



Emerald Lake Village District

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Board Attendees

Sara Auger, *Commissioner (Chair)*,
Brett Taber *Commissioner*
Rick Rose, *Clerk*
Carolyn Renken, *Treasurer*

Residents

Melissa Taber, Ed Coulter, Joseph DeLorenzo, Julie DeLorenzo

Non-Resident

Bow Smith

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

ELVD Commissioner Meeting Thursday April 7, 2022 @ 6:30 PM

Roll Call & Quorum of Commissioners

Public Comment:

Ed Coulter asked how to join the FB page the clerk manages. A resident, if they know a friend who's on the FB page, can ask to be invited/added or they can do an internet search for the ELVD official FB page. This page is for informational purposes only and no commenting is allowed. Also, please do not "message" on this page as it is not monitored. If you have a question, please email info@elvdnh.com. The district's website is another alternative for getting information. There are residents in the district who run their own FB groups, as well. This board does not manage or oversee those. Melissa Taber (as a private resident) contributes to a live feed during meetings. This is not a videotape and can only be seen during the meeting and if you're part of that FB group. This is also not managed or overseen by the board.

Melissa Taber expressed the Easter Bunny Event organized by the ELVD Event Committee was a huge success. Over 30 residents attended. She thanked all those residents who made donations.

Melissa also asked that there be a moment of silence for the Ukrainian people and what they're going through.

Road Work Update:

Bow Smith was here to provide an update. He has been busy this past month dealing with mud season. He has replaced culverts on Megan and Pine Glen. He did drainage on Winter (and a culvert cleaning) and Hillside. He removed a lot of stumps from the middle of roads. Grading was done on Winter, Emerald Drive (multiple times since February) and on Red Fox. Grading will continue on other roads as the ground continues to thaw and dry out. He will be some ditching on Hummingbird near the well site and on Hemlock.

Bow has noticed there have been children playing on or very near the area (and the river) where he stores his equipment and materials. Because of safety issues, he asks that parents tell their children to steer clear from this area. He and the board do not want anyone to get injured.

Deerpoint residents have been asking about when culvert work will be done. No culvert work is planned there due to the upcoming project taking place this year. Doing culvert work there before the construction is counter-productive and would only need to be dug up when the project commences.

If any resident has road issues/concerns, please address them to the board (at info@elvdnh.com) and not with Bow Smith directly as he has a full schedule going to keep our roads in shape.

Commissioner Taber has been working on getting calcium chloride for the roads. The Town of Washington has informed him there is limited supply so they cannot deliver any to us. He has contacted the Town to see if they are willing to sell any of their personal supply. He's also looking into possibly buying a liquid version. There may be a revision to the budget when/if a supply can be purchased.

Water Main Replacement Project update:

Commissioner Auger got the disbursement request #3 sent out covering the dates of 1/29/22 - 3/25/22. We have spent \$148,739.51 for engineering costs. We surveyed more roads than needed so that next year the projects are shovel ready. After this recent reimbursement we will have \$147,993.95 reimbursed to us.

Commissioner Auger wrote the award letter for SUR Construction West for the base bid (lowest responsible bidder) for the 2022 Water Main Replacement Project for \$432,056. The next step is getting the contract together. The contract specifies that the contractor will be responsible for posting all construction signs.

Wright-Pierce recommended an on-site representative (either from WP or Aquamen) be at the project site full time to oversee that everything is being done to specifications. The board wants to use someone from WP to not tie up Aquamen resources. Aquamen will be needed for valve operations and distribution systems. The cost for a Representative, for 50 hours per week for 8 weeks (approx) at \$130 ph, would be \$52K. Commissioner Kardaseski made a motion to hire Wright-Pierce to be our resident on-site representative for the Water Main Replacement Project this Summer. Commissioner Auger seconded, all approved, motion passed.

Eastman Well & any water items update:

Commissioner Auger advised the testing trailer is still on-site. The board was hoping to get this completed by the Annual Meeting to give residents an update on all the testing, lab analysis, reporting sent to us and the State and suggestions on water treatments. Pilot testing costs was a flat fee paid in the beginning for \$11,500 and has not cost the district any additional money. The Eastman well isn't dependent on any of the warrant articles that will be presented at the Annual Meeting.

