



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

DISTRICT MEETING ON: March 6, 2009  
Meeting came to order at: 7:05pm

Minutes read and accepted after corrections on Warrant Article #3 (ELPOA BUILDING) were made. The total should have read \$208,000.00 and not \$191,000.00. Also, the Construction Company name who gave an estimate should have read Hutter and not Cutter.

Payment and Payroll Manifest read and accepted.

Iris Campbell was paid \$455.00 to work with Jim Coffey on the recreation of the 2005 accounts payable. She has experience with the software and is quite fast. Jim felt it was cost effective to have her assistance. The money paid to Iris is figured into the administrators' budget. Jim will write a summary of the recreation. He did find some inappropriate spending for things that weren't in the budget, i.e. blue lights for the Suburban. Jim and Sue Hutchinson balanced the 2005 checking accounts. The past administration was balancing the checking accounts it's just that all the bills weren't included. Jim feels that it is best to move on. We all know what happened and nothing big will come of it.

The town of Hillsboro has given us several hundred dollars owed to us in interest from overdue water bills. Jim wasn't sure of the exact amount offhand but thinks it was about \$500.00 or \$600.00 he will let us know.

The Annual Report is ready to go to the printer. Wendy Brien put it together for us. Gale Durant, a resident of ELVD took the pictures and will be credited for them on the ELVD website. The report will be available at our annual meeting.

Commissioner Denise DeForest said she has been getting positive comments from new neighbors in the District. The word is out there that things are getting much better here.

The water warrant was given to Commissioner Bob Hutchinson to sign. It must go out by May 6, 2009. The water rate is as promised, \$265.00. Bob also signed the Water Notice regarding elevated fluoride levels. This notice is being sent to all residents as well as DES and WSO.

The Commissioners received a couple of water abatement requests. The first one was from 38 Huntington Drive. The land owner has no water hook up. The second was from a seasonal resident on Ellen Brook Rd. She said she only spends 3 weeks a year at her residence so therefore she should have abatement. Her abatement is denied.

Building and Health inspector Kelly Dearborn-Luce sent a letter to the board for Town Administrator John Stetser asking for copies of the bridge contracts, costs, contracts and bridge inspection reports. On her own behalf she sent a letter regarding our fluoride violation report. She wanted to know what the plan of action to remedy this problem was. She also requested a response within seven days. Our response is that she can come to the ELVD office during regular business hours and review all bridge documents. She can have copies for 25 cents apiece. She was sent a copy of our fluoride violation notice. Sue Hutchinson said that we couldn't respond to her within the seven days as WSO hadn't given us a plan of action yet so we can't give her information that we don't have. We did receive a letter from WSO on February 23<sup>rd</sup> stating that they would be changing the media in the water filter to remedy the problem. Everything they need is here and they're ready to go. Resident Peggy Heatley asked if there was a bridge violation. Bob assured her there was not. He had gone to the town for a Right to Know regarding the courthouse construction project and said he felt that the people at the town offices are just playing a game.

Jim Coffey and Bob Hutchinson attended a FEMA Hazardous Mitigation meeting. Jim said the ice storm this past winter may have had a silver lining as it opens up discussions with FEMA. He suggested seeing if we can get a FEMA grant to fix the bridge the way we want it. A bottomless box culvert would be ideal. There are 6 workshops and all are welcome to attend. FEMA has awarded us \$8,000.00 for the ice storm cleanup.

The fluoride issue letters have been posted in the three required places. The letter will be in the CCR in June. Joe from WSO said the media hasn't been changed out yet because they've been short on help but are all set now.

We have had several water breaks lately. One was on Turtle Bridge Crossing where 14,000.00 gallons were lost. The owner of the property will pay the \$84.00 fee that WSO charges us. Another break was on Sunrise Place where 200,000 gallons were lost. No one is living at that residence at this time. Resident Peggy Heatley asked if we could be alerted when a house is foreclosed on. That way if the residents just up and leave the Commissioners can keep an eye on the property for water issues. Jim Coffey said he will ask Iris Campbell to send us the foreclosure notices. Bob said 600,000 gallons have been lost since the ice storm. One good thing is that the pumps are running 10 hours at a time as opposed to 24/7 in the past. Bob said we need to spend money for plumbing. It doesn't make any sense to dig more wells until we solve the plumbing issues.

Jim Coffey said he has not heard from the town yet about coordinating an ice storm clean up day this spring. He thinks it would be best to do the town and the district on the same day to avoid confusion. Patten Hill Rd., Melody Lane, Colby Hill Rd. and Gould Pond Rd. are all town roads. If the district has their clean up one day and the town another the people on those 4 roads may think they were forgotten. FEMA will pick up debris left in front of your property only. If you need help bringing things to front of your property please let the board know.

Resident Bob Burton asked when the town is going to start the repair of the Gould Pond Bridge. Jim said he spoke to Billy Goss and he is not sure yet.

Resident Sue Ireland asked if the board has requested getting any of the stimulus money the president is giving out. She was told it is too late to put it in the Warrant Article now. You have to have your plans all in order before requesting funds. At this time we do not have a Water System Master Plan. We could probably get permission from Superior Court to hold a special meeting if necessary. Resident Nan McCarthy asked if the stimulus money would go to the town. She was told the money goes to Governor Lynch first and he decides where and whom it goes to.

Bob Hutchinson said he needs to get a dredge permit for the inlet. The dredge permit for the outlet is valid until 2012. He said you can't apply for both permits at the same time. He wants to solve the inlet problems because the people who live in that area are paying taxes on land they no longer have.

Resident Ben Molinari had a question from Mr. Novak. How much will the ELPOA building cost the taxpayers? \$82,500.00 plus \$9,000.00 in back taxes was the answer. He also had some documents stating that the ELPOA beach is not a private beach. The documents contained other important information that will be given to Justin Richardson, the districts lawyer. It was also stated that the said owners of this building may not be the rightful owners. Residents voiced concerns over the purchase of the building with so many questions unanswered. Nan McCarthy asked if the maintenance of the ELPOA building would be the same as the \$400.00 a month we pay in rent for an office now. She was told by Jim Coffey it would be a bit more but the good thing is we would own it.

Ben Molinari had another set of questions; at what point if any will another well be added to supply adequate water? He was asked by several people if these questions were for Paul or Deb. The answer to Ben's question was we just put a new well online in August 2008. He then asked have we contacted PSNH to cut trees to avoid another possible electrical outage. Yes, we have. The last question was where does the leftover FEMA money go? The money will go into the General Fund.

There is a Warrant Article asking for \$35,000.00. The money is for improving the output of two wells.

Sue Ireland asked how the town Warrant on the building moratorium in the district will affect us. We cannot issue water permits therefore you cannot get a building permit without one. Also, even if the article did pass and building could resume it wouldn't matter as our water permit moratorium is State ruled. Jim said the district still has \$78,000.00 outstanding in unpaid water bills.

Commissioner Bob Hutchinson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm. Commissioner Denise DeForest seconded.

Respectfully Submitted by;  
Patricia Stefanelli  
District Clerk

Approved By:

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Bob Hutchinson

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Troy Cornock

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Denise DeForest

(Signatures on Original)