

Village District of Eidelweiss  
Madison, NH 03849

Minutes of the Annual Meeting  
February 28, 2015

Notice:

To the inhabitants of the Village District of Eidelweiss in the Town of Madison in the County of Carroll, in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in District affairs.

You are hereby notified and warned that the Annual Meeting will be held in the Madison School, Madison NH on Saturday, February 28, 2015 with polls to open for voting on Article 1 at 8:00 a.m. and to close no earlier than 10:00 a.m. The deliberative session will begin at 10:00 a.m. at which time action will be taken on the remaining articles on this Warrant.

At 8:00 am Moderator Bob Ingram opened the polls for the election of officers under article #1.

**Article 01**

Election of Officers

At 10:00 am Moderator Bob Ingram closed the polls on the election of officers under article #1.

Deliberative Session: (Commencing at 10:00 a.m.). Action on the following articles:

Moderator Bob Ingram opened the deliberative session at 10:03 AM and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Ron Sandstrom wrote a letter concerning his absence from this year's annual meeting which was read aloud by the Moderator.

The Moderator presented his rules for the meeting and acknowledged that his rules could be overturned by the legislative body in attendance.

Dinah Reiss asked to allow results of elections to be presented first before voting on any of the warrant articles.

Point of order:

A motion was made by Tici Lutjen to allow non registered voters to speak at this meeting; seconded by Jay Buckley.

**Motion PASSED**

**Article 02**

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$116,495 for the purchase of an all-wheel drive truck with including winter package consisting of sander, front plow and wing, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$116,495 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 further raise and appropriate the amount of \$12,681 for the first year's payment. Funds for this appropriation will be raised by taxation.

(2/3 ballot vote required)



Recommended by the Board of Commissioners 3-0

Commissioner Larry Leonard moved; seconded by Mike Smith

Commissioner Larry Leonard presents the commissioners reasoning for the choice of an International TerraStar 4x4 plow truck to replace the 10-yr old GMC Top Kick plow truck.

- Truck capabilities were listed.
- Cost comparison between an equally equipped Ford F550 and the International TerraStar were shown.

Stan Wondolowski asked about the cost of the warranty. The TerraStar comes with a 3-yr limited warranty with a 5-yr power train warranty. Warranty beyond those periods would cost extra.

Kevin O'Neil asked about where the repair work would take place. Jim Ramsey representing the dealership said that the truck would have to be brought back to Manchester (International) for repairs covered by warranty; due to computers inside the truck that have proprietary software.

Mark Graffam recommended turning in trucks at end of their warranty period.

Mark Graffam makes a motion to amend article #2 to a total of \$80,000 with a first year's payment of \$12,681; seconded by Ralph Lutjen.

**Amendment FAILED** 9/9 tie vote - tie broken by Moderator who voted "Nay" 9/10.

Moderator Bob Ingram reads the results of Article #1:

Commissioner: Ron Sandstrom 40

Ralph Lutjen 17

Treasurer: Dinah Reiss 43

Clerk: James (Jay) Buckley 44

**Article #2 FAILED as originally presented 11/9 (2/3 majority required)**

### **Article 03**

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$99,750 for inspection and lining of water tanks. Tanks will only be lined if it is determined by inspection that it is required. To authorize the issuance of not more than \$99,750 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Commissioners to apply for, obtain, accept, and expend federal, State or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project; to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for the first year's payment. Funds for this appropriation will be raised by water user fees. (2/3 ballot vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Commissioners 3-0

Moved by Mike Smith; seconded by Larry Leonard.

Larry Leonard presents the scope of the project.

Ralph Lutjen makes a motion to amend article #3 to \$20,000 for tank inspections only and to be funded from Water Capital Reserve Funds; seconded by Mark Graffam.

**Amendment FAILED**

Mike Smith makes a motion to amend article #3 with regards to the figure of the 1st payment from \$15,000 to \$12,116; seconded by Larry Leonard.

