

**VILLAGE DISTRICT OF EIDELWEISS**  
**Commissioner's Meeting**  
**Tuesday, April 14, 2026**

The Board of Commissioners Meeting was held at 9:00am on Tuesday, April 14, 2026. In attendance for the public meeting are Commissioner Mark Graffam, Commissioner Nancy Cole, Commissioner Wooda McNiven, and DPW Foreman Jeff DeMartino. In attendance is Bob D'Ambra and Doug Prescott

The meeting was videotaped by Evan Woss with Madison TV.

**Public Meeting**

At 9:01am Commissioner Wooda McNiven calls the meeting to order.

- Approval of Agenda  
**Wooda McNiven makes a motion to discuss & approve the April 14th agenda. Nancy Cole 2nds and brings up the need to add the property on Grachen Drive for discussion. The motion to approve the agenda is passed 3-0.**
  
- Approval of Minutes @ 9:02am
  - **Wooda McNiven makes a motion to discuss and approve the meeting minutes of April 7th. Nancy Cole 2nds it.** Mark provides needed revisions to include Jane Gunn in attendance, change Road Agents to Dust Control, change Mo Board to Mold Board, correct spelling on Nick Sceggell's last name and add R.E. to Prescott in bullet point about Uranium System installation for Muddy Beach. **Motion is passed 3-0, with these modifications.**
  
- Approval of the Manifests @ 9:08 am
  - Operations & Payroll – **Wooda McNiven makes a motion to discuss & approve the Operations and Payroll Manifest in the amount of \$17,567.01. Nancy Cole 2nds the motion.** Wooda reports a close to even split between payroll and operating expenses. Salt and Fuel purchases made up the bulk of the operating expenses.
  - **The motion is passed 3-0.**
  - There is no water manifest this week.
  
- DPW with the Foreman, Jeff DeMartino @ 9:09am
  - DPW picked up some gravel last week and used it to fill trouble spots on Huttwil, Bern and Little Shore. Some of the trouble spots were due to picking out logs embedded in the roads
  - Jeff requests we purchase a few more loads of gravel, as much as Commissioners will approve.
  - **Mark makes a motion to purchase six International Truck loads of gravel. Nancy second. Motion is approved 3-0.**

- Jeff reports contacting other nearby towns about road bans. **Mark makes a motion to lift VDOE road bans effective today. Wooda seconds. Motion is approved 3-0.**
- Jeff reports that 11-inch board at the dam spillway was reinserted on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Water levels have increased a little, but DPW will monitor this.
- Jeff reports that DPW will pull back the swim rafts, away from water's edge, so EPOA can work on them with a target date (according to Doug Prescott) of putting the swim rafts in the water by mid-May, no later than Memorial Day weekend. Wooda requests that the Thusis Beach raft be the first to be worked on.
- Mark inquires about asphalt work on Eidelweiss Drive and reports that the Asphalt Budget is \$20,000, which is \$5,000 less than last year. And FEMA and other work, which will include Bryant Paving and Black Dog Excavating, is scheduled to commence the first week in June. DPW needs to plan out their time to oversee these two vendors and be prepared to truck debris from Black Dog FEMA work. Mark asks Jeff to contact Bryant Paving to shim parts of Eidelweiss that are chewed up on the inclines (e.g. near DPW-2 garage). Mark will mark out, paint and measure, and contact Bryant to do this work in addition to the seven FEMA roads.
- Jeff has made a call into John Deere to arrange for the 500-hour service on the Backhoe.
- Jeff reports that Albany Service has an idea, using a cooler mounted on the Blower to help make it work smoothly. The blower is estimated to cost around \$600 but parts and labor will add to this. Wooda asks Jeff to get a more detailed explanation or plan on how Albany will address the Blower issue. Mark comments that the proposed work will not affect the Backhoe itself
- Jeff reports a second quote on Carbide Blades for the Grader from Allied Equipment, which is about \$200 less than quote from Jordan plus it is itemized with clearly labeled cost for blades, nuts, bolts and freight.
- At 9:26 am, **Wooda makes a motion to purchase Carbide Blades from Allied Equipment (lower cost vendor). Mark seconds. Motion is approved 3-0**
- Mark reports on future planned purchase of eye wash station and white-boards for DPW.
- Mark tells Jeff that someone at 54 Eidelweiss Drive was hosing down his driveway and the water was heading right back into the area where DPW filled in a big pothole in front of this address. DPW may need to talk to this homeowner about this.
- Wooda inquires about road issues reported on Presidential Drive. Jeff knows this still needs to be addressed, especially those areas where Ledge Hammering took place last year.
- **Scheduled Appearance @ 9:31am**
  - **Mark Graffam makes a motion to slide the Richard Shore Appearance up before the Commissioners Reports. Wooda seconds. Motion is approved 3-0.**
  - **Mark makes a motion that the VDOE Commissioners sign off on, and approve, the new Ron Briggs prepared property boundary line adjustment agreement on Grachen Drive that Richard Shore is seeking. Nancy seconds. The motion is approved 3-0.**

