

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

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting  
February 23, 2013**

The Annual Meeting was held in the Madison School on Saturday, February 23, 2012. The polls for voting opened at 8 AM and remained open until 10 AM. Carol Hally, Emily Sheppard, and Cheryl Brooks were the Checklist Supervisors. Tim Hughes was the videographer.

At 10:03 AM the Moderator declared the polls closed.

The meeting was called to order by VDOE Moderator E. Peter Craugh at 10:03AM. The Moderator led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Mr. Craugh introduced the VDOE Commissioners - Mark Graffam, Ralph Lutjen and Ron Sandstrom. Also introduced were Administrator Nancy Cole and Clerk Olivia Craugh and Treasurer Dinah Reiss. He also introduced Sergeant Colby of the Madison Police Department. Mr. Craugh explained the procedure of the meeting - warrants, and voting procedures etc.

Mr. Craugh also thanked the EPOA for providing refreshments for the meeting.

Point of Order by Jay Buckley - Motion made to allow non-registered VDOE tax payers to speak during the meeting; second by Robert Ingram. Motion carries unanimously by a show of hands

The following items from the warrant were acted upon.

### **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). The following were elected:

- Michael Smith – Commissioner 3 year term
- Dorothy Wondoloski – Clerk 1 year term
- Dinah Reiss – Treasurer 1 year term

Note: Results were announced prior to opening of voting for Article 2. The total voting was 65.

Deliberative Session commenced at 10:03 a.m. Action on the following articles was undertaken:

### **ARTICLE 2**

Ron Sandstrom Moved and Mark Graffam seconded that:

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$165,000 for the purpose of replacing the Jungfrau pumps and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$112,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and determine the rate of interest thereon and to authorize the Commissioners to apply for, obtain, and accept Federal, State, or other aid, if any, which may be

available for said project; furthermore to authorize the withdrawal of \$53,000 from the Water System Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose and to further raise and appropriate \$15,000 for the first years payment to come from the Water Line Extension Fund.

Note: Future payments will be raised by 75% Water User Fees and 25% by General Taxation.

Discussion ensued.

Michael Smith proposed, seconded by Jay Buckley, the following amendment to article 2:

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$165,000 for the purpose of replacing the Jungfrau pumps and to authorize the issuance of not more than 0 of bonds and notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and determine the rate of interest thereon and to authorize the Commissioners to apply for, obtain, and accept Federal, State, or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project; furthermore to authorize the withdrawal of \$53,000 from the Water System Capital Reserve Fund; to authorize withdrawal of \$25,000 from the Water Extension Fund; and to authorize the withdrawal of \$87,000 from the Unassigned General Fund. All funds to be withdraw from existing funds of the Village District of Eidelweiss with no increase in taxes or water bills for this Article. *(This amendment is recorded as written by the submitter)*

Discussion ensued.

By a show of hands this amendment to article 2 was **defeated 18 yes, 19 no**. The vote was recounted with the same results.

Jay Buckley moved and Patrice Lutjen seconded the following amendment to article 2:

**To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$165,000 for the purpose of replacing the Jungfrau pumps and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$112,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and determine the rate of interest thereon and to authorize the Commissioners to apply for, obtain, and accept Federal, State, or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project; furthermore to authorize the withdrawal of \$53,000 from the Water System Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose and to further raise and appropriate \$15,000 for the first years payment to come from the Water Line Extension Fund.**

**Note: Future payments will be raised by 50% Water User Fees and 50% by General Taxation.** *(This amendment is recorded as written by the submitter)*

Discussion ensued.

The article was voted by a show of hands. **16 Yes, 14 No**. The moderator declared **Article 2 to be amended**.

Discussion ended and the **Amended Article 2** was voted by secret ballot.

The polls were open from 11:06am to 12:06pm. The vote result was **26 Yes, 12 No**. This met the 2/3 requirement and the moderator declared **Article 2 as amended to have passed**.

**ARTICLE 3**

Mark Graffam moved and Ron Sandstrom seconded that:

**To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$378,562 for the general operation of the District. Funds for this appropriation shall be raised by general taxation.**

Executive	12,198
Administration	44,455
Legal Expense	5,100
Employee Benefits	69,988
General Government Buildings	17,670
Insurance	12,475
Regional Association	1,105
Other General Government	1,275
Highways & Streets	189,765
Street Lighting	1,300
Parks & Recreation	10,000
TAN Interest	1,000
Bond, Oak Ridge Rd	12,231
Bond, Jungfrau Forced Main	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$378,562</b>

Discussion ensued.

Robert Simmons proposed amendments regarding the General Fund level and financial reporting. The moderator declared that these amendments did not apply to the intent of this article but could be brought forth under Article 12.

The article was voted by a show of hands. **26 Yes 0 No**. The moderator declared **Article 3 passed**.