**Amendment PASSED**

**Article #3 PASSED as amended 18/3**



**Article 04**

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$410,674 for general operation of the District. Funds for this appropriation will be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Commissioners 3-0

|                              |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Executive                    | 12,198            |
| Administration               | 45,631            |
| Legal Expense                | 3,825             |
| Employee Benefits            | 68,340            |
| General Government Buildings | 15,135            |
| Insurance                    | 15,965            |
| Regional Association         | 765               |
| Other General Government     | 765               |
| Highways & Streets           | 188,960           |
| Street Lighting              | 1,550             |
| Parks & Recreation           | 7,000             |
| TAN Interest                 | 500               |
| Bond, Oak Ridge Rd           | 12,231            |
| Bond, Jungfrau Forced Main   | 8,581             |
| Grader Lease                 | 29,226            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                 | <b>410,674.00</b> |

Point of order:

Ralph Lutjen makes a motion to bring article #14 at this point; seconded by Mark Graffam.

**Motion FAILED.**

Mike Smith moved, seconded by Larry Leonard.

Mike Smith makes a motion to add \$3,000 in Highways and Streets increasing the bottom line to \$413,674.00 due to increased fuel usage; seconded by Larry Leonard

**Amendment PASSED**



Dinah Reiss makes a motion to amend the bottom line by an adjustment in the lower Oak Ridge Bond final payment to \$11,656 for a bottom line total of \$413,099; seconded by Tici Lutjen.

**Amendment PASSED**

**Article #4 PASSED as amended**

Point of order:

Mike Smith makes a motion to restrict reconsideration of article #4; seconded by Larry Leonard.

**Motion FAILED**

**Article 05**

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$157,187 for the general operation of the water system. Funds for this appropriation will be raised by water usage fees.

(Majority vote required)

|                                  |                |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Executive                        | 2,160          |
| Administration                   | 8,085          |
| Employee Benefits                | 12,070         |
| General Government Buildings     | 2,675          |
| Legal Expense                    | 675            |
| Property Liability Insurance     | 2,640          |
| Water Services Electricity       | 30,000         |
| Heat (propane)                   | 2,000          |
| Testing                          | 4,800          |
| Repairs                          | 37,500         |
| Telemetry System                 | 6,000          |
| Treatment                        | 7,500          |
| Engineering Consulting           | 2,000          |
| Water Monitoring & Chemical Room | 18,000         |
| Bond, Oak Ridge Rd               | 12,231         |
| Bond, Jungfrau Forced Main       | 8,581          |
| <b>Total Operating Budget</b>    | <b>157,187</b> |

Recommended by the Board of Commissioners 3-0

Mike Smith moved, seconded by Larry Leonard.

Dinah Reiss makes a motion to amend the Oak Ridge Rd. Bond final payment from \$12,231 to \$11,261 lowering the bottom line to: \$156,612; seconded by Ralph Lutjen.

**Amendment PASSED**

**Article #5 PASSED as amended**

Point of order;  
Mike Smith makes a motion to restrict article #5; seconded by Jay Buckley  
**Motion PASSED.**

#### **Article 06**

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000; to be combined with \$15,000 from encumbered funds from 2014 warrant article 4 for a total of \$30,000, for the purpose of asset management, to be offset by a \$15,000 grant from NH Department of Environmental Services with funds from the US Division of Homeland Security. No funds will be raised by taxation.  
(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Commissioners 3-0

Larry Leonard moved, seconded by Mike Smith

Commissioner Larry Leonard presented the progress of Asset Management in the village district and what it encompasses as continuous ongoing program for the districts assets.

**Article #6 PASSED**

#### **Article 07**

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for making and repairing connections to the water system, extending or repairing water lines and making general improvements to the water system and authorize the withdrawal of \$50,000 from the Water Extension Fund created for that purpose. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Commissioners 3-0

Mike Smith moved second by Jay Buckley

**Article #7 PASSED**

Point of order:  
Motion to restrict made by Mike Smith seconded by Jay Buckley  
**Motion PASSED**

#### **Article 08**

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 for the purpose of safety, including fire extinguishers and first aid needs. Funds for this appropriation will be raised by taxation.  
(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Commissioners 3-0

Mike Smith moved, seconded by Larry Leonard

**Article #8 PASSED**

#### **Article 09**



To see if the District will vote to change the name of the existing General Purpose Fund recorded with the NH Department of Revenue Administration and Eidelweiss Capital Reserve recorded with the Town of Madison Trustees of the Trust Funds to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and to name the commissioners as agents to expend. (2/3 vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Commissioners 3-0

Nancy Cole moved, seconded by Mike Smith.

