

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

Minutes for the Annual Meeting

February 23, 2008

The Annual Meeting was held in the Madison School on Saturday, February 23rd, 2008. 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 10:00 p.m. Mark Graffam called for the Pledge of Allegiance. So done.

John Vendola made a motion, seconded by David Dempsey, to waive the reading of the Warrant. The motion carried unanimously.

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).

Mark Graffam said the results will be announced at the end of the meeting.

ARTICLE 2

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$321,881 for the general operation of the District.

Executive	7,175.00
Financial Administration	22,675.00
Legal Expense	9,500.00
Employee Benefits	50,000.00
General Government Buildings	5,900.00
Insurance	10,000.00
Regional Association	600.00
Other General Government	2,500.00

Highways & Streets	187,100.00
Street Lighting	1,800.00
Solid Waste Disposal	1,400.00
Parks & Recreation	5,000.00
Tan Interest	6,000.00
Bond Interest	12,231.00
TOTAL	321,881.00

Motion made by David Dempsey, seconded by Peter Craugh to consider each item line by line.

Motion by David Dempsey to reduce the bottom line to 300,000. Motion died for lack of a second.

Motion by David Dempsey to reduce administration to \$1. Motion died for lack of a second.

Bill Gargan made a motion to increase employee benefits from \$50,000 to \$60,000. Seconded by David Dempsey.

Motion by David Dempsey to suspend discussion on Article 2 and go to Article 10. Seconded by Byron Blodgett.

The motion carried

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Eidelweiss legislative body will set the annual water usage fee at \$50, and move all budget line items and associated monies from the 2007 Eidelweiss water system budget and place them into the general budget.

The purpose of this article is to distribute the water system costs to all Eidelweiss property tax payers both those that currently use the water system and those who benefit indirectly and/or from any and all improvements to the system.

Petitioned article signed by Kevin O'Neil and others.

Motion made by David Dempsey to discuss Article 10, seconded by Byron Blodgett. Motion

carried.

There was an extensive debate about this article.

On a hand count, Article 10 failed with 7 yes votes and 25 no votes.

Motion By David Dempsey to move to article 11. Seconded by Ralph Lutjen. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 11

To see if the District will vote to recommend to the commissioners the establishment of a Water Assessment per RSA 38:27, for all costs associated with improvements to the Eidelweiss Water System. This assessment will be assigned to all privately owned properties within the Village District of Eidelweiss and will be collected on an annual basis in conjunction with the water bill(s).

Petitioned article signed by James J. Lyons and others.

On a hand count, Article 11 failed with 7 yes and 24 no votes

Returning to Article 2, Peter Craugh made an amendment, seconded by Jay Buckley, to increase the Highway line item by \$20,000 to cover increased winter costs.

On a hand count, the amendment passed 25-2.

The amended Article 2 was passed 32-1 for a total of \$341,881.

ARTICLE 3

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$156,781 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 taxation.

Executive	7,175.00
Administration	22,675.00
Employee Benefits	10,000.00
Buildings	5,900.00
Legal Expense	2,500.00
Property Liability Insurance	2,100.00
Electricity	20,000.00
Telephone lines	2,200.00

Testing	4,000.00
Repairs	50,000.00
Treatment	3,000.00
Engineering Consulting	2,000.00
Water Monitoring	13,000.00
Bond	12,231.00
Total Operating Budget	156,781.00

Ralph Lutjen made a motion, seconded by Peter Craugh to adopt Article 3. The motion carried.

Mike Smith made an amendment , seconded by Jay Buckley, to raise the bottom line by \$6,000 to accommodate services required for the Water Advisory Board.

On a hand count, the amendment passed 30-1

Ralph Lutjen made a motion, seconded by TC Lutjen to raise the bottom line by \$10,000 to accommodate an engineering study of the aquifer supplying water to the District.

On a hand count, the amendment passed 24-3

Article 3 as amended passed 25-3 for a total of \$172,781.

Motion to restrict further consideration of Article 2 was made by David Dempsey seconded by Frances Keenan.

Motion passed

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Motion passed

ARTICLE 4

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,000 to be placed in the previously established Capital Reserve Funds under the provisions of RSA35:1:

Highway Equipment	Capital Reserve Fund	\$35,000
Road Construction	Capital Reserve Fund	\$30,000
Land Acquisition	Capital Reserve Fund	\$5,000

Recommended by the Board of Commissioners.

Motion to adopt Article 4 made by David Dempsey, seconded by Ellen McGregor.

Amendment proposed by Bill Gargan, seconded by Joe Parent, to reduce each of the capital reserve funds by half.

Amendment failed.

Article 4 as proposed passed 22-1 for a total of \$70,000.

ARTICLE 5

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$57,000 for applying a topcoat and adding gravel to the shoulders to 2800 linear feet of the reconstructed section of Oak Ridge Road and authorize the withdrawal of \$15,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund for Road Construction. The balance of \$42,000 is to come from general taxation.

Motion made by David Dempsey, seconded by Jay Buckley, to adopt Article 5.

Article 5 failed with 11 yes votes and 17 no votes.

ARTICLE 6

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the design, permitting and construction of a storm water detention pond for the Geneva Beach.

Motion made by Ralph Lutjen, seconded by Mike Gervino, to adopt Article 6. Motion carried.

Article 6 passed with 27 yes votes and 1 no vote.

ARTICLE 7

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the purchase of equipment to ensure that the District public meetings and records are available and archived on the internet and authorize the withdrawal of \$5,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund for Office Equipment for this purpose. No amount is to be raised by taxation.

Motion made by David Dempsey, seconded by Ralph Lutjen, to adopt Article 7.

Article 7 passed to raise \$5,000.

ARTICLE 8

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.

Motion made by David Dempsey, seconded by Jude Devlin, to adopt Article 8. The motion carried.

Article 8 passed to raise \$75,000.

ARTICLE 9

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for the design permitting and bidding for new water storage tanks at Reinach and associated piping for Jungfrau. This amount is to be raised by water fees. No amount is to be raised from taxation.

Article 9 passed to raise \$20,000.

ARTICLE 12

To see if the District will vote to repeal the septic ordinance adopted in 2005.

Article 12 Passed

ARTICLE 13

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

Mike Smith made a motion, seconded by David Dempsey, to reconstitute the Water Advisory Board. The motion passed

Ralph Lutjen made a motion, seconded by TC Lutjen, that District Commissioners serving on Town Boards have a first priority to the District. Motion failed.

David Dempsey made a motion, seconded by Joe Parent, to see if the Commissioners will study the feasibility of the Town of Madison taking over the maintenance of the roads in Eidelweiss and report back at next year's Town Meeting with a warrant article. Motion passed.

Results of the Elections:

Commissioner	Mike Smith	52 votes
Treasurer	Dinah Reiss	50 votes
Moderator	Mark Graffam	44 votes
Clerk	Peter Craugh	38 votes

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael E. Smith

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Clerk