



### **Emerald Lake Village District**

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#### **Board Attendees**

Brett Taber *Commissioner, Chair*  
Debbie Kardaseski, *Commissioner*  
Sarah Blackman, *Commissioner*  
Rick Rose, *Clerk*  
Carolyn Renken, *Treasurer*

#### **Residents**

June Fitzpatrick, Melissa Taber, Ray Cowham and Ed Coulter

**Non-Resident:** Bow Smith

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

### **ELVD Workshop Meeting Tuesday June 7, 2022**

#### **Pledge of Allegiance Roll Call & Quorum of Commissioners**

#### **Public Comment:**

Ray Cowham asked about sand being put at Meetinghouse Beach. Commissioner Taber explained that he wasn't sure if Meetinghouse was ever included in the plan to get sand and that the permit generated and obtained, through the State of NH, was for Emerald Beach. Commissioner Blackman is, since there was money in the budget for an additional beach, in charge of obtaining the permits. There will be a meeting with the Conservation Commission on June 14th to get this going within the next 30-60 days. Next year an additional beach will be addressed (potentially Hummingbird) and each beach then goes on a 6 year rotation.

Ray also commended Bow for doing a great job on the roads, particularly Pine Glen. Bow created an emergency ditch line system on this road and he plans to do secondary grading, as well.

Melissa Taber asked if the clerk position has received any interest and/or been filled? Commissioner Kardaseski explained that there was one person interested but no follow-up was received by them. Melissa advised the board she would volunteer some of her time to do some of the office clerk duties.

Melissa also brought up the situation on Spring street and the water shut off issue that occurred today. The board makes every effort to get notices out there as soon as possible. Most of the board works full time and can't always get notices out when they'd like to, but do it as soon as they can.

Bow Smith was here to give an update: He says he's been doing a lot of ditching, just recently at the intersection of Dawn (Bow worked on erosion control, as well), Emerald and into Hummingbird. He's been doing a lot of grading and touch-up grading, as well. Next week he'll be grading all of the beach parking lots, but if there's a lot of rain this week he may need to focus on potholes. He will be doing an application of the calcium chloride material and Commissioner Taber advised him that we have received the supply and based on Bow's schedule the initial application should be dispersed in 1-2 weeks. He recently improved the drainage on Hillside and may place erosion stone there and he will obtain pricing for that material. Erosion stone was placed at the entrance to Meetinghouse. Bow has previously asked Commissioner Taber if there were any plans to control vegetation (he has some ideas) on the sides of the roads. Commissioner Taber advised that the Rules & Regulations state that residents are responsible to maintain the overgrowth of vegetation on their property from taking over the roads. Our Summer Maintenance contractor is only

responsible for intersections. This task/responsibility and its costs will be discussed when the next budget has to be planned.

Bow will be replacing the culvert on Hummingbird near the well and will try to align it with the roadwork that'll start this month, but the culvert is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year. When the projects begin, the board will notify residents when and where road closures/detours will occur.

Commissioner Kardaseski brought up having funds available for emergency repair for culverts and having it come from the capital reserve funds and use money budgeted for this year for routine maintenance. Commissioner Taber advised the Stormwater Asset Management grant is going through the Governor's Council now and if approved, this can help with the culverts. A culvert located near Emerald Lake Drive will need to be looked at and if it needs replacing, a shoreland permit will be needed.

With the road projects occurring this year and in the future, culverts on those roads will be replaced.

Per Rules & Regulations, residents that have driveway culverts are responsible for maintaining those and if the road is damaged due to negligence they can be held responsible for the cost to repair a damaged road. This would also include any resident who empties a pool or a hot tub (from water they have purchased through a separate source) onto the road. Any resident who fills a pool or hot tub from a hose will be fined.

### **Sharing of Award Recognition from NHDES:**

On May 24, 2022 NHDES Commissioner Robert Scott presented the 2022 Source Water Sustainability Award to ELVD and Aquamen Water Solutions. The state recognized the ongoing efforts that both the ELVD and their water operators; Aquamen Water Solutions, have put forth over the last couple of years at water conservation and loss prevention. This could not have been achieved without the support of many teams and people. As current Chairman, Commissioner Taber was present to receive the award along with co-owners Craig McGraw and Harold Smith, which occurred at the NH National Guard Edward Cross training facility in Pembroke, NH during the 2022 Annual Source Water Protection Conference.