**Article #9 PASSED**

**Article 10**

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$21.00 for deposit into the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Funds for this appropriation will come from Expendable Equipment Trust Fund. The Expendable Equipment Trust Fund will be closed upon withdrawal of all assets. (2/3 vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Commissioners 3-0

Mike Smith moved; seconded by Nancy Cole.

**Article #10 PASSED**

**Article 11**

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,500 for the purpose of purchasing an articulating bucket for the backhoe. Funds for this appropriation will be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Commissioners 3-0

Mike Smith moved; seconded by Nancy Cole

Mike Smith motions to amend Article 11 from \$8500 to \$2900 as the hydraulics for this device were already installed onto the backhoe when originally configured and purchased; seconded by Jay Buckley.

**Amendment PASSED**

**Article #11 PASSED as amended**

**Article 12**

To see if District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,000 for the purpose of resurfacing the asphalt on Middle Shore at Geneva Place and placement of an asphalt apron at the intersection of Little Shore and Eidelweiss Drive. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Commissioners 3-0

Mike Smith moved; seconded by Larry Leonard

Commissioner Leonard presents the article. There is discussion about what degree of road reconstruction the district should adopt to get the best results for its money.



Mark Graffam makes a motion to amend article #12 to \$19500 with the following details; seconded by Ralph Lutjen:

Article 12 Amendment: To see if District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,500 for the following road improvement projects: Funds for this appropriation will be raised by taxation.

1. ~~\$5,000~~ for Agg-Pak (Stone Dust) for the first 50 feet of Little Shore Drive at the intersection with Eidelweiss Drive. The VDOE Grader shall cut a drainage ditch on the west side (uphill side) of this section of Little Shore Drive, continuing west on Eidelweiss Drive and connecting with the new ditch at Oak Ridge Road and Eidelweiss Drive. The VDOE grader will form a proper crown in this 50 foot section of Little Shore Drive and the Agg-Pak shall be compacted with a Vibratory Compaction Roller.
2. ~~\$11,500~~ for the construction of a new road bed on Middle Shore at Geneva Place. Any existing old asphalt will be broken in 9 inch maximum pieces and covered with 8 inches of 1½ inch NHDOT CBRG Spec 304.3, compacted by a vibratory roller. A 4 inch layer of ¾ inch gravel, compacted by a vibratory roller shall be constructed on top as the finish layer.
3. ~~\$500~~ for the purchase of materials for the construction of 2 proper headers and a stone catch basin at the intake of the new culvert on Bristenstock Road by the VDOE DPW.
4. ~~\$2,000~~ for the purchase of a replacement of the crushed culvert, header material, pavement, rip rap and stone check dams on Old Town Road.

Larry Sodano asks if this amendment is "New Business" as it differs substantially from the original article.

Attorney Dan Crean has concerns with the specific dollar details to each section of work. Crean said it's up to the voters.

Mark Graffam amends his original amendment to remove the specific dollar amounts to the four sections listed above; seconded by Jay Buckley.

**Amendment PASSED**

**Article #12 PASSED as amended**

### **Article 13**

Petitioned by Ralph Lutjen et al;

To see if the District will vote to instruct the VDOE Commissioners to enforce the parking lot regulations as stated in Highway Regulations, paragraphs D & E:

- D. The Huttwil parking lot is to be used for temporary overnight parking for residents and their guests. No business or commercial vehicles or trailers may be parked in the Huttwil parking lot.
- E. Vehicles, personal trailers, recreational vehicles, snowmobiles and boats may not be left in any of the parking lots for more than 5 days unless written permission is received from the Board of Commissioners. Parking in excess of this time period will result in a fine and the vehicle being towed.

