



Emerald Lake Village District
Hillsboro, New Hampshire, 03244
Official Meeting Minutes

DISTRICT MEETING ON; November 7, 2008

Meeting came to order at: 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance. Moment of Silence for Military Personnel

Minutes read and accepted.

Payment and Payroll minutes read and accepted.

Jim Coffey started the meeting by discussing how the tax rate is set. (It is the same as a year ago.) He had to go into the audit to explain. The auditors are trying to place a value on our water system. 2005 is still scrambled and hasn't totally been figured out yet. The General Fund is owed by the Water Fund. It should be paid off by the end of the year. The Water Fund has a positive balance. 27% of District residents still haven't paid their water bills. Jim contacted Penny Griffin from the town to ask her how their collections were and theirs aren't much better. The audit should be completed by mid November and will be put in a PDF file which can be downloaded by residents. If there is sufficient funds left a sampling/testing audit will be done for 2005 and 2006.

Jim Coffey suggested to the Commissioners that they discuss a time for the Annual Meeting soon. All timelines should be published. An annual report also needs to be done. A lot has taken place this year. Denise DeForest discussed how residents at last year's Annual Meeting requested reports on how far the board has come with solutions for road improvements by the next meeting. The town of Hillsboro has done a study already which will be presented at the meeting.

Andy Peterson, the Representative from Peterborough who we've discussed at past meetings has agreed to file legislation for our Bridge Aid and our Highway Block grant money. Jim Coffey contacted Local Government concerning this matter. They said only Selectmen and County Commissioners qualify to request these funds. Jim pointed out that article 523A equates District Commissioners. They replied that was a good point. It's been six months since Jim and Bob Hutchinson met with DOT and had no response to letters and emails.

The bridge project starts this Monday. We do not require any further permits. This will be a one lane 16ft wide bridge. Bob will put up a STOP sign and a ONE LANE BRIDGE sign. DuBois and King, the bridge engineers will check the bridge every six months at a cost of \$800.00.

Sue Hutchinson asked if the town had a date for the final Master Plan meeting. It's on November 19th. Jim Coffey drafted up a letter for Matt Taylor explaining why are roads are Class V and not Class VI as previously stated by Matt himself. Matt sent Jim a form with questions regarding the District. We are not required to formally respond but Jim will answer the questions and return the form to Matt. It was suggested that Jim and one Commissioner attend this meeting.

Denise will talk to Kelly Dearborn-Luce about the status of Paul Sylvia's property being condemned. It is considered a dilapidated and hazardous building. Letters can be sent by any concerned citizens. If the property owner is not cooperative in tearing down his house Kelly can take him to District Court.

All leaks in the District have been fixed. The Commissioners will set up a meeting with the Tax Collector of the town and other town officials to discuss the fact that they keep our water interest money which is an average of \$8,000.00 to \$12,000.00 a year. Resident Nan McCarthy asked if there are any plans to replace water pipes section by section. Commissioners responded that has been discussed. A couple of roads a year are what they have in mind. The sleeves that are put on the pipes now are not a permanent fix. Jim Coffey suggested having a three year revolving plan to pay for this project. The issue of seasonal people leaving their water trickling during the winter and causing water leaks was discussed. The idea of giving seasonal people a checklist before they leave for the winter was again discussed. You can't just shut off a resident's water without their permission. The shut off and turn on service is free of charge. It's uncertain if all residents are aware of this.

In a general discussion at the end of the meeting Nan McCarthy asked if anyone had a solution for keeping cats out of her gardens. It seems all the neighborhood cats have taken to her gardens. Putting moth balls down, etc. was suggested.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Stefanelli
District Clerk

Approved By:

Bob Hutchinson

Troy Cornock

Denise DeForest

(Signatures On Original)