



## EMERALD LAKE VILLAGE DISTRICT MINUTES FROM AUGUST 4, 2006, MONTHLY MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm, with Commissioner Fred Sanborn and Co-Chair Deborah Gilbert present.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

The Board went over the payment and payroll manifests. Commissioner Sanborn made a motion that the manifests be accepted; seconded by Commissioner Gilbert. Approved 2-0.

The Treasurer read the minutes from the July 7, 2006, monthly meeting in the Clerk's absence. Commissioner Gilbert made a motion that the minutes be accepted as read; seconded by Commissioner Sanborn. Approved 2-0.

Regarding the status of the MBIA accounts, Commissioner Gilbert has been unsuccessful in contacting Bob Anderson at DRA. This item was tabled pending further information.

Commissioner Gilbert reported that she has been emptying the trashcans at the parks and near the mailboxes. They are full of beer cans and bottles and out-of-state trash. For this reason, some of the trashcans have been removed. The Board is looking into building wooden boxes with slots that would allow only flattened cans and plastic bottles. Commissioner Sanborn made a motion that plywood boxes be used; approved 2-0.

A new raft was purchased for Eastman Park; the sink plugs have been taken out, the chain broken, and the raft has been moved twice. Tom Kuck returned it to the beach area. Commissioner Statkus has agreed to purchase the old raft from the District for \$700. Commissioner Gilbert made a motion that Commissioner Statkus be permitted to buy the raft; approved 2-0.

Commissioner Gilbert reported that residents are filling swimming pools during the night and that she has dropped off several first notices. She requested that residents call her about water-ban violations; this can be done anonymously. She is checking with Bernie Waugh about enacting a bylaw regarding use of District water. Paul Sylvia suggested that it might be possible to estimate the amount of water used and have the resident pay for it. A resident asked about having the water ban notice include use of water to fill pools and watering lawns during the night. Commissioner Gilbert made a motion that Bernie Waugh be contacted regarding the water ban and the possibility of enacting a bylaw or ordinance; seconded by Commissioner Sanborn. Approved 2-0.

Commissioner Gilbert read Commissioner Statkus's letter of resignation. Commissioner Sanborn made a motion that his resignation be accepted. Commissioner Gilbert suggested that the resignation not be accepted until Commissioner Statkus returns all District keys and papers in his possession. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Commissioner Gilbert reported that Nan McCarthy sent her an e-mail about her discussion with Kay Burnham regarding the memorial for Jerry Burnham. A final decision needs to be made about the text to be engraved on the bench. The engraving process takes about three weeks. Kay had mentioned Eastman Park; however, due to the current problems there, this may not be a good location. Paul Sylvia suggested putting the memorial on Red Fox Crossing, where Jerry liked to fish. Commissioner Sanborn made a motion that the memorial be placed on Red Fox Crossing; seconded by Commissioner Gilbert. Approved 2-0.

Regarding the water projects, the treatment line from the Mary Rowe well has been installed as far as Gould Pond Road, and the project is ahead of schedule. By next week, the line should be at the transmission plant, leaving only the section on Mary Rowe Drive to be completed. The installation of the 150,000-gallon storage tank is scheduled for September. The Board is working with the Cassie family on the access road for the new well.

The pump house and Parks & Rec trailer need to be moved from Patten Hill. The pump house will be refurbished and used for mailboxes near the ELPOA building; a location for the trailer will be determined. Commissioner Sanborn made a suggestion that it be moved to the former location of the dumpster, but there may not be enough room when the mailboxes are installed. Paul Sylvia suggested the trailer be moved to District-owned land on Patten Hill. Commissioner Gilbert will look into what changes need to be made on the pump house.

## **AGENDA:**

David and Patricia Stefanelli, who live on Emerald Drive, asked permission to have their home pressure washed, which they had planned to do last fall. Commissioner Gilbert suggested that it be done after Labor Day. Commissioner Sanborn made a motion that the Stefanellis be permitted to have their house pressure washed after Labor Day; seconded by Commissioner Gilbert; approved 2-0.

Next on the agenda was a request for a driveway permit for Greg Gualtiere. Commissioner Gilbert made a motion to let him proceed; however, she will check with the Town regarding setbacks.

## **QUESTION-AND-ANSWER PERIOD:**

There being no other business, the meeting was opened to questions and comments from residents.

1. A resident asked when the water ban will end. Commissioner Gilbert replied that a date has not been determined. Commissioner Sanborn stated that Water Systems Operators monitors the water level and will contact the Board when it is safe to lift the ban.
2. A resident asked about building a facility for the District office and meetings. Commissioner Gilbert stated that a warrant article was defeated at the 2006 Annual Meeting; however, a warrant article could be included for the 2007 Annual Meeting.
3. Commissioner Gilbert stated that she would like to have an audit of the District.
4. The question of a replacement for Commissioner Statkus was raised. Commissioner Gilbert stated that they are considering candidates for his replacement.
5. Gil Shattuck, our representative to the State Legislature, introduced himself.
6. A resident asked about having cement barriers installed at the outlet bridge, which is now closed. The Town is unwilling to let the District borrow them; Bill Goss suggested that Skip Edwards put sand there instead.

7. Ben Molinari reported that the District has serious environmental issues and that the ground water is becoming contaminated. Although we are working to address the problems, the District needs help in obtaining grants to fund repairs and improvements. Paul Sylvia suggested that the Water Board look into grant funding.

8. A resident asked about hiring a new water-management company. Commissioners Gilbert and Sanborn both feel that Water Systems Operators does a good job and is responsive to the needs of the District.

9. Paul Sylvia asked about whether Skip Edwards will rebuild the outlet bridge. Commissioner Gilbert stated that it will go out to bid.

There being no further business, Commissioner Gilbert made a motion that the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Commissioner Sanborn. Approved 2-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nan McCarthy, District Clerk

Approved:

Deborah Gilbert, Co-Chair  
(signature on original)

Fred Sanborn, Commissioner  
(signature on original)

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