

**Village District of Eidelweiss ~ 2025 Annual Meeting
Madison Elementary School, March 8, 2025**

First Session – Official Ballot Voting

Article 01 - Voting for Officers

Moderator Bob Ingram declares the Polls Open for Voting for Officers at 8:02am.

Present for the opening of the polls are: Moderator Bob Ingram; Supervisors of the Checklist Cheryl Brooks and Jen Garside; Commissioners Wooda McNiven and Nancy Cole; and Clerk Doug Prescott. (The 3rd Supervisors of the Checklist seat is currently vacant.)

Voting is for the following offices for 2025:

Commissioner - 3-year term

Clerk - 2-year term

Moderator Bob Ingram declares the Polls closed at 10:00am

Second Session – Transaction of All Other Business

Moderator Bob Ingram calls the Meeting to order at 10:00.

Meeting is live-streamed by MadisonTV with Asia and Amanda providing the service.

There are 17 attendees, including the Moderator, three Commissioners, the Treasurer, the Clerk and the District Administrator. The TV crew and Supervisors of the Checklist are not included in this count.

Moderator requests all persons stand and he leads the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moderator calls for moment of silence to remember relatives, friends and residents who have passed. Moderator asked for special recognition for Bob Borchers and Rich Sholtanis for their service to the District over the years.

Moderator introduces himself, Commissioners Mark Graffam, Nancy Cole, and Wooda McNiven, Treasurer Dinah Reiss, Clerk Doug Prescott and District Administrator Jennifer Scully.

Moderator outlines and reviews the Rules and Procedures for the meeting.

Moderator requests a Motion to allow non-resident property owners to speak.
Motion by Kerry McNiven, Second by Mark Graffam.

Vote: Moderator declares the Motion passed unanimously.

Results of Article 01 – Election of Officers:

Moderator announced the results of the election:

Commissioner - 3-year term	Nancy Cole	16 votes
	Write-in	0 votes
Clerk - 2-year term	Doug Prescott	16 votes
	Write-in	0 votes

Article 02 – Road Improvements

To see if the village district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for the purpose of Road Improvements, and to authorize a 10-year loan with the issuance of not more than \$50,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; and to furthermore raise and appropriate the amount of \$3,325.00 for the first year's interest payment. Recommended by the Board of Commissioners (3-0) (3/5 ballot vote required).

Article is read by Moderator. Mark Graffam moves the Article to the floor. Second by Nancy Cole.

Commissioner Mark Graffam asks attendees to refer to the FEMA Grants Portal handout. The estimates in this exhibit were all prepared by FEMA following their visit to the District. Mark explains there were two storms in 2023 that damaged the District. The May storm was not declared a Disaster by FEMA, so the District could not apply for any reimbursement. The July storm which included about 5" of rain was declared a Disaster by FEMA, so requests for reimbursement could be submitted. The total estimated cost to the District for this July storm was about \$90,000, but the previous Board of Commissioners submitted a claim to FEMA of just \$9,600. FEMA paid the District the 75% reimbursement of \$7,200 for Water System Damage (item #1 in the exhibit).

Mark has been meeting regularly with a team that includes five people from FEMA and two from NH Homeland Security – Emergency Management. The Portal lists six projects for the District. The cost estimates were prepared by FEMA following a two-day visit to the District to inspect and assess.

Mark continued that item #2 in the exhibit, Culvert Damages, has the FEMA-estimated cost of \$77,172.66 which would yield a 75% FEMA reimbursement of \$57,879.50 if approved. Similarly, item #4 shows the FEMA-estimated cost of \$483,820.15.

Mark indicated that item #5, Grison Road Culvert, would have a full cost in the range of \$500,000. This FEMA estimate of \$70,000.00 is just for the Architecture and Engineering (A&E) work that needs to be done first.

Mark explains how the process works with FEMA: the District raises the money and completes the work; the District then applies to FEMA for reimbursement; FEMA then decides whether or not to reimburse the District; if a reimbursement is to be done, the funds go to NH Homeland Security – Emergency Management; NH then decides whether to send the FEMA money to the District. If the District does the work, there is no guarantee of reimbursement.

