



## OCTOBER 5, 2007 MEETING MINUTES

Madame Chairperson Deborah Marshall-Gilbert called the Emerald Lake Village District October Monthly Meeting officially to order at 7:10 pm, Friday, October 5, 2007 at Hillsboro Town Hall, School Street, Hillsboro, NH.

Those in attendance: Deborah Marshall-Gilbert, Bob Hutchinson, Troy Cornock

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

### ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Minutes: read as taken by ELVD Volunteer Christina Barss, accepted as read by Emerald Lake Village District Board of Commissioners.
2. Payroll Manifest: Payroll reviewed and approved.
3. Payments Manifest: Payments reviewed and approved.
4. Status Reports:
  - a. Treatment center: Debbie reported the fan installed per DES requirement for acid vats.
  - b. Dam status: There are some boards left in the dam, Debbie & Paul are waiting for the water level to drop to make it easier to remove them.
  - c. Beach status: Bob's daughter and boyfriend brought in the docks. They still need to be stored for winter.
  - d. Mirrors: Town of Hillsboro installed all the requested mirrors after receiving letter from ELVD Board of Commissioners
  - e. Bridge replacement status: Bob reported that an email to Tammy Vallencourt 10/5/07.
    - i. 12/31/07 is the deadline for the repair of the bridge
    - ii. The ELVD attorney is handling all the negotiations regarding easements with abutters.
    - iii. Bob emphasized that the rare species plant lost ELVD 6 weeks.
    - iv. Dredge and fill application, ELVD easement request, Karen and Richard Booth easement response letter and DES letter were all available at the meeting for residents to review.
5. Announcement: Office still under repair due to water damage from Main Street construction: question from floor regarding insurance claim and listing of damages. Debbie explained that the landlord is waiting for their insurance payment to finish work on the office. There was 4 inches of water on the floor of the office, so the commissioners do not think that documents (maps, applications, records, etc.) were affected by the flooding. Bob stated that rent payment was suspended after his conversation with the landlord. (Jack Wells)

### OPEN FLOOR COMMENTS:

1. Office phone line:
  - a. Al Valentin stated he tried calling the office several times and got nothing. No answering machine. Debbie responded that she was unaware the phone was unplugged. It was suggested

that the BOC check with TDS about forwarding the calls to a voice mail box during the office repair work.

2. DES Dredge & Fill application:
  - a. Al Valentin asked when DES would get back to ELVD about the permit. The gating factor is the easements which ELVD attorney is handling.
3. Eastman Park Fix Up:
  - a. Carly Ireland explained her plan for fixing up Eastman Park on October 20, 2007. The rain date would be the following day. Tom Kuck will help with the flower boxes and moving boulders.
  - b. Bob Hutchinson was unsure of what the budget for park repair; Told Sue Ireland he would get back to her. There was discussion of what to be addressed during this Fix Up Project and the following Spring Clean Up. No specifics determined.
  - c. Community Service project for the students to get credit for school. The BOC stated they were supportive of the efforts.
4. Halloween Community Idea:
  - a. Christina Barss suggested that since Halloween is difficult in the district since there are no streetlights on roads off Emerald Drive, that maybe a community effort to create a family experience would be fun.
  - b. At the junction of each road abutting Emerald Drive a table could be placed and residents from that street would pass out candy or provide some party Halloween activity or favor. (pumpkin painting, balloons, etc.)
  - c. The walk around the lake is 2 miles. We could line the 'Spooky Walk' with paper bag lanterns. Even limit the walk from one beach to another beach. It would be fun for the kids to participate and organize. Nice opportunity for positive press for the district!
  - d. Too late to organize for this year, however nice project idea for community service for next year.
5. Boulder Pass Dumpster & Driveway Issue:
  - a. Jim Czifrik stated the residents on Boulder Pass are blocking the turn around for the plowing and grating. This will be very important to Skip Edwards during the winter time. He thinks the new residents do not understand that this is not part of their driveway. Debbie the BOC has given them (the new residents) one warning, and now will issue a second one in all fairness to the other Boulder Drive residents.
  - b.
  - c.
6. ELVD signs:
  - a. Bob announced the new ELVD sign was installed on the corner of the Dwarska family lot. The ELVD sign from 103 Gould Pond Road is being moved to the intersection of Red Fox Crossing and Moccasin Trail, now that location the adjacent lot lines has been determined.
7. Water Situation Update/Moratorium:
  - a. Al Valentin asked what was the water situation:
    - i. Spring 2008 for new well- will 'poke' for water during winter
    - ii. Current project priorities are FEMA flood prevention for Spring of 2008
    - iii. New 2007 well and storage tank made significant progress: no need for trucking in Hillsboro Water this summer. Tank holds 100,000 gallons and max capacity is 175,000 to 180,000 gallons.
    - iv. DES to perform 48 hour testing on well offline: NH State approved January 2007;
    - v. Treatment of water: Patten Hill goes directly to storage tank, not through treatment center; Mary Rowe is being treated; BOC assured that all water that is required to be treated is being done.
8. Forensics Audit Question:
  - a. Sue Ireland asked what the ultimate goal of the forensics audit. Debbie responded if anything is

identified it will be brought to the attention of the Attorney General Office- since we are unsure of the statute of limitations.

- b. Also Debbie explained that this audit will help bring the district to a clean slate financially after the many years of questionable budgetary practices by previous ELVD electorates.
9. Statkus Status- All Rumor?
    - a. Ben Molinari asked if Joe Statkus was really on the lamb- and that the authorities could not find him. Debbie answered that Joe is in New York and that was just rumor. His case regarding evidence tampering is still pending.
  10. Permanent ELVD Meeting House:
    - a. Mr. Novak requested what was being done to help identify a new home for the ELVD meeting house to improve attendance at the monthly meetings.
    - b. He stated that he has a set of copies of the 1961 Banker & Bellows Maps. He was curious about the tax map situation status: Debbie explained that the maps are with attorneys who working out a best fit solution for the district.
    - c. It was explained that a warrant article would have to be written for a specific amount and piece of land for the meeting house.
      - i. Christina Barss explained that warrant articles can be amended during the annual meeting by the voting residents. If they want to change the amount to be placed into a capital reserve they can; either add or subtract the amount, place the amendment up for vote.
      - ii. It was suggested to hold a warrant article workshop prior to the Annual Meeting so residents may ask questions and fully understand Roberts Rules. A similar workshop was successfully held in 2006.
      - iii. Debbie stated the 2008 meeting house warrant article will be secret ballot since 2007 lost was by less than 5 votes.
  11. Reevaluation of home values:
    - a. Sue Ireland discussed Paul Haily and the Town Selectman reaction to residents' waterfront reevaluations ranging from \$69,000 to \$129,000.
    - b. Residents in attendance stated they were addressing their reevaluations individually. Mr. Novak stated he fought his abatement with a private assessment.
    - c. Information from Town Website:
      - i. "You can now get Assessment Cards online.  
Go to [Link] [HTTP://WWW.AVITAROFNEINC.COM/LOGON.ASP](http://www.avitarofneinc.com/logon.asp)  
Once in the system, you must enter the User Id: Public and a Password: Public"

MEETING CALLED TO A CLOSE AT 7:53 pm. October 5, 2007 Emerald Lake Village District Meeting Minutes read and accepted:

Approved:

Deborah Gilbert, Co-Chair  
(signature on original)

Bob Hutchinson, Commissioner  
(signature on original)

Troy Cornock, Commissioner  
(signature on original)

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