

**VILLAGE DISTRICT OF EIDELWEISS**  
**Commissioner's Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 7, 2025**

The Board of Commissioners met at 9:00am on January 7, 2025. In attendance for the public meeting are Commissioner Mark Graffam, Commissioner Wooda McNiven, Commissioner Nancy Cole, Treasurer Dinah Riess, Foreman Jeff DeMartino 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 1/7/24 Agenda. Nancy Cole 2nds and the motion is passed 3-0-0.**

**2. Approval of Minutes**

- **Mark Graffam makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes of 12/31/24. Comments for amendments were made by Wooda McNiven and Mark Graffam. The motion is passed 3-0-0, with amendments.**

**3. Approval of the Manifest @ 9:04am**

- **Operations & Payroll – Mark Graffam makes a motion to approve the Operations and Payroll Manifest of \$16,713.14. Nancy Cole 2nds, and the motion is passed 3-0-0.**
- **Water – Mark Graffam makes a motion to approve the Water Assessment Manifest of \$1,757.91. Nancy Cole 2nds, and the motion is passed 3-0-0.**

**4. Jeff DeMartino - DPW @ 9:08am**

- Jeff advises he has recorded 12 weather related events that required road treatments. Salt treatments are generally reserved for paved roads.
- Approximately 15 to 20 sites requiring ledge jackhammering. Jeff has reached out to Colemans and Pine River Pit in Ossipee and feels that the best results will be with a full-size excavator. Jeff feels that fitting a jackhammer on a skid steer may not provide enough power. The average cost to purchase a jackhammer is approximately \$4,000 to \$10,000. Contracting a vendor for a full-size excavator is approximately \$200/\$250hr - \$1,600 a day plus transporting fees.
- Mark Graffam advises that FEMA has provided an obligation of \$463,000 for roads and ditching, of which we would pay 25%.
- White Mountain Fabrication is also a dealer and can provide parts for the sanders. Jeff will be purchasing some parts and chains from them. Jeff also purchased some metal to repair the 2019 spreader.

- **Set of chains on order from BB Chains for \$470.00. Set of chains, needed for the grader, is a cost of \$1.600 a set. Mark Graffam makes a motion to approve the purchase of a set of chains for the grader. Nancy Cole 2nds and the motion is passed 3-0-0.**

**5. Scheduled Public Appearance – Ian Hayes from Simply Water @ 9:31am**

- Issue of water flow on Schwyz St. & W. Bergamo Rd. determined that there is indeed a meter in the Rigi PRV and based on information obtained, Ian is determining that this is not a breach in a water main. After digging and how the water was flowing, this could be ground water flow. This is now a road issue, unless any future incidences prove otherwise.
- Ian has a high-level review of what the engineer, Nick Sceggell has outlined for the Como Zone PRV, which was presented at last week's commissioner's meeting. There will be a collaboration and discussion to occur between Ian and Nick.
- Pressure problems suspected at Interlaken Circle should be a consideration to address in the future and where additional PRVs should be installed.
- If the SCADA System is showing 0 usage at Muddy Beach, it is confirmed that there is no water coming from the Muddy Beach Wells to home distribution. Ian advises that they have turned off the water distribution as it is constantly running dry. Ian also confirms that there is still no communication data being received. Mark Graffam suggests that we ask for a meeting with Tom Therrien at EII to discuss communications data and SCADA.
- DPW1 Well proved there was adequate water supply through high peak times of Christmas and New Year's holidays.
- Ian wants to remind us that it was 7 years, almost to the day, that the pump at DPW1 went down. The Village was without DPW1 well for 7 days. Muddy Beach wells provided water to homes during that time. Ian said Muddy Beach was essential during this type of issue.
- Ian also wants to remind us that pumps expire an average of 7 to 10 years.
- Lead Line Notice from NHDES and the potential changes to the verification process may be coming in 2025. We have not received an updated schedule from the state yet for the normal lead testing, but it does appear that the sample testing sites will currently remain the same, but it may become a yearly request to obtain those testing samples. Samples will still be tested by Granite State Analytical.
- Ian will verify new curb stop cards for new hookups from this past summer so we may add to sheet and update the binders.
- Ian will not be available to appear for the Commissioner's Meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup> and would like us to schedule his appearance for February 11<sup>th</sup>.

**6. Old Business/Tabled Items**

- Dinah Reiss wants to remind us that there is a truck loan payment that will be due this month and it is an automatic withdraw from the Bank of New Hampshire Operating Account.

**7. Signature Items @ 11:07am**

- **2025 VDOE Holiday Schedule has removed the Federal Holiday of June 19<sup>th</sup> (Juneteenth) and has given Friday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 as a Holiday. Juneteenth was not a NH State Holiday. Mark Graffam makes a motion to accept the changes to the 2025 VDOE Holiday Schedule. Nancy Cole 2<sup>nd</sup> and the motion is passed 3-0-0.**

**8. Commissioner's Concerns/Reports @ 11:11am**

Mark Graffam

- Mark has seen some 20mph signs at the DPW Garage.
- Mark reached out to NH Homeland Security regarding status of obligations so we may complete our Warrant Articles for 2025. They did provide an obligation of \$463,000 which, if approved by the state of New Hampshire. If approved, we would receive 75% of this amount and our portion would be 25%. Mark was informed he will need to complete a letter of extension on projects again. He was provided with potential obligation for Asphalt/Replacement of Pavement at \$217,000 and Road Damage at \$270,000.00.

Nancy Cole

- Nancy wants to remind us we should update the website for postings for 2025.
- Nancy Cole's Commissioner (3yr term) position is open and Doug Prescott's position of Clerk (2yr term) is open as well. Original declaration of candidacy must be at the office no later than January 24, 2025. There will be a Commissioner's Meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup> at 3pm that will have to be posted.

**9. Public Appearance/Comments**

- Mark Graffam would like to add that an unscheduled public appearance may only be restricted to comments only. If a resident has questions and requires Commissioner's involvement, they must submit their questions and request to be added to the 'Scheduled Public Appearance' portion of the agenda.

**10. Comments**

- The Village District does not control the Eidelweiss Community Rate with AmeriGas. Owners need to contact AmeriGas directly to participate.
- There are no and will be no diving platforms installed at the beaches.

**11. Adjourn @ 11:36am**

- **Mark Graffam makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nancy Cole 2nds and the meeting is adjourned.**

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