



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

DISTRICT MEETING ON: May 1, 2009
Meeting came to order at 7:00pm
Moment of Silence for Military Personnel
Minutes read and accepted
Payment and Payroll Manifest read and accepted

Bob Hutchinson signed a new lease for the District office space. The rent increase is \$25.00. A new heating system and some painting have been completed by the owners of the building.

Jim Coffey has a print out of the money spent against the budget for all residents to view. He said the balance sheets are positive and we are in good shape.

A letter to the District was received from the Treasurer of the Town of Hillsboro. The letter was asking for \$100.00 to pay for supplies and time for sending out the District's water bills. In a response letter the Treasurer was told the District will not pay this bill. The Town Treasurer holds the District's water money in trust. Not only should the Treasurer pay the District the 12% in delinquent interest on bills paid late but also the interest on the money held in trust. We are now being paid the 12% interest money which comes out to 5, 6 or \$700.00 per month. District Treasurer Sue Hutchinson said she wanted in writing an agreement from the Town Treasurer to pay us on a regular schedule as opposed to randomly, as always no response.

Bob Hutchinson said the FEMA Mitigation meetings are complete. The State, Town and District all worked together on this. The reports will be discussed at the Selectmen's meeting this coming Tuesday. The report is 169 pages long and is available in a PDF file. Window signs are available to residents to use during a crisis. One side says OK, the other side says HELP.

Ice storm and winter repair bills are being sent out to District Homeowners. These bills are for Seasonal residents who did not drain their homes and cost the District money by having WSO fix the damage. Bob said the estimated water loss was about 600,000 gallons.

A plan to make sure Seasonal residents drain their homes needs to be implemented. Jim Coffey suggested billing the residents for the cost of the water value lost as well as the repair bills. About nine houses were involved; two of the houses were foreclosures.

Bob brought up the subject of holding tanks causing problems. He has a list of all houses with these tanks. David Stefanelli expressed concern over these tanks possibly contaminating the lake and suggested being firm on the holding tank issue. Nan McCarthy also expressed concern about all the water that has been wasted.

Jim Coffey said the Commissioners have no authority to enforce any rules on this issue. It has to be done by the Town Health Officer. Commissioners can only be advocates. DES enforces sewage issues as well as the Town Health Officer. David Stefanelli suggested after we contact the Town Health Officer we should go directly to DES as the Town has proven to not care what happens here in the District. Tricia Stefanelli asked if we could skip over the Town and go directly to DES. Denise DeForest said the proper steps are the Town first and then the State. It was suggested we give the Town a certain time limit to respond. Jim Coffey said there is a health liaison that will come out and talk to us. Jim and Bob will put something together stating the Town has 30 days to respond.

A draft copy of Water Master Plan has been sent to Joe D'Amore of WSO and Bob Mann of DES. It consists of roughly 100 pages.

David Stefanelli asked what could be done about residents who ignore the water ban. Jim Coffey said the Commissioners have the legal authority to set the fines. Denise DeForest asked all residents to call the Commissioners when they see someone violating the ban.

The CCR's are going out in June. The yearly Newsletter should be ready at that time as well. A copy of the water ban will be included as well. It was suggested all new residents get a letter stating there is a water ban in effect.

A water ban sign is being made and will be hung under the Emerald Lake Village sign outside of Don Dwarska's house.

Bob stressed the importance of detecting existing leaks before we start looking for a large water source. He said well #11 gives 28 gallons per minute while well #6 gives 4 gallons per minute. He said we should shut down well #6 and give well #11 extra water.

A letter was sent out to Sue McPhee and Richard Marshall. They live on 26 acres on Patten Hill and it was suggested there may be a large water source on their property. A 900ft. path would have to be made on their property to test for the possible source. Bob said this is not something he really wants to do. There are no guarantees there is a water source and again he wants to fix the leaks before we add more wells. As of now there has been no response from the residents of the property.

Bob has the paperwork to apply for a \$21,000.00 leak detection grant. Both Nan McCarthy and David Stefanelli stressed the importance of leak detection before you go chasing some large water source that may not even exist.

Jim Coffey said the water engineers now have a GIS system to map leakages more accurately. Bob said Joe D'Amore has been running around trying to find us two meters, one for Moccassin Trail and Red Fox Crossing and one for Hummingbird lane to detect leakages on both sides of the lake.

Bob is still trying to get the dredge permit for the inlet. David Stefanelli took pictures of the inlet this past week. Bob supplied pictures of Skip dredging in 1997. The pictures David took are on the ELVD website. Sue Hutchinson had no response to her email when she asked if the necessary pictures were received. David Stefanelli asked Sue for the contact name and email of the person in charge. This project must be completed to avoid future damage to homes and possible flooding.

Bob thanked everyone who helped out at the Roadside Cleanup.

Jim let everyone know the 2008 account information is at the auditors Melanson and Heath in Nashua.

Sue Hutchinson said the new flood plane maps are in.

Commissioner Bob Hutchinson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:37pm. Commissioner Denise DeForest seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Stefanelli
District Clerk

Approved By:

Bob Hutchinson

Troy Cornock

Denise DeForest