The water tank has been holding between 18.4ft to 18.9ft for the past couple of weeks.

An exceedance of fluoride level notice was sent to us (from April 5th sample) advising the level is at 3.1, which is a secondary level. This violation can be sent out with the Consumer Confidence Report. Postings will be made to the website and hard copies will be mailed. Notices will be mailed in May.

Commissioner Taber advised bacteria testing came back acceptable and the arsenic testing for Meetinghouse came back as non-detect. The value for the past quarter for Patten Hill is .0068 and anything above 5 parts per billion is reportable. The Hummingbird well's arsenic level tested at .0058 and this is the first time this has ever occurred.

The district's water needs are about 80K gallons per day. We use what we produce and have no buffer and this has created our source water capacity issues.

Grants update:

~ The StormWater Asset Management grant has Gale Associates moving forward with the scope of work to set up the initial collection of data that will be logged into the NH Tech Saves system. The Asset Management Grant is up to \$100K with no match required.

~ The Strategic Planning grant focuses on future treatment for the Meetinghouse well area and the scope of residential metering and financial mining. This grant is for \$50K with no match required.

~ The Energy Audit (a State requirement) grant is for \$20K with no match required. This audit done by the State will provide the district with where our water loss is occurring.

All of these grants will provide the district with over \$3 million (and approved by the State) in funding, pending resident approval at the Annual Meeting. If the residents turn this down the projects can't proceed and it can't be guaranteed the State will work with us in the future. Basically, all expenses would be out-of-pocket for the entire district.

Annual Meeting preparations:

- ~ The wording has been sent for the Warrant Articles and approved by DRA, NHDES and legal and will be posted at the office and at the school by midnight tonight.
- ~ Annual Reports will be available **April 15th** and posted on the website. They will also be available at the office and at the meeting.
- ~ **April 16th**, the Supervisors of the Checklist will be at the office to register voters from 10-10:30am. If you are registered with the Town, you are registered with the ELVD. If you are not registered and attend the Annual Meeting you will not be able to vote on any Warrant Articles.
- ~ Absentee ballots must be sent to the clerk by **April 18th**. These can be obtained by emailing the Clerk at rrose@elvd.com.
- ~ The Annual Meeting will take place **April 23rd**. Currently, mask requirements have been eased at the **HD Middle school cafeteria**. Voting for officials will take place from 10-12 pm, Annual Meeting will begin at 12:30pm.

Commissioner Auger made a motion to vote to approve the language as written in the 2022 Warrant and 2022 MS-636. Commissioner Kardaseski seconded. All commissioners approved motion, motion passed.

Approve 3/21 & 3/24 (including non-public) and 3/29 meeting minutes:

Commissioner Auger made a motion to accept all meeting minutes as written, Commissioner Kardaseski seconded. All commissioners approved motion, motion passed. Meeting minutes were signed tonight.

Late agenda items:

- ~ Commissioner Taber had an update on the water permit application on Red Fox. Aquamen has provided him with an estimate on installation costs. He modified the permit issue date from March 1st to April 1st.
- ~ A resident was inquiring about district owned property on Dawn Street. It’s still unclear as to why the district owns the property. The board will have to research, if that property can be offered, what the legal requirements would be before that happened.
- ~ Commissioner Taber will have a follow-up meeting with Wright-Pierce and Accura Construction regarding the end of the year warranty and concern for any sand/sediment blocking the culvert underneath the new bridge. Next Friday there will be a final inspection because there is some erosion occurring down below the dry hydrant.
- ~ Bow Smith has offered to move the cement blocks over to the lot where his equipment/materials are stored. He has cleared up some of the stumps in the area. There will be firewood available for those who would like it.

April 21st @ 6:30 is the next regular Commissioner meeting

Sign any necessary bills

Adjournment of Meeting:

Commissioner Kardaseski made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:24pm. Commissioner Auger seconded. All commissioners approved motion, motion passed.

Rick Rose, *ELVD Clerk*

Approved by:

Sara Auger, *Commissioner (Chair)*

Brett Taber, *Commissioner*

Debbie Kardaseski, *Commissioner*