

**Village District of Eidelweiss
Madison, NH 03849**

Minutes of the Annual Meeting

February 27, 2010

The Annual Meeting was held in the Madison School on Saturday, February 27th, 2010. The voting opened at 7:55am and remained open until 10am. Carol Hally, Emily Sheppard, and Cheryl Brooks were the Checklist Supervisors.

The meeting was called to order by VDOE Moderator E. Peter Craugh at 10:01am. Mr. Craugh explained the procedure of the meeting and separated voters from non-voters by seating arrangement. Mr. Craugh introduced the VDOE officers and legal counsel. Mr. Craugh outlined the retirement of Moderator Mark Graffam and his subsequent appointment to the position. Mr. Craugh thanked Mark Graffam for his years of dedicated service to the VDOE. Mr. Craugh also thanked the Checklist Supervisors for their work.

The VDOE Commissioners were present: Ralph Lutjen, Gloria Aspinall, and Michael Smith. Attorney Daniel Crean, Clerk Nancy Cole, and Treasurer Dinah Reiss were also present.

The Moderator led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Jay Buckley moved and Patrice Lutjen seconded that: **Non-resident taxpayers be allowed to speak. Motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.** The Moderator asked for any objection to setting a priority for those speaking. No objection was voiced.

ARTICLE 1

To choose all necessary officers for the coming year; One Commissioner (three year term), Moderator (two year term), Treasurer (one year term), and Clerk (one year term). By ballot the following were elected:

Arthur Tucker, Commissioner, Three year term by 31 of 33 votes.

James Buckley, Moderator, Two year term by 7 of 17 votes.

Dinah Reiss, Treasurer, One year term by 32 of 33 votes.

Deborah Riendeau, Clerk, One year term by 31 of 33 votes.

(Results were announced during the meeting.)

ARTICLE 2

To see if the District will raise and appropriate the sum of \$133,500 for the purpose of upgrading to a 6" Forced Main Water line from Jung Frau to Reinach; to authorize the issuance of not more than \$133,500 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Commissioners to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; and to authorize the Commissioners to apply for, obtain, accept and expend federal, State or other grants or aid, if any, which may be available for said project, to offset amounts raised and appropriated under this Article; and further to raise and appropriate an additional sum of \$17,000 for the first year's payment of interest on the bond or note. This amount is to be raised by water fees. (2/3 ballot vote required).

Michael Smith moved and Ralph Lutjen seconded to present Article 2 as written. Michael Smith delivered a summary of the project. Arthur Tucker delivered a presentation on the water lines.

Jay Buckley moved and Thomas Verrocchi seconded to amend Article 2 to read:

To see if the District will raise and appropriate the sum of \$133,500 for the purpose of upgrading to a 6" Forced Main Water line from Jung Frau to Reinach; to authorize the issuance of not more than \$133,500 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Commissioners to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; and to authorize the Commissioners to apply for, obtain, accept and expend federal, State or other grants or aid, if any, which may be available for said project, to offset amounts raised and appropriated under this Article; and further to raise and appropriate an additional sum of \$17,000 for the first year's payment of interest on the bond or note. This amount is to be raised by taxes. (2/3 ballot vote required).

Charles Smith moved the question, Jay Buckley seconded. Motion passed by hand count. Discussion ensued on the amendment

Amendment to Article 2 was voted. 12 for, 15 against. Motion to amend Article 2 failed.

Article 2 as presented was voted by ballot. Polls were opened at 11:05 am and remained open for one hour.

The results of the ballot vote on Article 2 as presented were 20 for, 12 against. 32 total votes. 20 for divided by 32 total = 63%.

Article 2 as presented failed to obtain the required 2/3 majority. (Vote was announced after the polls were declared closed at 12:05pm.)

ARTICLE 3

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$387,000 for the purpose of reconstructing and repairing the lower section of Oak Ridge Road, from Oak Station to Eidelweiss Drive, and St. Moritz Drive, including replacement of all water pipes; to authorize the issuance of not more than \$387,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Commissioners to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; and to authorize the Commissioners to apply for, accept, and expend federal, State or other aid or grants, if any, which may be available for said project, to offset amounts raised and appropriated under this Article; and further to raise and appropriate an additional sum of \$49,000 for the first year's payment of interest on the bond or note, with such sum to be raised as follows: 31% (\$15,190) by water fees and 69% (\$33,810) by general taxation. (2/3 ballot vote required).