- **Commissioner's Concerns/Reports @ 9:39 am**

- **Nancy Cole**

- Nancy brings up Beach Ordinance; however, she doesn't believe any action will be taken on this by this summer, e.g. restricted parking, signs, car tags, etc. When will the discussion to figure out proper procedures for this ordinance take place this year to put into effect next year. She states there will not be enough time before Memorial Day this year to get this going. Wooda brings up his concern that VDOE homeowners need to help craft this ordinance and that it should fall 100% on the Commissioners to do this. Nancy agrees that a committee or a few residents willing to work on this would be welcome but again, not much will happen this year.

- **Mark Graffam**

- Mark reports on invitation from the EPOA to attend their Annual Meeting in May. Nancy and Mark responded that they would attend. Wooda joked that he had no choice but to attend because EPOA's Secretary is Kerry McNiven. Mark says the Annual Meeting would be a good time to discuss the car tag system as part of the Beach Ordinance.
- Mark brings up culvert issue at 23 Huttwil and that DPW will be meeting the owner this afternoon to discuss how culvert needs to be reset in the driveway and other improvements to the driveway to ensure proper drainage.
- Mark has been in contact with Black Dog Excavating to figure out what size of excavator will be used for Lugano work that starts in the first full week of May.
- Mark also contacted Warren Cline about the list of outstanding projects around the VDOE he was contracted to do. It is uncertain if he can perform the tree and branch clearing work needed around the Summit Pump House. This particular job is TBD.
- Mark reports that he has been in contact with a Quickbooks Consultant who is interested in doing some support work for the VDOE. Commissioners will meet with her next week.
- Mark voices concern about the Crack Sealing estimate for Blinden Drive due to increased oil costs since original estimate.
- Every quarter Mark has to report to NH Emergency Management on four different projects, including Grisson Road. Waiting to hear back from Engineer Nick Sceggell on modification to culvert design for Grisson.
- Mark reports that Madison Town Clerk has agreed to notarize the revised Carroll County Sherriff's Department Tower Agreement and hold this until such time at the Sherriff will come in and sign it. Mark expects the revised agreement will be ready by next week's BOC meeting for the Commissioners to sign.

- **Wooda McNiven**

- Wooda reports that NHDES informed him that the Executive Council will review our Granite State Clean Fleets application for grant funding toward the purchase of the new Western Star truck on Wednesday, April 15th. DES rep, Mac Bevier, suggested we should contact our District Rep prior to this meeting to tell him why the VDOE is a worthy candidate for this funding.

- **Water**
  - Nothing to discuss for water
  
- **Old Business/Tabled Items @ 9:54 am**
  - Wooda reiterates that he will be calling a number of CPA firms gleaned from NH CPA website to find out if they'd be interested in performing a municipal audit for the VODE
  
- **Correspondence**
  - None
  
- **Public Appearance/Public Comments @ 9:55 am**
  - Doug explains process EPOA members plan to use in preparing the swim rafts for the upcoming season. Instead of paint, Doug states his belief that Thompson's Water Seal would be a superior treatment method for the swim rafts.
  - **At 9:57 am, Mark makes a motion to have the DPW assist EPOA members in the planned work on the swim rafts. Nancy seconds. Motion is approved 3-0.**
  - Doug expresses his opinion that applying Thompson Water Seal should be an annual treatment.
  - Mark wants to know when the Thusis Beach raft will be done and how it will impact where the planned perch will go.

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