Mark explains the plan that has been developed by the Board of Commissioners to deal with this uncertainty: the first project in a prioritized list will be done using available Capital Reserve funds and the request for reimbursement will be submitted to FEMA. If a reimbursement is actually received, the funds can then be applied to work on the next project. NH State law allows the reimbursement to be used in this way and it does not need to be added to the Unassigned Fund. The project planning will be adjusted per the reimbursement cash flow. NH Homeland Security needs to see that all projects have been at least started during 2025 to preserve the Grant funds. The District has requested extensions to August 2026 for completion of all projects. If FEMA does not follow through with reimbursements, then the Loan to be authorized by this Article 02 will not be used.

Diane Rozek asked how the work would get done and be funded if FEMA does not reimburse. Mark Graffam indicated the work would have to be funded out of the Operating Budget.

Diane Rozek asked if there is no FEMA money, how long would it take to get this work done? Mark Graffam indicated that the projects would have to be prioritized and done one at a time. A priority is to address the single water main running through the Grison culvert wash-out area that supplies a large area beyond the Grison culvert.

There being no other questions or comments, Moderator rereads Article and calls for a vote by secret written Ballot.

Upon completion of voting by all attendees, Moderator declares the voting closed.

Upon the report from the Supervisors of the Checklist, Moderator declares motion passed unanimously, 15-0.

Article 03 - Operating Budget

To see if the village district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$785,887 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. This appropriation is to be funded by water user fees. Recommended by the Board of Commissioners (3-0) (Majority vote required)

Article is read by Moderator. Wooda McNiven moves the Article to the floor. Second by Mark Graffam.

Amendment: To change “This appropriation is to be funded by water user fees.” to “This appropriation is to be funded by taxes.”

Motion by Mark Graffam

2nd by Nancy Cole

There being no other questions or comments, Moderator rereads Amendment and calls for a hand vote. Moderator declares the Amendment passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wooda McNiven indicates that this Budget was prepared in January. With new information, the Commissioners feel some line items need to be increased.

Truck Repairs – add \$5,000. One truck is in the shop now with a \$4,300 bill.

Salaries – add \$24,112

Overtime – add \$5,000

Wooda continues - during the Thanksgiving storm last Fall, we had only one full-time employee. Jeff worked an 18-hour day to clear that storm. The new hire effective December 1st has decided to leave the District. We feel we need to increase salaries by 20% to be competitive in hiring.

Mark Graffam discusses DPW hiring for the District. Like all contractors in the Valley, the District goes into the marketplace to compete for new hires. The District has difficulty plowing due to the two mountains – a driver needs to be experienced. A new truck fully rigged out for plowing would cost in the range of \$200,000, so it would not be good to have an inexperienced person driving. Last Fall, the District had only one applicant for the open full-time DPW position. We are competing with the contractors in the area – they are constantly advertising to hire. For the District, just having a CDL license is not enough – they must have more skill with plowing. So to be competitive, we need to offer good pay.

Amendment: To change the bottom line of the Operating Budget from \$785,887 to \$819,999.

Motion by Mark Graffam

2nd by Nancy Cole

There being no other questions or comments, Moderator rereads Amendment and calls for a hand vote. Moderator declares the Amendment passed unanimously.

There being no other questions or comments, Moderator rereads Article as amended and calls for a hand vote. Moderator declares motion passed unanimously.

Article 04 - Water Budget

To see if the village will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$258,000 for the purpose of the Water Budget. This appropriation is to be funded by water user fees. Recommended by the Board of Commissioners (3-0) (Majority vote required)

Article is read by Moderator. Nancy Cole moves the Article to the floor. Second by Mark Graffam.

Commissioner Nancy Cole indicated that not much in this Water Budget has changed from 2024. On page 2, the Telemetry SCADA line is increased from \$5,000 to \$20,000 to add security upgrades including a new computer. The Water Budget pays a percentage of several items, including Administration, Executive, Legal, Benefits, General Government Buildings, Insurance, etc. The Loan entry is for the water tank.

Mike Dolan asks what the water fee will be for 2025. Nancy Cole indicates the fee was \$550 for 2024, but will be \$525 for 2025.

Mark Graffam indicates that the fee is expected to be \$500 for 2026. These reductions reflect shifting the water system capital improvements from water fees back to taxation via the Operating Budget. These improvements benefit all properties and funding by taxation allows the property owner to use these as tax deductions.

There being no other questions or comments, Moderator rereads Article and calls for a hand vote. Moderator declares motion passed unanimously.

