

**VILLAGE DISTRICT OF EIDELWEISS
COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

September 28, 2009

The Board of Commissioners met on Monday, September 28th, 2009 in the District Office. Present were Commissioners: Ralph Lutjen, Gloria Aspinall and Mike Smith. Also attending was Steve Pannone (Highway Dept). The meeting was taped by videographer Tim Hughes.

At 9:00 am the meeting was called to order by Chairman Ralph Lutjen.

1. Agenda

Gloria Aspinall makes a motion to accept the agenda as presented, Mike Smith seconds the motion and the motion passed.

2. Accounts Payable

23 items for a total of \$8,573.40.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the 9/21/09 meeting were reviewed. The Public Hearing has been moved to October 5, 2009. **Mike Smith makes a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Gloria Aspinall seconds the motion and the motion passed.**

4. Highway Department

Steve Pannone reports on the past week of activity. The entrance gate motor has been repaired, so the gate is operational again. Correspondence has been received from 31 Bristenstock which Ralph Lutjen reviews with Steve. The owner is objecting to the opinion of the Highway Department in regards to their driveway. They did, however, fill out a permit application and submit the fee. A follow up letter will be sent to the owners. Steve outlines the situation and states that the pitch of the paving over the culvert is now putting water onto the roadway. The water needs to be diverted away from the road. Additional asphalt to reduce the pitch is suggested.

Steve reports that the ditches on East Bergamo, Waldsbut, and Porridge Shore were cleaned. 2.8 tons of cold patch were picked up on Tuesday. 1 ton is a free trial sample of the product from the manufacturer. The cold patch was used on the corner of Jungfrau and seems to be holding well. The rest will be used on Upper Lakeview. The rafts were removed this week. The culvert on Thusis was cleaned. The water department had some extra hot patch from a job which was used on Aspen and Appenvel for a repair. Fill was added to the corner on Chocorua View Drive. The correct chain for the sander was received from Fairfield this week and it was worked on Friday. The pulley's and bearings for the chain have been replaced. The 550 will need

to be back in order to finish up as the sander needs to be on the truck to properly adjust the chain tension. Joe Calitri is in for extra help for this project as welding is needed. The tank cart for the torch is broken and a new one has been ordered. It will be in on Wednesday. Replacement ears for the plow blades have been ordered. There were two culverts left on a lot on Bristenstock and they will be removed today. Salins and Appenvel are listed to be worked on this week. As a new cell phone plan has been looked into, Steve requests an upgrade of phone choices to the construction style phones which should last longer. Cost will be checked prior to purchase. The Duramax appears to have an electrical issue as the strobes come on when the brakes are engaged. It was also noticed that a body guide is missing. The truck will be returned to Coastal for correction. The list of roads for crack sealing is turned in. Larry Chase and Joe Calitri will be doing the crack sealing this year. Larry will discuss scheduling with Joe. Gloria Aspinall questions Steve on sweeping the roads, Steve will have this done.

5. Appearances

6. Commissioners Reports

Ralph Lutjen begins his report with an update on the salt shed site. 20 bore samples were needed to determine soil stability for building. Stumps were located in the back section, some as far as 20' down. Several alternatives for building at the site are expected once final engineering of the soil is complete. Regardless of the options, it will add cost to the project. Ralph would like to continue this meeting tomorrow morning to discuss the alternatives as they are anticipated to be received today. The new building should be more stable as a result of this review. The initial alternative to move the building forward has been rejected as the building would wind up too close to the road and the turning radius for entry would be tight. Ralph will follow up with Glen Builders on the status of the information. Discussion turns to the timing of the continuation for this meeting. 9am tomorrow is agreed upon.

Ralph continues his report with the statement that he will be out of town on October 12, Columbus Day. There will not be a meeting that day in observance of the Holiday.

Ralph reports that he met with the builder for the bulletin board/mailbox site and obtained additional information. The backing of the bulletin board will be replaced. A metal spike will be put into the sonar tubes with pressure treated wood attached.

Tuesday morning Ralph discusses the engineering report received on the salt shed site. The bearing capability of the site is questionable. Two of the corners tested to 20' down before reaching stable soil. The other two corners tested OK to bear the weight of the garage and equipment. Ralph explains that there will be multiple options from which to choose as to how to correct this issue. The options are: remove debris and backfill, install metal pilings, install concrete caissons, or design slab for differential settlement. The first option will be very expensive. The last option would require acceptance of cracks in the flooring where settling differs. Ralph explains it may also be possible to change the footing designs and remove only what is necessary of the debris.

