last year's contract due to more clean-up needing to be done because a full Fall clean-up was not done and they plan on raking the beaches this year. Commissioner Page, Taber and Auger all accepted then motion, motion passed. The year round road maintenance bid was for \$205K and is also requested a 3-year contract. The bid is triple what we were paying our previous year round road maintenance contractor, who will continue to work with us and no end date has been given as of yet. The current bidder does not have the proper equipment needed nor prior experience. Accepting this current bid would have a profound impact on the district tax rates and because of this the residents would need to accept this kind of bid and this will be a discussion point at Annual Meeting. Commissioner Auger made a motion to reject the bid sent in for the year round maintenance contract. Commissioners Page, Taber and Auger all accepted the motion, motion passed. The board will continue to research options the district might have and if the bid process needs to be reinstated, then that will occur.

- Community egg hunt: Commissioner Auger has set aside March 27th (approximately 10am) as Easter will be the first weekend in April. Information has been posted on the website and FB. The morning of the egg hunt, Commissioner Auger is looking for volunteers (on the morning of the event) to help hide the eggs.

New Business

- Update on communication (water) mailings: These have been printed, posted (online and at the kiosks), stamped and mailed out.
- Annual meeting planning: The meeting will be on Saturday, April 17th at the High School gym. The Supervisors of the Checklist, for those who need to register to vote, will be at the district office on April 10th from 10-10:30 am. We've already advertised for the budget/bond hearing scheduled for March 20th.
- Commissioner Taber made a motion to submit to the Town of Hillsborough tax collector the water warrant (dated 3/11/21) in the amount of \$228,545. Commissioners Auger, Page and Taber all accepted the motion, motion passed.
- Invoice approvals
- Adjournment of meeting: Commissioner Taber made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 pm. Commissioners Auger, Page and Taber accepted the motion, motion passed.

* Meetings will now be 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.

Regards,

Rick Rose, *ELVD Clerk*

Approved by:

Brett Taber, *Commissioner (Chair)*

Sara Auger, *Commissioner*

Katie Page, *Commissioner*

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