

VILLAGE DISTRICT OF EIDELWEISS

Commissioner's Meeting

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

The Board of Commissioners Meeting was held at 9:00 am on Wednesday, September 16, 2026. In attendance at the public meeting are Commissioners; Mark Graffam, Nancy Cole, and Wooda McNiven. Also in attendance, Ian Hayes, Simply Water and Chuck McGee, Chairman of the Carroll County Commissioners.

Madison TV videotaped this meeting.

Public Meeting

At 9:00 am Commissioner, Wooda McNiven, calls the meeting to order.

- **Approval of Agenda:** @ 9:00

Wooda McNiven made a motion to discuss and approve the agenda, Nancy Cole 2nd. Public Comments be moved up and be discussed after the approval of agenda. **Motion passed 3-0.**

- **Approval of Minutes:** September 9th, 2026 @ 9:16

Wooda McNiven made a motion to discuss and approve the minutes from September 9th, 2026, Nancy 2nd. Corrections needed are as follows: In Mark Graffam's report, Administrator's report should have an apostrophe. Under Approval of Manifest, replace "who" after Just Electric to "that". In the DPW report, "continuing hot top paving" should be removed and that sentence should read "The DPW is preparing the roads for winter." Replace "Doug Prescott is actively trying to get a quote from the outhouse vendor, United Rentals" with "Doug Prescott is actively trying to get a quote from the septic pumping vendor." Remove "it to" from the sentence, starting with "All that would be needed from the VDOE". In Mark Graffam's report Vault is spelled incorrectly two times. Again, in Mark Graffam's report, correct the sentence regarding the Conway Daily Sun to "The newspaper, Conway Daily sun asked the Carroll County Sheriff about the Eidelweiss Tower." In Public Comments, boards is spelled incorrectly. In approval of agenda, the sentence referencing the non-public session should read "Following the meeting at the VDOE Office, a non-public meeting will be held with Nancy present for the board to discuss a legal matter. **Motion passed 3-0 as amended.**

- **Approval of Manifest:** @ 10:30

Wooda McNiven made a motion to discuss and approve the \$54,389.59 Operations Manifest. Nancy 2nd. There was a 50% payment, \$40,137.50, for the Como Pressure Reduction Vault which is most of this manifest. **Motion passed 3-0.**

Wooda McNiven made a motion to discuss and approve the \$13,470.61 Payroll Manifest. Nancy 2nd. **Motion passed 3-0.**

There were no checks for water, therefore no Water Manifest.

- **DPW Report** @ 9:25

A quote was received from Ossipee Mountain Electronics for radios to be installed in two trucks. Jeff recommended proceeding with the analog radio quote. Jeff stated that a truckload consists of

approximately 22 tons, with an estimated cost of \$1,977.00 per load. Jeff will contact a garage door repair company regarding the door at the Cabana. The EPOA did an excellent job cleaning out the Cabana. Several remaining items may need to be taken to Conway Hazardous Waste Day for proper disposal. **Wooda McNiven made a motion to allow Jeff to spend \$275.00 for a day rental of the stump grinder. Nancy Cole 2nd. Motion passed 3-0.**

Wooda McNiven made a motion to jump ahead of schedule, bring Ian on, and the water report up to now, before the approval of the manifest and other agenda items below it. Nancy 2nd. Motion passed 3-0.

- **Commissioner's Concerns/Reports @ 10:33**

Mark Graffam: Mark would like to introduce a discussion that should continue for a few weeks. He would like to have a plan for the dam this October. He suggested the draw down should begin on Friday October 9th. It must be completed by October 15th according to the state of New Hampshire. His plan would include getting the water down and taking measurements with a clear visual of the problem with the concrete wall. The DPW could possibly lift the grate and slide it back then possibly support the grate with a 2x4. This will provide an unobstructed view to the problem of the concrete. He would also like to put marks on the concrete walls to show where it is vertically to show how far down. Then evaluate the metal work to see if it is safe to go out on it. Then measure the outside of the dam how far it is before we hit muck, silt and we get a picture of how this looks on the outside and how much dredging will happen to get to the outside of where the cement has a problem. Pictures, measurements, and all done at the taking of the 11" board out to drop the water level down for winter. He will bring this up again when there is more time with Jeff. Mark would like to contact the Dam Bureau and see if our dam classification has changed. He sent an email to D&R paving to ask whether he has a schedule to come in and fix the three roads (Aspen Drive, Lugano Road, and Blinden Drive) the VDOE wanted fixed. The engineer for the Grison Road culvert is now working on a bid package, and it needs to be clarified with the NH Emergency Management if they expect the VDOE to put that bid package out in November? FEMA will need to look at this and then it will need to go to a vote. The work will not be done until spring of 2027. Mark requested a phone number for the person who will be installing the new VDOE sign to schedule a date to get the sign up. He will follow up with the resident would will truck the logs at DPW 1. **Mark Graffam made a motion that he orders another whiteboard matching the two that are already down there. Nancy 2nd. Motion passed 3-0.**

