



### **Emerald Lake Village District**

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### **Meeting Minutes**

**Emerald Lake Village District (ELVD) Special Workshop Meeting**

**Monday, October 11, 2021 @ 6:30pm**

#### **Board Attendees**

Sara Auger, Commissioner (Chair)

Brett Taber Commissioner

Katie Page, Commissioner

#### **Residents**

Melissa Taber

Ray Cowham

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call & Quorum of Commissioners

The first topic of discussion and primary reason for the special meeting centered around sections 4.3, 4.4 and 4.5 to review the district water rules and regulations. Items discussed include the current 5 day repair response time for a water leak, how quickly a resident can coordinate to make necessary repairs either contracting out or utilizing our water operators, Aquamen. One protection already in place for the district is the ability to shut off the water to prevent any further water loss until a leak repair is made. Up to 5 gallons a minute is up to 7200 gallons, which equates to a foot of water in our water tank. Looking at flow rates helps determine the rate of the leak.

The district controls and maintains the curb stop, however it is up to the resident to protect the curb stop on their property. The resident is responsible for their connection line, which is the water service lines from the curb stop shut-off to the property. There is a graphic explaining this that will be placed in the new proposed water rules.

Commissioner Auger will retype rules with proposed changes discussed to continue the discussion next meeting, 10/21.

New water hookups were discussed. There is currently no moratorium in place preventing water hookups. Things to look into are a growth rate cap (up to 1% was discussed). What maximum daily allowance to meet, limiting the number of applications per calendar year, a site visit prior to approval. The situation the district has found themselves in is either allow a certain number of hookups per year or allow the state to waive the minimum setbacks for well requirements, which could cause a domino effect. In discussions with New Hampshire Department of Environmental services, it is up to the Commissioners to decide if they want to allow new hookups or not, and add the extra revenue to support the challenges of our water system.

A motion was made by Commissioner Auger to approve permits submitted by Mr. Hebert for 41 Red Fox Crossing and 54 Huntington Drive with the conditions of validating additional waste efforts and a site visit with Aquaman. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taber, all in favor, motion passed.

Other items discussed included:

- Back door at Meetinghouse treatment center can be painted, after being looked at by resident, Ray Cowham who also volunteered to help with this project
- The moss from Meetinghouse treatment center was removed by Commissioner Taber. The board should think about replacing this roof soon.
- Resident Melissa Taber suggested the board purchase new cork boards for the kiosks around the district.
- Shoreland permits and sand permit status
- Meetinghouse fence status
- Tree quotes to obtain

Commissioner Auger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm. Commissioner Page seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

\_\_\_\_\_ Rick Rose, ELVD Clerk

Approved by:

\_\_\_\_\_ Sara Auger, Commissioner (Chair)

\_\_\_\_\_ Brett Taber, Commissioner

\_\_\_\_\_ Katie Page, Commissioner