



# Village District of Eidelweiss

News from the Board of Commissioner

May 2008

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### 2008 Water Bills

There will be two water bills issued for the calendar year. The first bill is \$250 and will be mailed with this newsletter. The second bill will be sent in November for the remainder of approximately \$200.00.

### DPW

In March the DPW garage collapsed under the weight of near record snowfall. No one was hurt but there was some damage to the equipment.

The DPW crew (Steve and Joe) survived this winter's historic onslaught of snow and ice with a bit of help from local contractors and most notably the assistance of the Town of Madison's DPW crew who came in when we were in a pinch with vehicles out for repair. This has been a winter they will soon not forget.

This summer the DPW crew will be focusing on road drainage improvements and maintenance.

me roads will also have their original width reclaimed by cutting back brush and growth

which has hindered plowing operations in the past. Please be patient with these ongoing efforts.

### DRIVEWAY SNOW PLOWING

Please be advised that pushing snow into or across a public road is illegal and violators will be prosecuted. Snow from driveways that ended up in our District roads and snow banks hindered our DPW crew from being able to properly clear our roads. Please try to remember this when old man winter comes again.

### OUR LONG TIME ADMINISTRATOR RETIRES

After nearly 20 years of employment for the District David Maudsley will be retiring. We will be sorry to see him go for there is a wealth of information in managing the office that will take years for someone else to learn. We appreciate the great job David has done

through the years and wish him the best.

David has well earned his retirement from the Village District after giving us many years of guidance and dedication. Thank you, David.

### WATER ADVISORY BOARD

The voters passed an article at our Annual Meeting to form a Water Advisory Board (WAB). Commissioner, Michael Smith volunteered to be the coordinator of this newly formed group. We are hoping for input to be presented at the Annual Meeting to inform the voters in depth of our need for a Bond or Revolving loan to improve the system that was formulated by the Master Plan. Members of the WAB are: Mike Smith, Ralph Lutjen, CP Smith, Peter Craugh, Mark Graffam, and Joe Parent (Alt.). The Commissioners wish to thank these men for serving the District in this capacity.

### THE BUILDING COMMITTEE

We are in the process of forming a Building Committee.

Commissioner. Jay Buckley has volunteered to coordinate this committee to study the feasibility of a new building to hold the salt, and backhoe. They will also study where to put the sand, etc. This committee is especially vital since we lost our saltsand shed this winter. Anyone interested in serving on this please call the District Office so your name can be added to the list.

### OPERATING BUDGET

This winter took a heavy toll on our operating budget. The heavy ice and extreme cold caused equipment problems and highway plowing problems that stretched our expenses to the limit.

### STATE PRE-APPLICATION

We have recently filed a pre-application to the State to apply for a low interest revolving loan if the voters approve it at our next annual meeting. This does not bind us and is only one step toward obtaining a loan once it is approved by the voters. Rick Skarinka, an Engineer from the Department of Environmental Services for the State of New Hampshire recently informed us of this opportunity and we hope to take advantage of it.

### COMMISSIONERS MEETING SCHEDULE

The Commissioners will be meeting Monday mornings at 7 AM in the District Office unless otherwise stated. Starting in June they will meet the first

Friday evening of the month (June 6) at 7PM in the District Lodge except they will not be meeting on Friday July 4 but will meet at the District Office on July 7 as usual. The Monday morning meetings seem to be working well as they allow us time to meet with Mr. Pannone, dpw to plan the work for the week and for Jay to be able to go over the roads with Mr. Pannone when necessary.

Meetings are posted on the web and we will make every effort to keep it updated. Please have patience while we work on this process. Thank you.

### COMMISSIONERS MEETING WITH MADISON SELECTMEN

We are in the process of meeting with the Selectmen of the Town of Madison to form an alliance between the Town and the District. We hope to improve our relationship with the Town and to work together whenever possible, to open the lines of communication, mutual aid and discuss a good neighbor policy. We will be presenting the feasibility of hiring their mechanic to work on our equipment rather than send it to a more expensive business. We hope to meet with them on a more regular basis, perhaps

every three months, to attain this goal.

### NEW ADMINISTRATOR HIRED

Alvina Day has been hired to fill the Administrator position that David Maudsley will be vacating. Alvina comes from Brownfield, Maine and worked for that Town as Selectmen's Assistant for approximately nine years. In the years since she left employment of the Town, Alvina has maintained a good relationship with the Board of Selectmen and Town Office Employees. We welcome Alvina to the District as our new Administrator.

### OUR WEB ADDRESS

For information on what is happening in the District and with District ordinances please check on the Web. The address is [vdoe-nh.org](http://vdoe-nh.org). The email address is:

[office@vdoe-nh.org](mailto:office@vdoe-nh.org). The Eidelweiss site can still be accessed from the Madison web site under local links. The address for Madison is [www.madison-nh.org](http://www.madison-nh.org).

### HAVE A GREAT SUMMER

We hope everyone has a safe and wonderful summer, whether you live here year round or visit on vacation. The Commissioners:

Gloria, Jay, and Mike