The cost for engineering the options is \$3,850. Ralph requests approval of change order with additional discussion about the costs of the options to occur at the next meeting. **Mike Smith makes a motion to approve \$3,850 for engineering of the site, Gloria Aspinall seconds the motion and the motion passed.**

Ralph explains that he misinterpreted the time line of Joe Calitri's work with the bobcat and had thought it extended to the end of the calendar month. Rental was on a 4 week basis and the bobcat has been returned. Steve had requested Joe remain for an additional week to assist with winter preparations and some welding that is needed. Ralph feels it is efficient to have Joe remain. Mike Smith questions when the bobcat rental was up; 9/25 was end of 4 weeks and the equipment was picked up by MB Tractor Monday morning 9/28. As the equipment needs to be ready for winter, the Board agrees that having Joe remain for an additional week is granted.

Gloria Aspinall begins her report with the information that there is an abutter interested in the tennis court lot. Mr. Morganstern, northern abutter to the lot, has requested he be supplied with an asking price for the lot. Gloria has obtained assessment information, the bottom line of which seems overpriced for the condition of this lot. The lot is assessed at \$31,000.00. Ralph suggests Gloria speak to Jim Lyons on this issue as he is a local real estate professional. Gloria reports that the Rockhouse equipment has been removed from the lot. Mike suggests Laura Spector, attorney, review the letter from the Rockhouse attorney and respond. **Mike Smith makes a motion for the information on the lot and the letter from Attorney Kelly to be sent to Laura for review along with Dan Crean's evaluation of the site. Gloria Aspinall seconds the motion and the motion passed unanimously.**

Tuesday morning Gloria distributes additional information on the lot which she obtained from Jim Lyons. The assessment shows \$14,400 for the asphalt, which is currently in disrepair. Jim suggests the Commissioners discount that amount when establishing the asking price. Gloria feels \$15,000 would be a fair price. Discussion ensues as to asking the interested party to come in or sending a letter. This will be discussed further upon receipt of the information review from Attorney Spector.

Mike Smith begins his report with an update on the possible replacement of the banana lines. He has scheduled an appointment for January 4, 2010 to meet with ICS for review of a wireless system.

Mike continues by stating that he has informed Scott Hayes (Water Operator) to contact Brad Donaldson of Rockhouse Mountain on the Mohla property switch over. This has not yet been completed.

A crack was found in the piping from the chem room to the well head at the DPW site. The crack has been repaired and this should correct the pH issue that has been going on. Mike questions Nancy for an update on the audit, new file sent, no additional information since then received. An additional follow up will be done.

7. Signature Items

Supplemental Agreement for the Tower site is signed.

First Amendment to Lease for the Tower site is signed.

A letter to the homeowners of 31 Bristenstock in regards to water from their driveway is signed.

A letter removing the objection to rocks placed at the edge of Klausen is signed.

8. Correspondence

An estimate for placement of air bag suspension for the Duramax has been received from Coastal Collision. Ralph states that if it will improve the truck and help maintain longevity, he is for it. He will discuss the estimate with Steve so that Steve may check around for any other options.

A homeowner has contacted the office about a booster pump. Ralph believes that any repair or replacement is the responsibility of the homeowner. Gloria states that her recollection is the same, homeowner is responsible. Water pressure tested at sill is within guidelines and the homeowner stated she is having no issues with pressure. Homeowner will be advised it is their responsibility.

Tom Verrochi has complained about culverts being stored on his property. These will be removed.

Madison Board of Selectmen have invited the Commissioners to Tuesday's meeting to discuss street lights. Gloria Aspinall will attend.

9. Administration

At 10:00 Ralph Lutjen makes a motion to recess the meeting until 9am tomorrow, Gloria Aspinall seconds the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

At 9:00am Tuesday 9/29 the Board reconvened. **At 9:30 Mike Smith makes a motion to enter non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II (a) to discuss an employee issue. Gloria Aspinall seconds the motion and the motion passed unanimously.**

At 10am the Board re-entered public session. **Mike Smith makes a motion to seal the minutes of the non-public session, Gloria Aspinall seconds the motion and the motion passed unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy E. Cole
Administrator