Article 05 – Roads & Ditches

To see if the village will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 for the purpose of creating ditches or repairing existing ditches on VDOE roads including ledge removal as needed. Funding for this appropriation will be raised by taxation. Recommended by the Board of Commissioners (3-0) (Majority vote required)

Article is read by Moderator. Mark Graffam moves the Article to the floor. Second by Nancy Cole.

Mark Graffam describes a review of the District roads that was done last summer. A number of ditches were identified that are blocked by ledge, not just the top of a boulder. These blockages throw water out onto the road, which causes washouts and icing. The washouts require constant repair by DPW. The District wants to hire a company from Ossipee to jackhammer the ledge out of the ditches – this has never been done before. This is not new “storm damage” so is not reimbursable by FEMA.

There being no other questions or comments, Moderator rereads Article and calls for a hand vote. Moderator declares motion passed unanimously.

Article 06 – Engineering of the Grison Road Culvert

To see if the village will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for the purpose of engineering and permitting for replacing the Grison Culvert with a metal arch culvert. Funding for this appropriation will be raised by taxation. Recommended by the Board of Commissioners (3-0) (Majority vote required)

Article is read by Moderator. Mark Graffam moves the Article to the floor. Second by Nancy Cole.

Mark Graffam presented the history of this culvert. When the District was developed in the early 1960's, Grison Road was built across a deep ravine that has a year-round brook. In 1962, NH-DES approved a 48” metal culvert for this location. A water main was installed under the road, over the culvert. In 2012 and again in 2023, there were heavy rains that washed out the road at the culvert and damaged the water main. Grison Road is currently closed due to the 2023 washout. Following the 2012 washout, NH-DES approved a plan for a 12’ wide, 6’ high, 80’ long cast concrete replacement culvert. The estimated cost of this culvert is over \$500,000. The District is now trying to find a less expensive solution. This Warrant Article of \$15,000 is for the design and permitting of a metal arch culvert installed on concrete footings. This will involve removing the road and the water main, installing the footings and arch culvert, then rebuilding the water main and the road.

Dinah Reiss asked if we have a price for the new arch culvert design. Mark replied that we cannot get a price until the design is done.

There being no other questions or comments, Moderator rereads Article and calls for a hand vote. Moderator declares motion passed unanimously.

Article 07 - IT Services for the VDOE Administration Office

To see if the village will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,100 for the purpose of IT services for the VDOE Administration Office – computers systems and equipment. Funding for this appropriation is to be raised by taxation. Recommended by the Board of Commissioners (3-0) (Majority vote required)

Article is read by Moderator. Wooda McNiven moves the Article to the floor. Second by Mark Graffam.

Wooda McNiven indicated that early last year two Commissioners resigned and the Administrator resigned. At about the same time, the District's computer system was hacked. The internet-based phone system went down, and funds were stolen from the District's bank accounts by ACH. Passwords had not been changed in years. Clearly there is a need for an outside IT expert in the District. That is the purpose of this Article.

Mark Graffam indicated that the ACH Bank theft was for over \$14,000. The District's insurance policy with Primex has now covered this loss. All the logon passwords were on the computer in an Excel spreadsheet named "Passwords". Over the years, a skilled volunteer has handled IT for the District, including the SCADA system. We can no longer have a non-resident volunteer do this.

Wooda McNiven indicated that the District has now moved to an outside professional payroll service to replace the ACH payroll payments previously done by staff in-house.

Dinah Reiss points out that this Article is for the first-year cost of the IT services. Nancy Cole confirmed that for subsequent years this will be a line item in the Budget.

There being no other questions or comments, Moderator rereads Article and calls for a hand vote. Moderator declares motion passed unanimously.

Article 08 - Copier/Scanner Lease Contract

To see if the village will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$888 for the purpose of leasing of a new printer/scanner for the VDOE Administration Office. Funding for this appropriation is to be raised by taxation. Recommended by the Board of Commissioners (3-0) (Majority vote required)

Article is read by Moderator. Doug Prescott moves the Article to the floor. Second by Nancy Cole.

Doug Prescott indicated that the goal of this Article is to replace the printer/scanner unit in the District Office with a much better unit. The current printer/scanner is 4 years old and came from a retail "box" store. There is no maintenance support option for this unit and it now does not work well.

