

**VILLAGE DISTRICT OF EIDELWEISS  
COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**May 3, 2010**

The Board of Commissioners met on Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 in the District Office. Present were Commissioners Mike Smith, Gloria Aspinall and Art Tucker. Also present were Dinah Reiss (Treasurer) and Steve Pannone(Highway). The meeting was taped by videographer Tim Hughes.

**At 9:05 am the meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Smith.**

**1. Agenda**

**Gloria Aspinall makes a motion to accept the agenda as presented, Art Tucker seconds the motion and the motion passed.**

**2. Accounts Payable**

19 items for a total of \$15547.24. Of note: \$1,000 check to open new operations account at Laconia Savings Bank; \$4,380. for backhoe parts.

**3. Minutes**

The minutes of April 23 were reviewed. **Gloria Aspinall makes a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Art Tucker seconds the motion and the motion passed.** The minutes of April 26 were reviewed. Art Tucker makes a spelling correction and inserts the name for the EPOA representative. **Gloria Aspinall makes a motion to accept the minutes as amended, Art Tucker seconds the motion and the motion passed.**

**4. Highway Department**

Steve Pannone reports on the last week's activity. The road ban weight limits were removed. 23 tires were picked up from various locations. Tires will be taken to Frechette's for disposal. Metal from around the yard is being placed in a pile, a salvage hauler will be picking this up. A permit for construction for a driveway was received, Steve states the area has been reviewed, but he would like an additional view prior to issuance of the permit. Art Tucker will view the area today. The 550 is at Conway Truck to have the snow tires removed. This will be picked up today. The parts of the temporary salt shed have been stored at the cabana. The pipes were disassembled for moving and storage. Steve questions the front runner rake that is out in the yard. The rake is not used and he asks if it should be fixed or thrown away. It is unknown if anyone wants it, but it could be given away "as is". Mike Smith informs Steve not to spend money on an old piece of unused equipment. If someone wants it, OK, otherwise it will be put in the metal pile for the salvage hauler. Steve will inquire. The pile of ledge pack is discussed. It is unnecessary to move the pile twice. The ledge

pack is to be used on roads that need it, the pile will be gone within a few weeks. Art Tucker informs Steve to move the pile of sand at the salt shed site so as to keep the area open for the upcoming clearing and leveling. Steve Pannone continues with the information that he will be meeting with Bob Wirling today at the salt shed site. The Veteran's Memorial Rock will be moved today. The cover for the temporary salt shed will be moved to the cabana and stored with the poles. Steve will take an inventory of the parts for comparison with the manual. Art Tucker asks Steve which pin slipped from the dump body on the 550. Steve reports that the pin has been secured to a plate on the dump body so that this will not occur in the future. Steve reports that two men working signs were ordered for the crack sealing team to use. Additional cones were also purchased to be available for them as needed. The work orders from Gloria Aspinall are working well. Gloria Aspinall discusses that when the plumber was at the Lodge last week, a notice from Modern Pest regarding their treatment of last week was on the door. The notice mentions areas within the foundation of the Lodge that should be sealed. Mike Smith suggests use of an outside source, not Highway Dept personnel, for the Lodge. Gloria will discuss with David Rowe. Mike Smith informs Steve that both members of the Dept riding in the pick up every morning has been complained about. He suggests one person to check the roads, the other could be readying equipment for the day, picking up trash, etc. Mike then asks Steve why the culvert on Big Loop is such an issue. Many man hours are used every week on this area. Would a second grate help? Steve Pannone informs Mike that a second grate would keep debris that passes the inlet gate from clearing the outlet. It would create an additional clog spot. Art Tucker asks if there are hip boots available as he would go in and check the area. Steve informs Art that there are no hip boots. Art Tucker discusses the manual work being done on ditches. There is a lot of ditching work to be done. The Board discusses the need to determine if the choice will be to rent or buy a bobcat prior to starting the ditching project for the summer.