Wooda McNiven: He said he is about 90% through every name on the water customer list he plans on finishing it today so he may get the information over to Minute Man Press for the uranium notice letter. He submitted a draft letter for the board to review and give feedback. Information regarding MailChimp and contact information was added to this letter.

Mark Graffam made a motion to send this letter out as modified. Nancy 2nd. Motion passed 3-0.

Nancy Cole: The lead and copper collections are finished and have been sent to Eurofins for processing. A letter from DES will need to be sent to each household tested with their specific results. We will also post the overall results.

Nancy Cole made a motion for Wooda McNiven to sign the agreement for purchasing the salt from Eastern Minerals Inc. Mark 2nd. The motion passed 3-0.

- **Water @ 9:42**

Ian Hayes, from Simply Water, reported on the uranium filtration system that will be installed. Ian will order the necessary supplies, which are expected to be delivered to the pump house within approximately one week. He will provide the VDOE with a proposed installation date once it has been determined. Wooda McNiven reminded the board that the VDOE must send a letter to all water service customers regarding the running annual average uranium level exceeding 30 ug/L no later than September 24, 2026. The notification letter requires a target resolution date. After discussion, December 31, 2026, was established as the resolution date and will be included in the customer notification letter. The board discussed the water hook-up permit application for 17 Rigi Drive. Ian expressed the opinion that action should be postponed until the property is sold, as a new owner may choose a different location for the water service connection installation. Mark Graffam discussed a property located on Jungfrau Road that is scheduled to be auctioned by the Town of Madison. He noted that the property includes several improvements that add significant value, including a curb stop installation valued at approximately \$18,000, an existing septic system, and a driveway. Mark indicated that highlighting these improvements in auction advertising could help attract higher bids. Increased auction proceeds would benefit both the VDOE and the Town of Madison. Mark will work on promoting the auction as an individual. Ian explained how Simply Water replaces or installs new water lines. Work will be done on the water valve on Grison Road next week. This will require water to be shut off in this area. Ian doesn't anticipate the water to be off for long. There was a discussion on replacing the Jungfrau pump and the electrical panel. A discussion came up regarding the SCADA system data. There is a period of that is missing. Ian was asked to give a list of possible new vendors. Nancy Cole requested advance notice of the flushing at least a week prior to the starting of work. Discussion about the Como Vault came up and the timeline to start the work. Work continues with the curb stops and they will be prioritized.

- **Administrator's Report @ 10:59**

3 Old Town Road driveway permit. Nancy Cole points out the permit request for 3 Old Town Road only shows a garage or storage unit to be built on the property. This does not comply with the zoning ordinance which is single family only. Also, the application does not have a plot plan. Mark suggested the VDOE should have a discussion with Bob Boyd at the Town of Madison regarding this request.

19 West Bergamo Road driveway permit. Nancy Cole points out this property should be 2 Visp Road, not 19 West Bergamo Road as the access to this property will be on Visp Road. Paperwork for address change will need to be done.

Inspections will take place on Thursday September 17th at 1:30pm.

- **Old Business/Tabled Items @ 11:08**

Nothing to report.

- **Signature Items @ 11:10**

Manifests, checks, and driveway permit for 15 Little Shore Drive.

Wooda McNiven made a motion to sign the driveway permit for construction for 15 Little Shore Drive. Nancy 2nd. Motion passed 3-0.

- **Correspondence @ 11:14**

Doug Prescott sent a summary of the clean-up of the Cabana.

- **Non-Agenda items @ 11:15**

Nothing to report.

- **Public Comments @ 9:02** Chuck McGee, Chairman of the Carroll County Commissioner, was present to discuss the Cell Tower rental contract. A lengthy discussion followed. Mr. McGee expressed desire to renegotiate the rental cost and insurance requirement while the VDOE stated they do not wish to negotiate any changes to the current contract.

@ Wooda McNiven makes a motion that they recess this meeting until Thursday, September 17th on Visp Road at 1:30pm to do the driveway inspection for the new house going up. Nancy 2nd. The motion passed 3-0.

To view this meeting on video, please use the following

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SlkpnreyfqY>

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