



November 4, 2005 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM with Commissioner Joseph Statkus and Chairman Raymond Stankunas present.

Chairman Stankunas discussed joining Granite State Rural Water Association and presented an overview of the benefits of joining. At the present time, the district is utilizing Tata & Howard for consulting services that GSRWA would provide as a benefit to the district under its membership. The cost of joining would be \$130 to \$140 per year. Chairman Stankunas motioned to join the Association, seconded by Commissioner Statkus, approved by 2-0 vote.

Paula Mello asked if Tata & Howard were also members of GSRWA. Chairman Stankunas stated that he believed they were but if not, they have stated an intention to become members.

Chairman Stankunas discussed the district's worker's compensation insurance with Primex. Primex is offering a 5% multi-year discount program if the district joins for three years. Paula Mello asked if the rate was locked in for the full three years. Chairman Stankunas affirmed. Chairman Stankunas motioned to enter into the three-year contract with Primex, seconded by Commissioner Statkus, approved by 2-0 vote.

Chairman Stankunas discussed the need for a public hearing on an over-expenditure on Article 4. The Board directed the Secretary to publish and post notice of the public hearing for two weeks from this date. Discussion ensued regarding the over-expenditure, the surplus funds available to the district, and the absence of any effect on the tax rate.

Barry McFarland asked if there would be any line item information before the hearing. Chairman Stankunas explained that by the time of the hearing, there will be more information available.

Mr. McFarland inquired about the whereabouts and status of Dick Adams. Chairman Stankunas explained it was on the agenda for later in the meeting.

The Board approved the Minutes of the 10/14/05 and 10/28/05, upon motion of Commissioner Statkus, seconded by Chairman Stankunas, approved by 2-0 vote.

The Board approved the payment and payroll manifest of 11/04/05 upon motion of Commissioner Statkus, seconded by Chairman Stankunas, approved by 2-0 vote.

Water and Driveway Permits:

Brent Clark, Water & Driveway, Lot 14-97, Deerpoint Dr.: Chairman Stankunas motioned to approve water and driveway permits on condition that a culvert and ditch line are installed, seconded by Commissioner Statkus, approved by 2-0 vote.

Jason and Tamara Tessier, Water & Driveway, Lot 14-475/476, Autumn Rd.: Chairman Stankunas motioned to approve water and driveway permits on condition that a culvert and ditch line are installed, seconded by Commissioner Statkus, approved by 2-0 vote.

Stacey Beers, Water & Driveway, Lot 14-158, Seminole Rd.: Chairman Stankunas motioned to approve water and driveway permits on condition that a culvert and ditch line are installed, seconded by Commissioner Statkus, approved by 2-0 vote.

David Pelletier, Water & Driveway, Lot 16-170, Emerald Dr.: Chairman Stankunas motioned to set aside water and driveway permits until next available permit in August 2006, seconded by Commissioner Statkus, permits set aside by 2-0 vote. (David Pelletier's permit fee shall be returned but he shall have first option in August 2006.)

Paula Mello gave an update on the recent accomplishments of the Parks & Recreation Committee. The Committee conducted a clean-up project at Eastman Park and will schedule the Spring clean-up to coincide with roadside clean-up. Ms. Mello discussed the Halloween lights project. She expressed appreciation to Jen Soucy and Deb Gilbert for their efforts in going door to door to distribute the lights. The donations raised from the Halloween lights will be used towards the next Parks & Recreation event.

Ms. Mello announced one new member to the Parks & Recreation Committee—Jennifer Soucy. Ms. Soucy was unable to attend tonight's meeting and Chairman Stankunas agreed to attend the Parks & Recreation meeting on Monday to swear her in. Chairman Stankunas motioned to appoint Jennifer Soucy to the Parks & Recreation Committee, seconded by Commissioner Statkus, approved by 2-0 vote.

Chairman Stankunas motioned to authorize the Parks & Recreation Committee to spend \$105.08 of donations raised from the Halloween lights event to further purposes of the Committee, seconded by Commissioner Statkus, approved by 2-0 vote.

Chairman Stankunas discussed the office vacancies of Commissioner and Moderator. Dick Adams resigned his position as Commissioner. Chairman Stankunas motioned to appoint Troy Cornock to fill in the vacant commissioner position until the next election, seconded by Commissioner Statkus, approved by 2-0 vote.

Chairman Stankunas announced the resignation of Christina Barrs as Moderator and explained this position was open to be filled for the 2006 Annual Meeting.

Chairman Stankunas discussed the status of the forensic tape investigation. Chairman Stankunas motioned to make the final written report available through the office or newspapers when it is received from the forensic examiner, seconded by Commissioner Statkus, approved by 2-0 vote.

Susan Ireland asked if the minutes of the Annual Meeting were available. Chairman Stankunas advised there are three sets of minutes, all with different results and that she could ask for copies of all three from the district office.

Discussion ensued regarding which articles were changed in the different sets of minutes.

Commissioner Statkus stated the results of the examination were conclusive and there was a successful finding. Susan Ireland asked what he meant by “successful,” and Commissioner Statkus explained that the expert was able to hear the parts of the tape that were previously unable to be heard.

Chairman Stankunas discussed the allegations made that the tapes had been tampered with and the \$5,000 spent to have the tapes examined. He stated the district will be consulting with the district attorney on potentially recouping the expense from the persons responsible.

Susan Ireland asked if the district was also paying for the computer that was taken out of the office. Chairman Stankunas stated the Board could not comment on the issue until the investigation was concluded. Chairman Stankunas directed all questions to Attorney David Putnam.

Chairman Stankunas announced the winter parking ban, effective November 1 through May 1 and directed the Secretary to post notices of same on bulletin boards and in newspapers.

Chairman Stankunas announced deadline dates for annual meeting.

Ben Molinari asked if the 2004 audit was available. Chairman Stankunas explained it was still not received.

Chairman Stankunas reviewed an extension agreement regarding obtaining grant funds for the purchase of the Hummingbird well lots. An extension is needed because the district is having difficulty in obtaining a qualified appraiser. Commissioner Statkus motioned to sign the extension agreement, seconded Chairman Stankunas, approved by 2-0 vote.

Jerry Classen inquired about emergency funds for the bridge. Chairman Stankunas explained the district is in the process of obtaining funds.

Chairman Stankunas motioned to sign thank you letters to the volunteers that helped with the Eastman Park clean-up, seconded by Commissioner Statkus, approved by 2-0 vote.

Chairman Stankunas reviewed a dispute between the district and Earl Lord regarding a rock barrier/stone wall that was built in the right-of-way on Hemlock Street. Chairman Stankunas discussed the RSA and recent case law regarding same. Chairman Stankunas motioned to execute a response letter to Mr. Lord’s attorney, Paul Apple, and include a copy of the district’s letter to Mr. Lord in October, seconded by Commissioner Statkus, approved by 2-0 vote.

A resident asked any of the culverts will be cleaned out before winter. Chairman Stankunas advised that Skip Edwards handles these matters as needed.

Troy Cornock was sworn in as Commissioner.

The Board adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Lindstrom, District Secretary

Approved:

signature on original

Raymond A. Stankunas, Chairman

signature on original

Joseph Statkus, Commissioner