

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

Annual Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2007

The Annual Meeting was held in the Madison School on Saturday, February 24th, 2007. The voting opened at 8 a.m. and remained open until 10 a.m. Carol Holly, Emily Sheppard and Cheryl Brooks were the Checklist Supervisors.

The meeting was called to order by Mark Graffam, Moderator, at 10:04 p.m. Mark Graffam explained the do's and don'ts of the meeting and separated the voters from the non-voters by rows. Mark Graffam said he had been in contact with the State Department of Revenue Administration about Article 2. If Article 2 was voted down, no money could be raised by any other article for the same purpose.

Jay Buckley made a motion, seconded by TC Lutjen, to waive the reading of the warrant. So voted.

Ed Foley requested the Pledge of Allegiance before the meeting got under way. So done.

Jay Buckley made a motion, seconded by Kevin O'Neil, to allow everyone present to speak. So voted.

ARTICLE 1

To choose all necessary officers for the coming year; One Commissioner (three year term), Treasurer (one year term), and Clerk (one year term).

Mark Graffam said the results of Article 1 would be read at the end of the meeting.

ARTICLE 2

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the purpose of making improvements to 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 one hundred and forty three thousand dollars (\$143,000) for the first year's payment. (2/3 ballot vote required).

Recommended by the Board of Commissioners.

Jay Buckley made a motion, seconded by Andy Craugh, to adopt Article 2.

Ralph Lutjen said the proposal had been discussed extensively at the Public Hearings held in January. He read parts of a letter from the State Department of Environmental Services supporting the proposal and pointing out the possible consequences of not funding improvements to the water system.

Bob Simmons spoke against the Article and questioned whether the money appropriated could be spent elsewhere. He wanted to know how much was left out of the Capital Reserve Funds established last year for \$120,00. Ralph Lutjen said there was about \$33,000 remaining.

Chet Geveda asked why the Commissioners were asking for only part of the funds required to do the whole of the Master Plan recommendations. Ralph Lutjen said the Commissioners did not think the larger amount of \$1.9 million would pass the voters and it would increase the taxes further.

Chet Geveda made a motion, seconded by Jay Buckley, amend Article 2 to raise and appropriate \$1.7 million dollars and raise and appropriate \$243,000 for the first year's payment.

On a hand count, the amendment passed 16 to 14.

Ed Foley made a motion to amend Article 2 to \$225,000. The motion died for lack of a second.

Jay Buckley made a motion, seconded by Byron Blodgett, to add " and to complete the Oak Ridge Road project by paving the reconstructed portion of the road with a 1" wearcoat keeping with proper road construction standards. This work is to be completed no later than October 31, 2008".

On a hand count, the amendment passed 22-4.

Andy Craugh made a motion, seconded by TC Lutjen to move the amended article. The motion passed 22-3.

Mark Graffam explained that the voting would be by ballot, the polls would be open for an hour and a 2/3 majority was needed for Article 2 to pass.

The voting commenced at 11:46 a.m. and the polls closed at 12:46 p.m

The vote was 19 in favor and 15 against Article 2, as amended.

Article 2 failed.

ARTICLE 3

To see if the District will vote to raise the water connection fee to \$8,000. In the event the cost of the connection exceeds this amount then any additional costs will be paid by the applicant.

Jay Buckley made a motion, seconded by Peter Craugh, to adopt Article 3.

Ralph Lutjen said at 10 houses per year the hook up fee would contribute to the water system improvements. Jim Lyons said it was not fair on existing property owners who had not been able to build for the past three years.

Jay Buckley made a motion, seconded by Jim Lyons, to amend the article to have an effective date of January 1st 2008.

On a hand count, the amendment passed 22-4.

The amended article passed 24 -6.

Article 3 passed as amended to include an effective date of January 1st, 2008.

ARTICLE 4

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy five thousand dollars (\$75,000) and authorize the Board of Commissioners to spend those funds 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. No amount is to be raised from taxation.

Jay Buckley made a motion, seconded by TC Lutjen to adopt Article 4.

On a hand count Article 4 passed 27-0.

ARTICLE 4 passed.

ARTICLE 5

To see if the District will develop a water hook up ordinance in accordance with the Water System Master Plan and the standards of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. All connections will be prohibited until such an ordinance is

adopted by the Board of Commissioners.

Cathy Sholtanis made a motion, seconded by Jay Buckley, to adopt Article 5.

Ralph Lutjen said this should be a short term issue if improvements to the water system are made.

Chet Geveda made an amendment, seconded by Jim Lyons, to have the ordinance in place 90 days after this meeting.

On a hand count, the amendment passed 22-5.

On a hand count, the amended article passed 16-13.

Article 5 passed as amended to have the ordinance in place 90 days after this meeting.

ARTICLE 6

To see if the District will vote to create an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a to be known as the Highway Equipment Maintenance Fund for the purpose of repairing and maintaining highway equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in this fund and appoint the Board of Commissioners as agents to expend. This sum to come from the Fund Balance and no amount to be raised from taxation.

Recommended by the Board of Commissioners.

Peter Craugh made a motion, seconded by Jay Buckley, to adopt Article 6.

Peter Craugh explained that the purpose of the fund was to cover large unexpected equipment expenses.

