

Village District of Eidelweiss
Water Committee Meeting – Madison Town Hall – 09-21-2022
Minutes

Call to Order at 3:30pm by LL

Motion to allow LS to attend the meeting by Zoom by LL, 2nd by JB. Approved 4-0

Attendees:

In-person: Larry Leonard, Jay Buckley, Doug Prescott, Wooda McNiven

Via Zoom: Larry Sodano

Motion to approve Minutes of 09-01-2022 Committee Meeting by LL, 2nd by JB. Approved 5-0

LL -- Discussion of Leak Detection Application

Motion to have LS contact DES for status by LL, 2nd by WM. Approved 5-0

DP -- The VDOE Commissioners have requested a spending plan for 2023 in the range of \$200,000
The Water Committee is to present a draft of Warrant Articles at the Oct 12th BOC meeting

All -- Discussion of preparing Warrant Articles for 2023 Annual Meeting

Planning to keep three individual projects as separate Articles:

Interlaken part 1

Interlaken part 2

Altdorf

One of these could be replaced by other more important work following continued review, including:

Gate Valve Meters to assist with leak detection?

Pump-House needs following the Walk-Through?

Will need \$5,000 for one day of “Ledge Probe” to identify possible issues pre-construction

Warrant Articles need to be fairly general

Ex: do NOT specify a type of pipe (to be able to adjust to supply chain issues, etc.)

Ex: “...to replace the water main and associated infrastructure on ___(roads)”

A detailed “Scope of Work” will be developed for soliciting bids if the Articles are approved

Ex: Replace Main with (size & type), install new service links, replace CSV’s, etc.

LL -- LL had to leave the meeting at 4:00pm due to another commitment.

-- Motion to appoint DP as temporary Committee Chairman in the absence of LL – by JB, 2nd by WM.
Approved 4-0

All -- Ledge Probe for roads listed in Warrant Articles

Motion to request that the Commissioners authorize an expenditure of \$5,000 from the 2022 Asset Management Budget Line Item in the Water Budget to conduct Ledge Probe on Interlaken Circle and Altdorf in preparation for the upcoming water main projects in 2023.
By JB, 2nd by WM. Approved 4-0.

JB -- Should explore adding funding for Gate Valve Meters district-wide
Maybe in the range of \$3,800 each? Various wiring options will need to be explored

JB -- Concern about scheduled water hook-ups this year – number is 10-12
Only 2 or 3 have been done; DPW will no longer assist with this task
Need to have Ian arrange with Dawson to get these done

DP -- What is the actual length of the work to be done for the Bern-Huttwil Connector?
JB Could be 600’ on Huttwil, 800’ on Eidelweiss, and 800’ on Bern
We need to use the measuring wheel from the Office to refine these estimates

- LS -- Leak Detection Grant: received quick reply from DES
Staff person has been swamped and is way behind with processing these applications
Hope to reply by the end of the week
- DP -- Energy Audit – Application is due Fall 2022
DP will research the due date and application process
- LS -- LS has located the link to the Construction Grant Application for 2023
LS will research the due date and application process
- DP -- Asset Management Grant
JB will research the due date and application process, and begin obtaining cost estimates
Could include a collection of projects such as:
Location of remaining CSV's (Horizons Field Work)
Determining the addition of more Isolation Gate Valves
Ground Penetrating Radar Service – to locate all water mains and add to mapping
Acquisition of a GPS device (DES has been researching this)
- JB -- Requested apology from Water Committee to Alexis re: the discussion of double-posting of joint meetings:
JB has apologized for forgetting to pass the requirement information along to the Committee
LS has apologized for strongly stating that this is not a requirement, then discovering a
clarifying Memorandum from the NH Attorney General that confirmed the requirement
The Committee has issued a request to LL to send an apology to Alexis for his sharp
and critical remarks in the associated email chain
The Committee reviewed the email chain and concluded that DP's limited remarks during that
email chain were just procedural and that there is nothing to apologize for
WM did not participate in the email chain

Motion to adjourn at 5:30pm by DP, 2nd by WM Approved 4-0

Respectfully submitted,
Douglas T. Prescott