



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

DISTRICT MEETING ON; January 07, 2011

Meeting came to order at: 7:00pm.

Present: Commissioners Bob Hutchinson, Troy Cornock and Denise DeForest, Residents Nan McCarthy, Martha Caron and Dennis DeForest.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Minutes and Payroll and Payment Manifest accepted as written.

Commissioner Bob Hutchinson opened the meeting by discussing the Commissioners meeting that was held on December 20, 2010. The meeting took place to discuss the lifting of the building moratorium in the Emerald Lake Village District. The Hillsboro Planning Board will accept and issue five building permits in 2011. Bob said the lifting of the moratorium comes from DES. The five permits being issued have already been paid for by the land owners. Bob said certain guidelines need to be followed. Those guidelines are: Houses can be no larger than 1000 square feet, valid septic plan and approval and water meters must be installed as well. Bob took the minutes at the Commissioners meeting and asked the board to accept the minutes as written. All board members were in favor.

Bob said the residence at 25 Old Lantern Rd. had a major water break, costing the District about 43,000 gallons of water. He said this is a seasonal home and the owners did not drain the system back. WSO (Water Systems Operators) worked for 6 ½ hours at time and a half on Christmas Eve. Bob said he will send a letter to the homeowners letting them know they are responsible for the cost of the lost water. Resident Martha Caron asked if it is lawful to hold the resident responsible for the costs. Bob said he will call the Districts lawyer Justin Richardson to find out once and for all. Bob said if a resident does not pay their water bills a lean can be put on the home. Martha questioned whether or not you could put a lean on a house for non- payment of water loss and repairs. It was suggested by those in attendance that we get a list of questions together for Bob when he talks to Justin about the water. Tricia Stefanelli suggested putting these rules and regulations in the next newsletter.

Ed Rogers of Rogers Engineering Solutions sent the District a study proposal for assessing the Emerald Lake inlet issue. Sharon Monahan a soil specialist with DES will study the soil to help prove that the Gould Pond bridge culvert sizes are not correct therefore allowing water to build up and then causing the sand to churn up. Bob Hutchinson passed around a copy of the proposal. The total cost would be \$14,000.00. All in attendance felt that the town of Hillsboro should pay for the study. Martha Caron reminded the board that at last years Town Meeting, Administrator John Stetser made a commitment to get the problem fixed after Martha challenged him on the issue. He said (at the town meeting) that this would be in the town's Capital Improvement Plan. He also stated that this would be the only bridge fixed this year. Martha Caron suggested Justin Richardson send him a letter reminding him of this promise. Commissioner Denise DeForest said she thought we already had an engineer working on the project. Bob said Ed Rogers has been involved already as he works closely with DES. Martha Caron asked the board if Ed Rogers and Sharon Monahan could each write a one paragraph letter to the Selectmen explaining why they feel the Gould Pond Bridge is the cause of the problem with the inlet. Bob said he would see if they would be willing to do that. Bob suggested the District pay for half of the study and the Town pay for the other half. Resident Nan McCarthy said she disagrees as it sets a precedent with the town. She said she doesn't feel the District should have to pay for something we are not responsible for. She also said the Village District is never supported at the town meetings, everything concerning the District always gets voted down.

Bob discussed the issue with the meeting house well. In 2002 or 2003 a piece of ledge cut loose and cut the shaft. The pump had to be brought up. This well is permitted for 50 gallons per minute. It is now getting 11 gallons per minute. Bob will be meeting with John Plummer to get an estimate on how much it would cost the District to fix the well. Bob said Skillings Engineering did a videoscope study inside the well. The plan is to drill down and remove the rock and resleeve where the section has broke.

Resident Martha Caron who is also a member of the Hillsboro Planning Board discussed the meeting held on December 15, 2010. She said the District not accepting the Master Plan is now a non issue. She said that the roads originally

classified as class six roads have been changed to the correct five. She also stated that there are lots of reasons for extending the building moratorium in the future. (The five permits being honored this year are from people who already had the permits in place before the moratorium can into play.) A public meeting has been posted taking place on January 19, 2011. The planning board will discuss the moratorium with District members. She said the regular agenda will come up first. Martha passed out a list of suggested reasons to extend the moratorium.

General Discussion

Bob said he and Jim Coffey will work on the Village District budget tomorrow and the MS-35's will be done as well. The question about Jim Coffey's current situation was discussed. The fact that Jim cannot come into the Community Building nor have contact with Commissioner Denise DeForest, who is also a town employee concerned a few people. A couple of the residents suggested maybe Jim should take a leave of absence as Village District Administrator until this is all resolved. Bob was asked if the Board of Commissioners have the know how to write warrant articles, propose a budget, etc.: All in attendance agreed that Jim is a valuable person to the District and has done great things for us. For now, Bob and Jim will work on District issues. As Bob had just mentioned, he and Jim are starting the budget and working on the MS_35's tomorrow.

Again, it was discussed the Justin Richardson should be contacted regarding water issues and the current situation concerning Jim Coffey. Bob said he will set up the meeting. Commissioner Troy Cornock and David and Tricia Stefanelli will sit in on the meeting as well.

At 8:10pm Commissioner Bob Hutchinson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Troy Cornock seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted by
District Clerk
Patricia Stefanelli

Approved By:

Bob Hutchinson

Troy Cornock

Denise DeForest