



Village District of Eidelweiss

News from the Board of Commissioner

November 2007

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CANOES SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM THE STORAGE RACKS BY NOVEMBER 1ST

All water craft including canoes, kayaks and paddle boats are to be removed from the beaches and the canoe racks by November 1st. If left beyond that date they will be treated as abandoned property and handed over to the Madison Police Department for disposal.

The winter parking ban goes into effect November 15th so no parking on the street or in the right of way is permitted. The District will not be liable for any damage done to vehicles that are parked in the street or in the right of way. Vehicles parked in the street or in the right of way are a major problem for the snowplowers so the Commissioners will be working with the Madison Police Department to enforce the ban. Also note that no snowmobiles are allowed on any District roads.

If you wish to shut the water off at your home for the winter

please notify the District in plenty of time.

TAXES DOWN

WATER USAGE FEE UP

The costs for operating the water system have been extracted out of the operating budget so that the water usage fee more accurately reflects the actual costs. It is also fairer for those with wells. Under the previous scheme those with high property values were paying a disproportionate share compared with those with low property values. This year's bill for the water is \$350. With the water system costs removed from the operating budget the taxes will be reduced to approximately \$3.85 per \$1,000 valuation. This year most people will see a reduction in the combined cost of taxes and water usage fee compared with last year. For example, a home appraised at \$140,000 will pay approximately the

same amount as last year with \$532 for Eidelweiss taxes and \$350 for the water fee for a total of \$915 compared with \$834 for taxes and \$50 for the water fee last year. Homes appraised at more than \$140,000 will see a reduction in the total amount paid. Those with land and those with wells will also save. Homes valued at less than \$140,000 will see an increase in the combined total over last year.

At this time we do not have the Madison tax rate.

BLINDEN DRIVE RECONSTRUCTED

Paving is just about complete on the Blinden Rd reconstruction. The contract was awarded to Perm-A-Drive at a cost of just over \$85,000. The Blinden Drive project involves removing the old asphalt, adding new base gravel, replacing culverts and redoing the ditch lines. Geotextile fabric is also being put down to protect the sub base. The apron paving projects for Sarnen, Alpenhof and Grison where they intersect with Rte 113. A short stretch of these roads will be paved to

reduce gouging of the gravel as drivers rush to get into the traffic on Rte 113.

Please note that homeowners by State statute are responsible for maintenance of their driveway culverts.

BEACH NEWS

The Commissioners met with Paul Fluet, the District engineer, to discuss proposed plans for preventing the erosion of Middleshore Drive by D1. They also discussed plans to install a storm water detention pond on D3 to prevent run off into Middle Pea Porridge Pond by Geneva Beach.

The "Carry on and Carry out" ash policy for the beaches worked well this summer. It certainly reduced the bear traffic.

Please note that dogs are not permitted on the beaches or in the playground. If you can believe it, someone actually stole the "No Dogs Permitted" sign from the playground but it has been replaced. Dogs are becoming a problem in the District so please keep them under control. If you rent your property please make sure your tenants know about the issue. If problem call police.

WEB SITE REVAMPED

The Village District split its web page off from Madison in order to have better control over it. The web site can now be used for

progress reports on projects, emergency notices, paving schedules, in addition to meeting minutes, water quality reports and District ordinances. The address is vdoe-nh.org. The email address is office@vdoe-nh.org.

The Eidelweiss site can still be accessed from the Madison web site. The address for Madison is www.madison-nh.org.

Annual Meeting and Budget Hearings

The Annual Meeting will be on Saturday, February 23rd, 2008 at the School. Voting will be from 8 - 10 a.m. and the deliberative session will commence at 10 a.m. The Public Hearings on the budget and any related money issues will be on Friday, January 19th and Friday, January 26th at 7 p.m. in the Madison Town Hall.

Other Titbits

Building permits for new construction have been issued for houses on Blinden, Grimsel and Eidelweiss Drive.

Thanks to the EPOA for the landscaping and new sign now back up at the entrance.

Happy Holidays!

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Meetings

The Board of Commissioners meet every Monday (except at holiday weekends) at 7 a.m. in the District Office.

If this is not convenient, then call to set up an alternative time.

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(closed on Thursday)