Michael Smith moved and Jay Buckley seconded to present Article 3 as written. Discussion ensued.

Jay Buckley moved and Jim Lyons seconded to amend Article 3 to read:

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$387,000 for the purpose of reconstructing and repairing the lower section of Oak Ridge Road, from Oak Station to Eidelweiss Drive, and St. Moritz Drive, including replacement of all water pipes; to authorize the issuance of not more than \$387,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Commissioners to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; and to authorize the Commissioners to apply for, accept, and expend federal, State or other aid or grants, if any, which may be available for said project, to offset amounts raised and appropriated under this Article; and further to raise and appropriate an additional sum of \$49,000 for the first year's payment of interest on the bond or note, with such sum to be raised by general taxation. (2/3 ballot vote required).

Bill Gargan moved the question and Mark Riendeau seconded. Motion passed by hand count.

Amendment to Article 3 was voted, 11 for and 18 against. Motion to amend Article 3 failed.

Olivia Craugh moved Article 3 as presented and Michael Smith seconded.

Article 3 as presented was voted by ballot. Polls were opened at 11:33 am and remained open for one hour.

The results of the ballot vote on Article 3 were 12 for, 18 against. Article 3 failed. (Vote was announced after polls were declared closed at 12:35 pm.)

Articles 4 and 5 were tabled pending ballot vote results for Articles 2 and 3.

ARTICLE 6

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$379,982 for the general operation of the District.

Executive	10,045.00
Administration	37,375.00
Legal Expense	12,000.00
Employee Benefits	47,731.00
General Government Buildings	11,900.00
Insurance	13,000.00
Regional Association	600.00
Other General Government	2,000.00
Highways & Streets	224,600.00
Street Lighting	2,500.00
Parks & Recreation	5,000.00
TAN Interest	1,000.00
Bond Interest	12,231.00
TOTAL	379,982.00

Ralph Lutjen moved the question, Patrice Lutjen seconded. Discussion ensued.

Michael Gervino moved the Article to the floor, Patrice Lutjen seconded.

Article 6 was voted with an amount of \$379,982; 24 for, 1 against. Article 6 passed.

ARTICLE 7

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,000 to be placed in the previously established Capital Reserve Funds under the provisions of RSA 35:1:

Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$35,000
Road Construction Capital Reserve Fund	\$30,000

Ralph Lutjen moved the question, Michael Smith seconded. Discussion ensued.

Michael Gervino moved the Article to the floor, Jay Buckley seconded.

Article 7 was voted with an amount of \$65,000; 26 for, 1 against. Article 7 passed.

ARTICLE 8

To see if the District will vote to authorize the Commissioners to enter a long-term lease agreement with the Carroll County Sheriff's Department providing use of, and access to, a portion of the so-called "Cabana" building for the purpose of installation, use, maintenance, repair and replacement of an antenna, tower, and appurtenances for emergency radio communication purposes.

Michael Smith moved the question, Jay Buckley seconded. Discussion ensued.

Michael Gervino moved the Article to the floor, Robert Borchers seconded.

Article 8 was voted; 26 for, 0 against. Article 8 passed.

ARTICLE 9

To see if the District will vote to discontinue the Public Works Capital Reserve Fund created in 1984 under the provisions of RSA 35:3. This fund has a zero balance.

Ralph Lutjen moved the Article to the floor, Jay Buckley seconded. No discussion.

Article 9 was voted; 26 for, 0 against. Article 9 passed.

ARTICLE 10

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$167,786 for the general operation of the water system of the District. This amount is to be raised by water fees. No amount is to be raised from general taxation.

Executive	4,305.00
Administration	19,500.00
Employee Benefits	11,400.00
Buildings	3,150.00
Legal Expense	1,000.00
Property Liability Insurance	2,100.00
Electricity	21,400.00
Telephone lines	2,200.00
Testing	4,500.00
Repairs	51,000.00
Treatment	3,500.00
Engineering Consulting	12,000.00
Water Monitoring	13,500.00
Bond	12,231.00
Water Advisory Board	6,000.00
Total Operating Budget	167,786.00

An explanation of line items was requested and reviewed.

Heidi Gervino moved the Article to the floor, Michael Gervino seconded.

Article 10 was voted with an amount of \$167,786; 25 for, 3 against. Article 10 passed.

ARTICLE 11

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for the purpose of making and repairing connections to the District water system, extending or repairing water lines and making general improvements to the water system. These funds will be offset by water connection fees.