**ARTICLE 4**

Mark Graffam moved and Ralph Lutjen seconded that:

**To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$165,000 for the purchase of an all-wheel drive truck. Funds for this appropriation are to be raised by trade or sale of the 2009 International with remaining funds coming from the Unassigned Fund Balance.**

Discussion ensued.

The article was voted by a show of hands. **16 Yes, 14 No**. The moderator declared **Article 4 passed**.

**ARTICLE 5**

Ralph Lutjen moved and Mark Graffam seconded that:

**To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for the chip sealing of Eidelweiss Drive and Appenvel Way from Eidelweiss Drive to Aspen Drive. Funds for this appropriation will be from the Unassigned Fund Balance.**

Discussion ensued.

The article was voted by a show of hands, **28 Yes, 0 No**. The moderator declared **Article 5 passed**.

**ARTICLE 6**

Ralph Lutjen moved and Mark Graffam seconded that:

**To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$37,700 for Phase 1 of the reconstruction of the first 500 feet of Oak Ridge Rd. Funds for this appropriation will be from the Unassigned Fund Balance.**

Discussion ensued.

The article was voted by a show of hands, **30 Yes, 0 No**. The moderator declared **Article 6 passed**.

**ARTICLE 7**

Ralph Lutjen moved and Mark Graffam seconded that:

**To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$132,360 for the general operation of the water system of the District. Funds for this appropriation shall be raised by water user fees.**

Executive	2,152
Administration	7,845
Employee Benefits	8,282
General Government Buildings	3,030
Legal Expense	900
Property Liability Insurance	2,025
Water Services Electricity	28,650
Heat (propane)	2,000
Testing	4,800
Repairs	37,500
Telemetry System	4,600
Treatment	7,500
Engineering Consulting	2,000
Water Monitoring & Chemical Room	8,425
Bond, Oak Ridge Rd	12,231
Bond, Jungfrau Forced Main	0
<b>Total Operating Budget</b>	<b>\$132,360</b>

Discussion ensued.

The article was voted by a show of hands, **32 Yes, 0 No**. The moderator declared **Article 7 passed**.

## **ARTICLE 8**

Mark Graffam moved and Ralph Lutjen seconded that:

**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. Funds for this appropriation shall be offset by water connection fees.**

Discussion ensued.

The article was voted by a show of hands, **31 Yes, 0 No**. The moderator declared **Article 8 passed**.

Jay Buckley moved and Mark Graffam seconded that: **Article 2 is not be reconsidered**  
The motion was voted by a show of hands, **29 Yes, 0 No**. The moderator declared **the motion passed**.

## **ARTICLE 9**

Mark Graffam moved and Ralph Lutjen seconded that:

**To see if the District will vote to authorize the Commissioners to enter into a purchase or lease agreement for the purpose of obtaining a grader for the Highway Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for the first year's payment for that purpose. If a lease agreement is entered, the lease agreement will contain an escape clause. Funds for this appropriation shall be from the Unassigned Fund Balance.**

Discussion ensued.

The article was voted by a show of hands, **29 Yes, 0 No**. The moderator declared **Article 9 passed**.

## **ARTICLE 10**

Ralph Lutjen moved and Mark Graffam seconded that:

**To see if the voters recommend the Commissioners modify the Driveway Ordinance to protect the taxpayers from the cost of road maintenance resulting from a non-compliant driveway.**

Discussion ensued.

The article was voted by a show of hands, **28 Yes, 1 No**. The moderator declared **Article 10 passed**.

## **ARTICLE 11**

Mark Graffam moved and Nancy Cole seconded that:

**To see if the voters recommend the Commissioners pursue the Village District of Eidelweiss becoming a Firewise community.**

Discussion ensued.

The article was voted by a show of hands, **28 Yes, 0 No**. The moderator declared **Article 11 passed.**

## **ARTICLE 12**

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

Robert Simmons moved and Charles Smith seconded that:

A detailed report of the unassigned general fund, to include opening balance/expenditures. To be given as a handout at the beginning of the annual meeting of the VDOE every year as a line item. Also that the State recommended sum of 17% be raised to a cap of 33%. All Unassigned General Fund exceeding 33% be returned to the taxpayers reflecting in their yearly tax bill as a line item. *(This article is recorded as written by the submitter)*

Discussion ensued.

The motion was voted by a show of hands, **10 Yes, 18 No**. The moderator declared **the motion defeated.**

In a comment Dorothy Wondoloski thanked the Village officials for their service and to the participants of the meeting for their concern for the Village.

At 1:12pm Mark Graffam moved and Ralph Lutjen seconded that: **The VDOE Annual Meeting is dissolved.**

By an affirmative voice vote the Moderator declared the meeting **dissolved.**

Recorded and Submitted by

Olivia A Craugh  
VDOE Clerk