Doug described the proposed unit as a commercial office-grade color Printer/Scanner from a local company that specializes in these units. This will be a 48-month lease. The \$888 amount in this Article is for first year of the lease. Going forward, this will be included in the Operating Budget. The unit comes with a comprehensive maintenance program that includes parts, labor and toner. The cost of the maintenance program is based on the number of copies actually printed, and this is estimated to

be about \$955 per year. This cost is already accounted for in the Administration section in the Budget, replacing the past toner expense.

Doug indicated that New Hampshire has a law that allows municipalities to scan and store records to eliminate paper. This requires a scanner that can produce a PDF/A format - this proposed new unit DOES have this new capability.

Doug summarized the benefits from this proposal as efficiency for office operations, full maintenance and support for the unit, cost reduction vs. the retail unit option, and PDF/A archival records storage capability.

There being no other questions or comments, Moderator rereads Article and calls for a hand vote. Moderator declares motion passed unanimously.

Article 09 - Gravel

To see if the Village District will vote to appropriate the sum of \$13,000 for the purpose of Gravel. This special article is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3 VI (d) and RSA 32:7 V. Funding for this appropriation will be from the Unassigned Fund. Recommended by the Board of Commissioners (3-0) (Majority vote required)

Article is read by Moderator. Mark Graffam moves the Article to the floor. Second by Nancy Cole.

Amendment: To change “for the purpose of Gravel.” to “for the purpose of Gravel and other road improvements.”

Motion by Mark Graffam

2nd by Nancy Cole

Mark Graffam indicated that the 2024 Budget included \$20,000 for gravel. The grader is the equipment needed to apply gravel to the roads. The grader was scheduled to be out of service for repairs for a couple of weeks at \$11,000, but was actually out of service all summer at a cost of \$32,000. This was caused by not being maintained properly in the past. As a result, \$13,000 of gravel was not purchased last year, and these funds went to the Unassigned Fund at the end of the year. It requires a vote of the Legislative Body to move funds out of the Unassigned Fund, so that is the goal of this Article. The District wants to use these funds in 2025 as part of the FEMA projects strategy.

There being no other questions or comments, Moderator rereads Amendment and calls for a hand vote. Moderator declares the Amendment passed unanimously.

There being no other questions or comments, Moderator rereads Article as amended and calls for a hand vote. Moderator declares motion passed unanimously.

Article 10 – Water Lines

To see if the village will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 for the purpose of the engineering water lines from Aspen to Burgdorf, including the addition of isolation valves on Burgdorf and Grison and the creation of a bid package. This appropriation is to be funded by taxation. Recommended by the Board of Commissioners (3-0) (Majority vote required)

Article is read by Moderator. Mark Graffam moves the Article to the floor. Second by Nancy Cole.

Mark Graffam describes the situation: the water main through the Grison culvert area is the only water supply for homes on Grison, Burgdorf, Grandval, Konstanz, and some homes out on Rt. 113. If the water main were to fail, the District is required by law to truck water to customers, which is very expensive. This proposal is to add a second route for water to flow into this area by adding a new 250' water line from the 1st house on Burgdorf (near Aspen), across the stream, to the existing water main that loops back to and terminates at the 2nd house on Burgdorf. In other words, the stream runs under Burgdorf between the 1st and 2nd houses on the road, and the water mains on each side dead-end and are not currently connected across the stream. This proposal includes adding isolation valves to the water main at each side of the stream on Grison and Burgdorf to protect the system in the event of another washout.

Nancy Cole points out that this water main serves a significant number of customers.

Mindy Prescott comments that we have to do the engineering before we can solicit bids.

Nancy Cole confirms this and indicates that the construction is to be done this year.

Willie Burnell asks if this is tied in with the Grison project.

Mark Graffam confirms that, indicating that this includes the addition of two shutoffs on Grison.

Nancy Cole indicates that having this second route for water supply into this area will be very helpful when rebuilding the Grison culvert.

Mark Graffam indicates that the District should be able to do this construction in 2025 using funding from Capital Reserves.

There being no other questions or comments, Moderator rereads Article and calls for a hand vote. Moderator declares motion passed unanimously.

Article 11 - DPW Well B Engineering

To see if the village will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for the purpose of engineering and permitting for placing a second well in the DPW A well area.

Funds for this appropriation will come from Water funds. Recommended by the Board of Commissioners (3-0) (Majority vote required)

Article is read by Moderator. Mark Graffam moves the Article to the floor. Second by Nancy Cole.

