

VILLAGE DISTRICT OF EIDELWEISS
Commissioner's Meeting
Tuesday, November 5, 2024

The Board of Commissioners met at 9:00am on November 5, 2024. In attendance for the public meeting are Commissioner Mark Graffam, Commissioner Wooda McNiven, Commissioner Nancy Cole, Treasurer Dinah Reiss, Clerk Doug Prescott and Administrator Jennifer Scully.

The meeting was videotaped by Carol Dandeneau.

Public Meeting

At 9:00am Commissioner Mark Graffam calls the meeting to order.

1. Approval of Agenda

Mark Graffam makes a motion to approve the 11/5/24 Agenda. Nancy Cole 2nds. Mark Graffam adds that this meeting will recess at the end to hold a Non-Public Session, citing 91A:3, II(b) for applicant review for the DPW position. The Non-Public Session will be held at the VDOE Administrative Office today at approximately 1:30pm. Motion is passed 3-0-0.

2. Approval of Minutes

- Mark Graffam makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes of 10/26/24 "Special Meeting". Nancy Cole 2nds and a comment for an amendment was made by Wooda McNiven. The motion is passed 3-0-0, with amendments.**
- Mark Graffam makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes of 10/29/24. Nancy Cole 2nds the motion and Nancy Cole and Wooda McNiven add amendments. The motion is passed 3-0-0, with amendments.**

3. Approval of the Manifest

- Operations – Mark Graffam makes a motion to approve the Operations Manifest of \$785.40 Nancy Cole 2nds, and the motion is passed 3-0-0.**
- Water – Mark Graffam makes a motion to approve the Water Assessment Manifest of \$301.00. Nancy Cole 2nds, and the motion is passed 3-0-0.**

4. DPW – Jeff DeMartino

- Jeff advises that the York Rake arm broke. Jeff would like to purchase a new arm. The approximate cost will be \$263.18 plus S/H from Allied Equipment. Mark Graffam makes a motion to allow Jeff to order and buy two replacement arms. Nancy Cole 2nds and the motion is passed 3-0-0.**
- Gravel laid out on West Bergamo and treated with Calcium.**
- The Turbine Blower issues are close to resolution. Jeff has been given the verbal go ahead for HP Fairfield to repair.**

- **A parking ban is in effect at the Huttwil parking area. Notices will be posted on the trailers, giving 10 days to remove or will be confiscated. Mark Graffam makes a motion to post these notices. Nancy Cole 2nds and the motion is passed 3-0-0.**
- **Both Dodge's will need new tire chains purchased from BB Chains. The grader may need chains, at least on the rear and all tires for the International. Mark Graffam makes a motion to give Jeff the ok to purchase up to \$2,000 for new chains. Nancy Cole 2nds and the motion is passed 3-0-0.**
- 2018 Dodge Ram battery needed to be replaced.
- New NHDOT gas fuel fobs are working.

5. Scheduled Public Appearances @ 9:33am

- 13 Thusis – Brian Towns, owner - regarding the implementation of adding the negative grade of his driveway to the road. Mark Graffam will meet with the owner, at this property, to discuss further.
- 1 Jungfrau – Keith Cunningham, owner – regarding the driveway rocks installed that have imbedded into the roadway and need to be removed to prevent DPW equipment from being damaged.

6. Administrators Report @ 9:54am

- a. December 2024 Commissioner's Meeting Schedule: Tuesday, December 24th will not be scheduled due to Christmas Holiday and Administrator's time off. Follow up for the "Special Meeting" will occur on Saturday, December 7th at 10am at Madison Town Hall.
- b. Mark Graffam makes note that VDOE Administration should look at the RSA and the scheduling of Budget Hearings.
- c. **Partition Warrant Article to revisit the Pond Level Ordinance would be required. Mark Graffam makes a motion to allow Nancy Cole to email an Eidelweiss resident regarding his inquiry on the Pond Level Ordinance.**

7. Old Business/Tabled Items @ 10:05am

- Huttwil Parking Ordinance will need to be revisited for updates and will require a Warrant Article. Doug Prescott has agreed to send Nancy Cole the current Driveway Ordinance and Huttwil Parking Ordinance in a Word document.

8. Signature Items@ 10:11am

- **Mark Graffam makes a motion to sign the Driveway Permit for Construction for 26 Huttwil Drive. Nancy Cole 2nds and the motion is passed 3-0-0.**
- **Mark Graffam makes a motion to sign the Eastern Minerals Road Salt Quote. Nancy Cole 2nds and the motion is passed 3-0-0.**

9. Commissioner's Concerns/Reports @ 10:12am

Mark Graffam

- Mark will not be submitting a request to FEMA for mitigation review for the ledge hammering.
- Mark would like to address the removal of the hardwood, old tank and scrap metal at DPW1.
- Mark has submitted a request to a company for interest and quoting of waste removal for the purpose of resurrection of the outhouses.

Wooda McNiven

- Wooda continues to work on the "misappropriated items" list for DPW review.
- **Excel Listing of VDOE Owners has been completed and a finalized version has been given to Minute Man Press for the Lead Line Notification mailing. The quote obtained to complete the mailing is \$347.77 in black & white and \$420.13 color. Wooda makes a motion to except the quote for the mailing of the black & white notices. Mark Graffam 2nds and the motion is passed 3-0-0. Notice should go out the end of this week and will meet the deadline of November 15th required of NHDES.**

Nancy Cole

- 2024 Actual/2025 Budget spreadsheet is in the works and will be ready for draft review at the Commissioners Meeting on Wednesday, November 13th.

10. Correspondence @ 10:25am

- Granite State Analytical testing of Muddy Beach Pump House #1 has failed for Uranium. Mark Graffam has posted results on the VDOE Social Media site and Jennifer will be post on the VDOE Website. Mark Graffam believes a Warrant Article should be considered to install a cement floor at Muddy Beach. The tank at Muddy Beach cannot be accessed and we cannot determine the current condition of this tank nor can an inspection of the inside of the tank be done due to its lack of access. Proposal to Nick Sceggell, Engineer- should be discussed Proposal to Nick Sceggell, Engineer- should be discussed further to include tank replacement and then consider the installation of mitigation equipment for Uranium.
- Electricity pricing – In order for the coalition to accept the application, there would have to be a committee of three established.

11. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

- Doug Prescott just wants to be sure that the items for the DPW are still being considered for a Warrant Article, if required.

12. Public Session recessed @ 10:39am and will re-convene at approximately 1pm at 23/26 Diessbach Drive for driveway and roadway review with the owner and DPW. Then the session will move to the office for a Non-Public Session, citing 91A:3II(b) and 91A:3II(c). Mark Graffam makes a motion to recess the Public Session. Nancy Cole 2nds and the motion is passed 3-0-0.

13. During the public meeting at 23/26 Diessbach, the DPW was given permission to place up to two loads of gravel and address the drainage of the culvert. It was agreed that next year the DPW will use up to three loads of gravel and reshape this portion of the roadway.

To view the meeting on video, please click on the following link:

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