No exceptions will be given for any parking of any commercial vehicle, construction vehicle, utility trailer, snowmobile trailer, boat trailer or motor homes. To require the Commissioners to inform the police of any infraction, to pursue any fines, and to remove any vehicle or trailer not removed by its



owner, with such removal being at the cost of the owner. To require the Commissioners to improve the signage and post the regulations in obvious locations. (Majority vote required)

Not recommended by the Board of Commissioners 0-3

Motion by Ralph Lutjen to place this article on the floor; seconded by Tici Lutjen. There was much discussion on what types of vehicles should be allowed to park in the parking lot to potentially improve the reputation and appearance of Eidelweiss. After considerable and sometimes heated discussion the motion was called to a vote.

**Article #13 FAILED**

**Article 14**

Petitioned by Mark Graffam et al;

To see if the District will vote to establish an Employee Health Insurance Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the payment of health insurance premiums for the benefit of full time District Employees, and to raise and appropriate \$51,360 to put in the trust fund, with this amount to come from taxation; further to name the elected District Treasurer as Trustee and agent to expend from the fund without holding hearings. RSA 31:19-a-V requires an annual accounting and report of the activities of the trust shall be presented to the commissioners and published in the annual report.  
(Majority vote required)

Not recommended by the Board of Commissioners 0-3

Mark Graffam made a motion to put the article on the floor, seconded by Jude Devlin.

Mike Smith makes a motion to amend this article to create a trust fund and fund with unspent budgets into the trust fund. (Seeded from unspent moneys this year). No second.

After much discussion about the legalities of having the elected district treasurer as the trustee; Mark Graffam motioned to amended article #14 to make Madison trustees the trustee of this trust fund; seconded by Jude Devlin

**Amendment FAILED 9/9 tie**

**Article #14 FAILED.**

Point of order:

Motion by Mike Smith, second by Jay Buckley to restrict reconsideration of article #14.

**Motion PASSED.**

**Article 15**

Petitioned by Mark Graffam et al;

The see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the repair and improvement of roads and drainage. Funds for this appropriation shall be raised by general taxation.  
(Majority vote required)

Not recommended by the Board of Commissioners 0-3

Mark Graffam moved; seconded by Dorothy Wondolowski.

Dorothy Wondolowski moved to amend article #15 seconded by Stan Wondolowski



Amendment to Article 15 (\$20k)

"To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the reconstruction of road drainage on Oak Ridge Road and St. Moritz Drive according to portions of Sheet R2 and R3 of the Fluet Engineering Associates 2012 Oak Ridge Road Reconstruction drawings. This article specifically funds all the construction and material costs of drainage ditches, culverts, headers, rip rap, stone check dams, and driveway apron re-paving only – not the reconstruction of the road bed, road paving, or waterline sleeve removal. The drainage reconstruction funded by this article shall begin at the "Matchline" of Sheet R1 and R2 at the south end of the intersection with St. Moritz Drive and ends at elevation mark 708, near the middle of #9 Oak Ridge Road on Sheet R2, a distance of approximately 140 feet of Oak Ridge Road. This Article shall also fund the installation of the new culvert of St. Moritz Drive as shown on Fluet drawing R3 and a \$500 budget for a construction site management consultant. Funds for this appropriation shall be raised by general taxation.

**Amendment PASSED**

**Article #15 PASSED as amended 10/8**

**Article 16**

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

Point of Order:

Mike Smith makes a motion to reconsider article #2 (Plow truck); second by Larry Leonard. This article will be reconsidered on Saturday, March 7, 2015 at a place and time to be determined and advertised in local media.

**Motion PASSED**

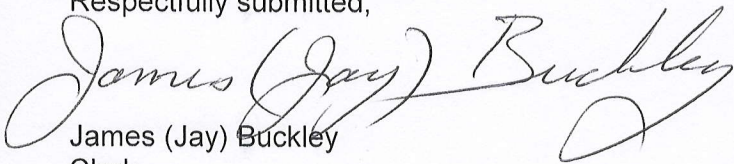
Point of order:

Mark Graffam makes a motion to reconsider article #5, seconded by Jude Devlin to reduce article #5 from \$413,109 by (-15000) to \$398,109.

**Motion FAILED**

At 2:50 pm Mike Smith makes a motion to recess this meeting until March 7, 2015 for reconsideration of Article 2. Larry Leonard seconds the motion.

Respectfully submitted,



James (Jay) Buckley  
Clerk