Mark Graffam describes the current wells in the District. Two of the original wells built by Great Northern Land Corporation are at the Muddy Beach site. These are bedrock wells drilled down through granite. This site is owned by VDOE, but is not within the District boundaries. These wells have a uranium issue where the tested level is a little above or a little under the maximum permitted limit. A test that is over limit requires that a paper notice be mailed to all customers. We could add a uranium filter, but the disposal cost is huge.

Mark describes the newer “DPW-A” well that is a high-capacity gravel pack well near the District Administrative building on Rt. 113. This well is on the largest aquifer in the northeast United States – it can produce 170 gpm, which is enough to supply the entire fully developed District. This Article is for the engineering and permitting to add a second gravel pack well at this location, which would serve as a backup or alternate to DPW-A. For now, the Muddy Beach wells must remain active as backup.

There being no other questions or comments, Moderator rereads Article and calls for a hand vote. Moderator declares motion passed with 14 Yes and 1 No.

Article 12 - Executive Stipends

To see if the village will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,376 for the purpose of increasing Executive Stipends, as follows:

Treasurer - \$400.00 monthly

Moderator - \$367.00 annually

Clerk - \$367.00 annually

Supervisors of the Checklist - \$367.00 annually

Commissioners – \$400.00 monthly.

Funding for this appropriation will be raised by taxation.

Recommended by the Board of Commissioners (3-0)

(Majority vote required)

Article is read by Moderator. Nancy Cole moves the Article to the floor. Second by Mark Graffam.

Nancy Cole indicates that the District Treasurer has served for 18 years at the same pay rate with no increase. The same is true for all other positions. We used the same percentage increase for all positions. The amount of this Article is for the first year. For subsequent years, this will be included in the Budget.

Wooda McNiven indicates that the current pay for a Commissioner is \$300 per month. This Article is requesting \$400, which is still way below the amount that Madison pays its Selectmen, and they meet every other week rather than weekly.

Mark Graffam recalls that the pay for a Commissioner was \$300 in 1986.

There being no other questions or comments, Moderator rereads Article and calls for a hand vote. Moderator declares motion passed unanimously.

Article 13 - Sale of the VDOE owned lot

To see if the district will vote to approve the sale of the VDOE owned lot at 20 Bristenstock Dr. by auction, as regulated by the VDOE’s Greenspace Ordinance. The sale shall be accomplished by a sealed bid auction to all abutters of the land. Minimum bid price shall be \$16,900.00. The VDOE land sold to an abutter shall be permanently merged with the abutting land of the winning bidder, by the winning bidder, at the expense of the winning bidder. All closing costs and recording fees shall be paid by the winning bidder to the closing agent. Recommended by the Board of Commissioners (3-0) (Majority vote required)

Article is read by Moderator. Mark Graffam moves the Article to the floor. Second by Nancy Cole.

Mark Graffam indicates that the District owns over 100 lots. These were purchased from Great Northern Land Corporation in 1978 and the NH Legislature was petitioned to form this Village District. We are part of the Town of Madison, but are an independent municipality. At the 2024 Annual Meeting, a Greenspace Ordinance was approved. This established a procedure for an abutter of a VDOE vacant lot to petition to purchase the lot. The request becomes a Warrant Article. This requires an auction. If the petition is approved by the voters at an Annual Meeting, the District notifies all other abutters by Certified Mail of the option to bid on the lot. The minimum bid is equal to the current assessed value. The winner of the auction must merge this purchased lot with their lot at their expense.

Kerry McNiven asked how large this lot is and what happens if they fail to complete the merge.

Mark Graffam replies that the lot is about 0.6ac. If there is a failure to merge, the purchase is refunded, and the purchase option goes to the next highest bid. If there is no other bidder, the lot returns to the District.

Fran Keenan asked where the funds from the sale will go.

Nancy Cole replies that the proceeds are revenue. The Commissioners will decide where to put the funds – into a Capital Reserve, into General Funds, use to reduce taxes, etc.

There being no other questions or comments, Moderator rereads Article and calls for a hand vote. Moderator declares motion passed unanimously.

Article 14 - New Tower Agreement

To see if the district will vote to ratify the new Tower Agreement with the Town of Conway.

Article is read by Moderator. Mark Graffam moves the Article to the floor. Second by Nancy Cole.

Mark Graffam indicates a recommendation that this Article be voted down and that the discussion be moved to Article 15.