Michael Smith moved the Article to the floor, Ralph Lutjen seconded. Discussion ensued.

Article 11 was voted; 29 for, 0 against. Article 11 passed.

ARTICLE 12

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the purpose of replacing existing street lights with High Pressure Sodium Lights.

Michael Smith moved the Article to the floor, Patrice Lutjen seconded. Discussion ensued.

Article 12 was voted with an amount of \$5,000; 29 for, 0 against. Article 12 passed.

ARTICLE 4 PETITIONED ARTICLE

To see if the District will raise and appropriate the sum of \$127,000 for the purpose of improving the water system. Such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act RSA 33:1 et seq. as amended, to authorize the Commissioners to apply for, obtain, and accept federal, State or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project: to authorize the Commissioners to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; to authorize the Commissioners to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,000 for the first year's payment. This amount is to be raised by taxes. (2/3 ballot vote required).

Jay Buckley moved the question, Jim Lyons seconded. Discussion ensued.

Dorothy Wondolowski moved and Patrice Lutjen seconded to amend Article 4 funding to 50% taxes and 50% Water Fees. Discussion ensued and amendment was withdrawn.

Jay Buckley moved and Jim Lyons seconded to amend Article 4 wording to match Article 2. Discussion ensued and amendment was withdrawn.

Dorothy Wondolowski moved and Bill Gargan seconded to amend Article 4 to:

To see if the District will raise and appropriate the sum of \$133,500 for the purpose of upgrading to a 6" Forced Main Water line from Jung Frau to Reinach; to authorize the issuance of not more than \$133,500 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Commissioners to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; and to authorize the Commissioners to apply for, obtain, accept and expend federal, State or other grants or aid, if any, which may be available for said project, to offset amounts raised and appropriated under this Article; and further to raise and appropriate an additional sum of \$17,000 for the first year's payment of interest on the bond or note. This amount is to be raised 50% by

water fees and 50% by general taxation. (2/3 ballot vote required).

Discussion ensued. **Amendment to Article 4 was voted, 24 for, 1 against.** Amendment passed.

Michael Gervino called Article 4 as amended to the floor, Bill Gargan seconded.

Article 4 as amended was voted by ballot. Polls opened at 12:40 pm and remained open for one hour.

The result of the ballot vote on Article 4 as amended were 22 for, 8 against. 30 total votes. 22 for divided by 30 = 73%.

Article 4 as amended passed with required 2/3 majority. (Vote was announced after the polls were declared closed at 1:40 pm.)

ARTICLE 5 PETITIONED ARTICLE

To see if the District will raise and appropriate the sum of \$387,000 for the reconstruction and repair of the lower section of Oak Ridge Road, from above Chocorua View Drive to Eidelweiss Drive, and St. Moritz Drive, including replacement of all water pipes. Such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act RSA 33:1 et seq. as amended, to authorize the Commissioners to apply for, obtain, and accept federal, State or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project: to authorize the Commissioners to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; to authorize the Commissioners to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$52,000 for the first year's payment. This amount is to be raised by taxes. (2/3 ballot vote required).

Moderator moved on to Article 5. No motion to move Article was received. Article not acted upon.

ARTICLE 13

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,574 to replace the water system bana circuits (phone lines) with a wireless RF/SCADA system for pump operations with \$35,000 to come from the fund balance and the remaining \$5,574 to be raised by water fees.

Arthur Tucker moved the question, Linda Tucker seconded. Discussion ensued.

Michael Gervino moved the Article to the floor, Patrice Lutjen seconded.

Article 13 was voted, 25 for, 0 against. Article 13 passed.

ARTICLE 14

To act upon any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Tom Verrochi made a motion to call for the removal of the DPW Supervisor. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Stanley Wondolowski made a motion to move the rock monument to the front of the flag. James Buckley seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion passed by hand count. Board of Commissioners will review.

Jay Buckley made a motion to have a committee appointed to review funding options for the water system. Bill Gargan seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion failed by hand count. Board of Commissioners and Water Advisory Board will continue to review options.

At 1:05 pm, the Moderator requested any additional items for discussion.

No additional discussion from the floor.

At 1:05 pm Michael Gervino made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jay Buckley seconded. Moderator announced adjournment of meeting except for the purpose of announcing results of vote on Article 4. Polls will be declared closed at 1:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy E. Cole
Clerk, Village District of Eidelweiss