On a hand count Article 6 passed 26 - 0.

Article 6 passed

ARTICLE 7

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty eight thousand dollars (\$38,000) for paving three intersections with Rte 113 (Sarnen, Alpenhof and Grison) and for a parking strip in front of the mailboxes on Huttwil and authorize the withdrawal of twenty eight thousand, five hundred dollars (\$28,500) from the Capital Reserve Fund for Road Construction. for this purpose. The balance of nine thousand, five hundred dollars (\$9,500) is to come from general taxation.

Cathy Sholtanis made a motion, seconded by Andy Craugh, to adopt Article 7.

Rick Sholtanis made a motion, seconded by Jay Buckley, to amend the article to remove “and for a parking strip in front of the mailboxes on Huttwil”.

On a hand count, the amendment passed 23 - 2.

Holly Maudsley made an amendment, seconded by Jay Buckley, to amend the article to reduce the amount to be raised and appropriated to \$28,000 and to have \$28,000 taken from the Capital Reserve Fund for Road Construction.

On a hand count, the amendment passed 27-0.

On a hand count, the amended article passed 23-4.

Article 7 passed as amended reducing the amount to be raised and appropriated to \$28,000 for the paved aprons and for the \$28,000 to be withdrawn from the Capital Reserve Fund for Road Construction.

ARTICLE 8

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty two thousand dollars (\$62,000) for repairs to Blinden Drive and authorize the withdrawal of forty six thousand five hundred dollars (\$46,500) from the Capital Reserve Fund for Road Construction. for this purpose. The balance of fifteen thousand, five hundred dollars (\$15,500) is to come from general taxation.

Jay Buckley made a motion, seconded by TC Lutjen, to adopt Article 8.

On hand count, Article 8 passed 17 - 4

Article 8 passed

ARTICLE 9

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) from the General Fund Balance to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for Land Acquisition and Development.

Recommended by the Board of Commissioners.

Gloria Aspinall made a motion, seconded by Peter Craugh, to adopt Article 9.

On a hand count Article 9 passed 21-0.

Article 9 passed.

ARTICLE 10

To see if the District will raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) for the purchase of the following parcels of land from the Town of Madison: Tax Map 101, lots 40,55,and 57; Tax Map 103, lots 45,48, and 52; Tax Map 105, lots 69 and 72; Tax Map 109, lot 2; Tax Map. 114, lots 34 and 63; Tax Map 206, lot 65. These parcels of land were previously conveyed to the Town of Madison due to the failure of their previous owners to pay real estate taxes. The conveyance will be subject to a restriction that title to the property remains within the Village District of Eidelweiss and that the same not be developed for residential use.

Rick Sholtanis made a motion, seconded by TC Lutjen, to amend the article to add “any” before “of the following parcels of land”.

On voice count, the amendment passed.

On a hand count, the amendment passed 17-6.

Article 10 passed as amended to include “any of the following parcels...”

ARTICLE 11

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$485,763 for the general operation of the District.

Executive	25,000.00
Financial Administration	32,500.00
Legal Expense	12,000.00
Personnel Administration	37,600.00
General Government Buildings	11,100.00
Insurance	13,500.00
Regional Association	400.00
Other General Government	2,500.00
Highways & Streets	175,100.00
Street Lighting	1,800.00

Solid Waste Disposal	1,400.00
Water Services	66,400.00
Parks & Recreation	5,000.00
Tan Interest	6,000.00
Bond Interest	24,462.00
Capital Reserve Funds	71,001.00
TOTAL	485,763.00

Peter Craugh made a motion, seconded by Rick Sholtanis to adopt Article 11.

Jay Buckley made a motion, seconded by Bob Simmons, to amend the legal line item to \$5,000 and reduce the bottom line to \$480,763.

On hand count, the amendment failed 5 - 16.

TC Lutjen made a motion, seconded by Cathy Sholtanis, to amend the article to increase the water repairs by \$60,000 and the bottom line to \$545,763.

On hand count, the amendment passed 16-7.

Mark Graffam said he had spoken with the Department of Revenue Administration about the Capital Reserve Funds appropriations. As far as the State is concerned they have recommended that such appropriations be separate warrant articles but they have not disapproved them if they had been included in the operational budget. This issue will be corrected next year.

Rick Sholtanis made a motion, seconded by Cathy Sholtanis, to appropriate the \$71,001 allocated to the Capital Reserve Funds as follows; \$35,000 for Highway Equipment, \$5,000 for Land Acquisition, \$30,000 for Road Construction and \$1,000 for Office Equipment and \$1 to the Water System.

On a voice vote, the amendment passed.

On a hand count, Article 11 passed as amended 19-1.

Article 11 passed as amended for a total of \$545,763.

ARTICLE 12

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

Jay Buckley made a motion, seconded by Patricia Aliventi, that the Commissioners come to the 2008 Annual Meeting with greater details and plans with regards to projects.

The motion failed 5 - 15.

The Moderator announced the results of Article 1 - election of officers:

Jay Buckley was elected Commissioner with 29 votes.

Dinah Reiss was elected Treasurer with 49 votes.

Michael Smith was elected Clerk with 50 votes.

Motion to adjourn made by Peter Craugh, seconded by Gloria Aspinall.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael E. Smith
Clerk