Nancy Cole indicates that the reason for passing on this Article is that no actual Agreement has been completed. There was hope that this would be ready for consideration, but the Agreement does not yet exist.

There being no other questions or comments, Moderator rereads Article and calls for a hand vote. Moderator declares motion **failed** unanimously.

Article 15 - Sheriff's Tower Agreement modification

To see if the district will vote to ratify the Sheriff's Tower Agreement.

Article is read by Moderator. Mark Graffam moves the Article to the floor. Second by Nancy Cole.

Amendment: To see if the VDOE Legislative Body would vote in favor of advising the VDOE Governing Body to pursue the "Lease Renewal Agreement" with the Carroll County Sheriff's Department and any other agencies using our premises, with direct payment of monetary consideration.

Motion by Mark Graffam

2nd by Nancy Cole

Mark Graffam describes the history: back in the 1960's when the District was laid out by a surveyor, Alvin Colman was hired to cut and build the roads. Part of the agreement with Coleman was to carve out a small parcel at the top of Oak Ridge. Coleman has a 99-year lease for this parcel, which is adjacent to the VDOE water system building. This now has a communications tower which serves Coleman, some cellular service, and also two radio stations. The radio stations pay \$500 to the District for the use of this space.

Mark describes the Carroll County Sheriff's Department's subsequent interest in also having a communication facility on the summit. This is quite appealing due to the 1200' elevation and the existence of a year-round road, paid for by the District, for access. The District entered into an Agreement that allows the Sheriff's Department to use part of the VDOE Cabana building at the summit and to build another communications tower outside the building. This Agreement included no payment to the District, with the value described as coming from the ability of the Sheriff's Department to better serve the residents and property owners of the District in the areas of health, safety & welfare. The building and tower apparently now also house equipment for the Town of Conway Fire & Police Departments, but there was never an agreement to add that to the District property. The Agreement with the Sheriff's Department is overdue for renewal, but this has not yet been worked out.

Mark indicates that since the Agreements with the Carroll County Sheriff's Department and the Town of Conway have not yet been worked out, the Commissioners want to change this Article from approval of Agreements to a referendum on whether the District should negotiate for direct payment of monetary consideration in both of these agreements. That is, should all the taxpayers in Carroll County pay for this use of District property?

Nancy Cole indicates that this could be something like \$500 per month for each agreement.

There being no other questions or comments, Moderator rereads Article as amended and calls for a hand vote. Moderator declares motion passed unanimously.

Article 16 - Highway and Parking Ordinance

To see if the district will vote to change the Authority to the Board of Commissioners for the Highway and Parking Ordinance as stated by NH RSA 52. Recommended by the Board of Commissioners (3-0) (Majority vote required)

Article is read by Moderator. Wooda McNiven moves the Article to the floor. Second by Nancy Cole.

Wooda McNiven presents some background: in 2022, the previous Board implemented many restrictions on the use of the parking lot. In 2023, a homeowner organized a Petitioned Warrant Article to correct these restrictions. This also included the provision that the Ordinance cannot be changed by the Commissioners. This current Article is to return the Authority for this Ordinance back to the Commissioners, which requires a Public Hearing.

Nancy Cole indicates that NH State Law requires control of Ordinances by the Commissioners with a Public Hearing.

Mark Graffam points out that Highway matters are also included in this Ordinance. Homeowners and contractors have been making changes to roads on their own which can make driving on them or plowing/grading them difficult. The Commissioners need to be able to make changes to the Ordinance to deal with this.

Nancy Cole confirms that homeowners have been doing problematic things.

Mark Graffam describes issues with driveways that cause damage to the roads. People have also been dumping brush into the ditches which causes problems.

There being no other questions or comments, Moderator rereads Article as amended and calls for a hand vote. Moderator declares motion passed unanimously.

Moderator asks if there is any other business

Mike Dolan asked if anything can be done about the abandoned house and truck up on Oak Ridge.

Nancy Cole replied that technically this is not abandoned. The owner paid his taxes just in time. It would be up to Madison to take the property.

Mark Graffam adds that this owner owes VDOE for three years of water bills.

Moderator asks for a Motion to adjourn the 2024 Annual Meeting.

Motion by Mark Graffam

2nd by Nancy Cole

Moderator declares the meeting adjourned at 12:07pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas T. Prescott
District Clerk