## **5. Appearances**

Treasurer Dinah Reiss has joined the meeting to discuss the bond for the Jung Frau to Reinach Forced Main Water Project. Financing has been approved by Laconia Savings Bank. The note has been broken into two parts: Village District of Edelweiss and Village District of Edelweiss Water District. Semi-annual payments, due in November and May will be made for the 10 year terms. Total annual payment is below the \$17,000 limitation of the warrant article. Dinah informs the Board that the loan origination fees will be waived if the operation account is moved to Laconia Savings Bank. **Gloria Aspinall makes a motion to accept the financing offered through Laconia Savings Bank for funding of Warrant Article 4, Art Tucker seconds the motion and the motion passed. Gloria Aspinall makes a motion to move the operations account to Laconia Savings Bank, Art Tucker seconds the motion and the motion passed.**

All paperwork for the loans and signature cards for the new account are signed and returned to Dinah for delivery to the bank. Mike Smith mentions the difficulty in obtaining this bond, and questions Dinah on how best to apply for future loans. Dinah informs Mike that for the banks, payment from taxes is best.

## **6. Commissioners Reports**

Mike Smith reports that the pump house upgrades are progressing. The water hook up for 8 Grandval is scheduled for this week. The conduit for the DPW well will be run next week. Mike discusses the range of topics covered at the American Groundwater/DES seminar last Friday. The topics were very informative; with a session on salt and one on establishment of ordinances. Art Tucker adds that he also found the salt seminar to be very informative, stating he was unaware of wetting salt prior to application as a technique to help it stick better. He adds that District records on the amount of salt used could be updated.

Gloria Aspinall reports that she will contact David Rowe in regards to the Lodge. The plumber was in last week and the leaks at the Lodge were fixed. She questions if the 'barn' in the DPW yard should be fixed, as DES has stated no storage to be within that area. Should the building be dismantled? Mike Smith would like clarification from DES, as he sees no issue storing pipes or culverts on the cement floor. Gloria responds that she does not want to have the District spend money to fix the building if it can't be used. The State will be contacted for guidance.

Art Tucker reports that there was good participation in the clean up last Saturday that Jay Buckley coordinated with Valley Pride Day. He also reports that he has spoken to Mike Parsons about checking around for available skid steers and assistance on truck specifications. Mike told Art that he believes Caterpillar may be the best brand to go with for equipment. He will see what is available for a good price.

Gloria Aspinall adds that the technician from PSNH is scheduled to be in this week for the street light review. Mike Smith adds that rental of a bobcat for ditching should be postponed to see if one is available for purchase. Mike then questions the beaches as the canoe racks are full and Gloria Aspinall responds that beach cleaning and raking will begin once the rafts are in the water. Mike Smith questions the key boxes, and Gloria informs him they are nearing completion.

Discussion turns to scheduling of a kick off meeting for the Jung Frau to Reinach Forced Main Water Project. Paul Fluet, Scott Hayes, Glen Builders and the Commissioners will take part. A construction schedule and payment schedule will be requested. Paul Fluet will also be asked to review the culvert at Big Loop, the intersection at the playground run off, and the pump house upgrades while he is here. Prior to the meeting date, Scott Hayes will be asked to check the survey markers along the bridle path.

## **7. Signature Items**

A letter to Smith College for information on the water sample collection of last summer is signed.

## **8. Correspondence**

The email from Scott Hayes updating the pump house status' is reviewed.

An information request from Northway Bank was received. Dinah Reiss is forwarding the requesting information.

Monson Companies, suppliers of the chemicals for the water system, has sent notification that there will not be a rate increase this year.

LGC is sponsoring a grant program for safety and health related programs. An application package will be ordered.

A thank you for the recent donation card is received from the family of Maureen Ingram.

NH Municipal Association Legislative Bulletin #18 is reviewed.

## **9. Administration**

LGC Legal Inquiry has responded to the incompatibility of office question raised by 2 Commissioners being on the Water Advisory Board. Recommendation to remain compliant with RSA 91-A is to allow only one Commissioner to be a member. Mike Smith asks Art Tucker if he will step down from the WAB. Discussion ensues. This will be discussed with Attorney Crean at the scheduled call.

The payroll report is reviewed and accepted.

**At 10:40am Gloria Aspinall makes a motion to adjourn, Art Tucker seconds the motion and the motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy E. Cole  
Administrator