In recognition of receiving this award, the ELVD Board would like to recognize the following partners in allowing us to meet this achievement. The entire team of Aquamen Water Solutions, our Engineering partners Wright-Pierce Consultants, the entire ELVD board over the last year; Sara Auger, Debbie Kardaseski, and Brett Taber; and last but probably the most important is every resident of ELVD. Without their continued vigil at reporting water loss issues, struggling through continued Water Ban restrictions, and their continued belief and support of the Board in the ongoing efforts being made system wide towards the planned improvements during annual meeting approvals. Thank you to all involved and for your continued support.

### **Review current open projects - discuss timing/actions needed:**

Commissioner Kardaseski has sent in a request for funds (\$80) for signage under the Source Water Protection grant on June 2nd. She is also working with MH Fence regarding the fencing for Eastman (well area) Beach. Fencing is still needed there to protect the well, whether or not it becomes a viable water source and because it was grant funded. If the grant expires and then find we need a fence, it would be district responsibility. The fencing for Meetinghouse has been completed.

Commissioner Kardaseski has forwarded the updated Rules & Regulations pertaining to water to our legal counsel for review. The board will share the final draft once he has a chance to respond.

Between July and November, Commissioner Blackman will be working on any new applications for grants (50%- 75%) for Source Water protection. These grants have no match required from the district and are up to \$25K per project. The applications for 3 projects due for June 1st have been completed. These projects are for residential meter installation, the Hummingbird well treatment system and Lead and Copper inspection. The total assumed value for these is about \$5 million. Commissioner Kardaseski will be the primary point of contact for residential metering and the Hummingbird treatment well and Commissioner Blackman will do the Lead and Copper.

Commissioner Taber advised that we have in progress and/or commencing about 20 projects. The Asset Management grant (Commissioner Kardaseski will be primary contact) for the water system, Strategic Planning grant (Commissioner Kardaseski will be primary contact) and the Energy Audit (Commissioner Blackman will be primary contact) are all with the Governor's Council and decisions should be coming in July and total about \$170K in grants with no match from the district. The \$30K Asset Management grant for Clean Water StormWater (Commissioner Taber is primary contact) and this year's projects (additional 8 roads for infrastructure replacement) approved at Annual Meeting are also with the Governor's Council. Also included with that are the Meetinghouse and Patten Hill treatment development and Commissioner Kardaseski will be the primary contact.

Beach water testing will be starting for the Summer months. Commissioner Taber will be initiating the June testing once pollen counts have subsided.

Commissioner Taber provided an update on the Eastman well: the final pilot testing was completed and submitted. The information (Aquamen's treatment recommendations) was sent to the State and Wright-Pierce for review. They will need to treat iron, manganese and Total Organic Compounds (TOCs). Once all data is compiled and we know the financial costs to develop and maintain treatment, the board will inform residents. Currently, there is no timeline as to when results will be known.

All transducers (data to find out how quickly the well can be replenished) have been installed with the exception of well 8. Aquamen is in the process of getting a quote for the piping/tubing needed.

The upcoming project starting for Ellen Brook (this will be the first road), Deerpoint and Old Lantern: SUR Construction has issued the DigSafe notifications. This project can start anytime after June 8th. They plan to deploy equipment and materials the week of June 13th and construction is scheduled to begin the week of June 20th. All three roads are scheduled to be completed December 7th. They may be working on 2 roads at the same time.

**Approve May 25th meeting minutes:**

Commissioner Taber made a motion to accept the 5/25 meeting minutes as written, Commissioner Kardaseski seconded, all approved, motion passed. Meeting minutes were signed tonight.

**Late agenda items:**

Resident Mark Widdison has offered to pay/donate (about \$55) for the replacement basketball hoop installed.

Resident June Fitzpatrick asked if it would be okay to install a "waddle" system on her property to avoid any future flooding in her yard. Commissioner Taber advised her to contact the Town's Code Enforcement.

The Board made a motion to go into a non-public session (RSA 91-A:3 paragraph 2C) at 8:36pm Brett — yes; Debbie — yes; Sarah — yes. The vote was unanimous.

The reason for the non-public session was to discuss an item that could affect someone's reputation. The Board voted to come out of the non-public session at 8:54pm Brett — yes; Debbie — yes; Sarah — yes. The vote was unanimous. A motion was made by Debbie and seconded by Brett to seal the minutes for five years. Brett — yes; Debbie — yes; Sarah — yes. The vote was unanimous.

**Adjournment of Meeting:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm. Minutes were signed tonight.

**Sign any necessary bills**

**Future board meetings:**

June 23rd at 6:30.  
July: the 7th and 21st at 6:30.

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Rick Rose, *ELVD Clerk*

**Approved by:**

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Brett Taber, *Commissioner (Chair)*

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Debbie Kardaseski, *Commissioner*

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Sarah Blackman, *Commissioner*

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