



AUGUST 3, 2007 MEETING MINUTES

Madame Chairperson Deborah Marshall-Gilbert called the Emerald Lake Village District August Monthly Meeting officially to order at 7:10 pm, Friday, August 3, 2007 at Hillsboro Town Hall, School Street, Hillsboro, NH.

Those in attendance: Deborah Marshall-Gilbert, Bob Hutchinson

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Moment of silence for service personnel

ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Minutes: read as taken by ELVD Volunteer Christina Barss,
 - a. Resident explained that the Hillsboro Town Road Agent's name was misspelled and provided the correct spelling.
 - b. Accepted as corrected by Emerald Lake Village District Board of Commissioners.
2. Payroll Manifest: reviewed and approved.
3. Payments Manifest: reviewed and approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Henniker culvert repair explained regarding high lake levels. 5 boards were added. Chairperson Marshall-Gilbert explained that both her and Commissioner Hutchinson would keep a close eye on the levels and remove boards if necessary. The reason for the work is to replace Henniker's culvert to expand and allow for increased flow of water, this will not only benefit Henniker, it will help relieve flooding in Emerald Lake. Chairperson Marshall-Gilbert stated she told Henniker that BOC would not compromise the safety of the district residents, and to be prepared for the dam board removal if needed. Henniker was both amendable and appreciative.
2. The Board of Commissioners wanted to thank the following for helping the ELVD community:
 - a. To all residents who have been 'carry in/carry out' at the ELVD beaches this summer
 - b. To the people who have been picking up trash along Bog Road: do not know who it is, but would like to go on record that it is noticed and appreciated.
 - c. To Mr. Dwarska for helping with the benches and the flower boxes
 - d. To Mr. Croteau for helping with the dam

OPEN FLOOR COMMENTS:

1. Question: Why are there no porta potties this year at the beaches?
 - a. Answer: Although last year, the BOC ensured each beach had a porta potty as a service to the community, it was unable to do so this year due to the Town of Hillsboro holding back tax funds. We have funds now, but it is late in the season. Hopefully the problems with the Town have been

resolved and next year the budget will allow for the service.

2. Question: Why Eastman Park's raft gone?
 - a. Raft was ruined and not replaced.
3. Question: What can we do about the teenagers' with filthy obscene language?
 - a. The BOC recommends that you contact the Hillsboro Police Department directly and have them deal with the situation. The response would be quicker and more effective. The BOC is not a police or security agency; the responsibilities of the BOC are limited to road, water and beach management.
 - b. Commissioner Hutchinson offered to talk to the teenagers.
4. Question: If it is ok for residents to call the Hillsboro Police, is calling about public drinking allowed?
 - a. Again it was stated that you do not have to call the BOC prior to calling the Hillsboro Police.
 - b. If you witness illegal activity at the beach or elsewhere in the ELVD community it is strongly recommended that you contact the Hillsboro Police Department.
 - c. New Hampshire is one of eleven liquor control states in the US and a state issued license is required to serve or drink alcohol outside of a private home. Public drinking is illegal in NH. All beaches in the Emerald Lake Village District are PUBLIC beaches; Emerald Lake is a Village District not a private association.
5. Statement: 14 Emerald Drive has fouling smelling water, what well is this?
 - a. Many different wells go into the system, so it would be difficult to pinpoint the specific well. The BOC thinks it may be more the pipeline which is 30+ years old that may account for the bad taste.
 - b. One resident suggested a filter for the water. Mr. Novak remembers when the Association use to provide them for free.
 - c. Resident Denise DaForest stated that her tap water smells and tastes 'funny' but the water from her fridge does not; her point being: her fridge uses a filter.
6. Statement: How do I read the water report I got?
 - a. Commissioner Hutchinson explained that was the Town Report that the resident had received, not the District Water report. Commissioner Hutchinson walked over and tried to explain the report to the resident.
 - b. A lively debate began between residents, Commissioners, Treasurer Paul Sylvia about which well, water treatment and the comparative water quality between the Town and District.
7. Statement: It is rumored that we (the residents) can refuse water meters.
 - a. No, water meters are inevitable. In order to expand our water system, ELVD is mandated by the State of NH to install water meters within a prescribed time. This year the BOC has started an account which holds a pre-designated portion of the water fees to assist in future funding the water meter installation.

MEETING CALLED TO A CLOSE AT 8:44 pm.

August 3, 2007 Emerald Lake Village District Meeting Minutes read and accepted:

Chair Commissioner Deborah Marshall-Gilbert Date

Commissioner Bob Hutchison Date