



## **EMERALD LAKE VILLAGE DISTRICT MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 3, 2006, MONTHLY MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm, with Commissioner Troy Cornock and Chair Deborah Gilbert present. Also present were Clerk Nan McCarthy, Treasurer Clare McCarthy, and Moderator Paul Sylvia.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Gilbert read the items from the payment and payroll manifests. Commissioner Gilbert made a motion that the manifests be accepted; seconded by Commissioner Cornock. There being no further discussion, the manifests were approved 2-0.

The Clerk read the minutes from the October 6, 2006, monthly meeting. Commissioner Gilbert had one update to the minutes; the ceremony for Jerry Burnham was not held on October 21 as planned, due to the fact that the bench has not arrived. When the bench is delivered, there will be a ceremony, and it will be announced in the local papers. Commissioner Gilbert made a motion that the minutes be accepted as read, as well as the minutes from the October 27, 2006, administrative meeting; seconded by Commissioner Cornock. Approved 2-0.

Treasurer Clare McCarthy distributed the quarterly report. She reported that the District has a balance of \$5,746.77 in the checking account. Commissioner Gilbert noted that Town will send the water money to the District around November 9, 2006.

Commissioner Gilbert announced that the storage tank is scheduled to be completed this coming Wednesday and that the treatment center is now fully operational. Since the permitting for the Cassie well will take time, the possibility of digging the well near the storage tank deeper is currently being explored. This will cost \$8,000, and there is no permitting required. In response to a question raised by Commissioner Cornock, Commissioner Gilbert stated that the \$8,000 can be paid from the water bond.

Commissioner Gilbert announced that the Annual Meeting will be held on Friday, January 19, 2007, and the budget hearing will be held on Friday, December 19, 2006.

Commissioner Gilbert asked if Tom Kuck had pulled the rafts out of the lake. Clare McCarthy stated that at least one raft was still out.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Rene Boucher, an abutter to the storage tank property, asked if the road, which he has had access to for approximately 23 years, will be permanently gated. Commissioner Gilbert explained that the gate was put up during construction of the storage tank and will be reopened when the project is complete. Commissioner Cornock stated that there should be a permanent fence around the tank. According to Commissioner Gilbert, Natgun is willing to put up a fence of boulders around the tank as part of the installation. Mr. Boucher stated that

he belongs to an ATV club, which has had a right-of-way to the road; he wanted to know if this would be continued. Commissioner Gilbert stated that the District has no issue over the right-of-way. Mr. Boucher stated that, if the ATV club will continue to have access to the road, as Trail Administrator of the Tri-County ATV Club, he would make a motion at the next meeting of the club to have a fence installed around the tank using State funds. Commissioner Gilbert made a motion that the District accept this offer; seconded by Commissioner Cornock. Approved 2-0.

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

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

1. Ben Molinari asked if progress has been made regarding requiring Joe Statkus to return District property in his possession. Commissioner Gilbert stated that the attorneys are working on this.

2. Clare McCarthy asked when the phone books would be cleaned up around the mailboxes. Commissioner Gilbert stated that she will do it herself.

3. Dick Novak asked about having an office and meeting hall built within the District. Commissioner Gilbert reminded him that this was voted down at the 2006 Annual Meeting. Commissioner Cornock stated that a new building must be voted in through a warrant article. Ben Molinari asked about purchasing the ELPOA building. Mr. Novak stated that ELPOA currently has only about 20 members, raising the possibility that the building will be put on the market.

4. Ben Molinari asked about filling the new water tank. Commissioner Gilbert stated that Natgun will take care of this.

5. Bob Phaneuf had a number of questions about water. He asked where the District obtains the water used to fill the tank. Commissioner Gilbert stated that the water comes from the Town of Hillsborough. Mr. Phaneuf asked about using the water from the lake; however, according to Commissioner Gilbert, there are problems with using lake water. Ben Molinari added that the treatment center is not set up to treat water from the lake. Mr. Phaneuf also asked what progress is being made on locating and repairing leaks. Commissioner Gilbert has been looking for leaks and having them repaired as they are found. Mr. Phaneuf asked if there was a way to check for leaks. Commissioner Gilbert stated that Water Systems Operators in Henniker uses earphones and a metal detector.

6. Marie Phaneuf asked what was being done about the e-coli problem. Commissioner Gilbert has been forwarding the information to the Town of Hillsborough, but has had a difficult time getting a response. Ben Molinari reported that a new commissioner has been appointed at DES, and that the District should contact him directly. Paul Sylvia added that the Town has a new code enforcement officer and suggested that the Commissioners attend a Selectmen's meeting and request that the District be permitted to deal directly with him.

There being no further business, Commissioner Gilbert made a motion that the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Commissioner Cornock. Approved 2-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nan McCarthy

Approved:

Deborah Gilbert, Co-Chair  
(signature on original)

Troy Cornock, Commissioner  
(signature on original)

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