

**MOECKEL POND VILLAGE DISTRICT  
BUDGET HEARING MEETING MINUTES**

March 21, 2016

Windham Fire Department, 7:00 PM

Attendees:

Rhonda Cook  
Dianna Fallon  
Neil Fallon  
Dan Masse  
Bruce Moeckel  
Jim Murphy  
Judy Murphy  
Tom O'Brien  
Michelle Stith  
Norm Young  
Stephanie Young

- Call to order. Dan Masse reviewed last year's budget and presented the different financial needs for this year. Last year's budget was \$2100 total, which comprised \$1250 for general municipal operations and \$850 for the dam reconstruction capital reserve fund. Dan explained that two new things are happening this year:
  - o There is an article on the Warrant to amend the purchase and sale agreement in place with the Friends of Moeckel Pond in order to give the Village District a 50% ownership stake of the dam immediately. The agreement is subject to the right of the Village District to convey its ownership interest back to the Friends of Moeckel Pond if the Moeckel Pond Dam is not satisfactorily reconstructed to meet the requirements of the NH Department of Environmental Services and the towns of Windham and Pelham. The reason for this is so that the Village District can accept Federal grant funds in order to use them for dam reconstruction. Certain grants can only be given to a public entity, and only if that public entity has a "vested interest" in the reconstruction. The revision of the P&S is contingent on a vote at the Village District Annual Meeting. Legal fees have been and will be necessary to revise the P&S to the satisfaction of both parties, and also for general counsel in accepting and expending funds, such as from Federal grants.
  - o The NH Property Liability Trust (PLT) is dissolving this year and the Village District general liability insurance policy will expire in June. The Village District will need to seek an alternate source for general liability insurance.
- There was a general discussion about these legal fees and insurance among the group. Dianna Fallon provided additional details on the grant funds available.

- Norm Young provided info with regards to the Village District being added to the insurance policy of the Friends of Moeckel Pond for purposes of property liability insurance (pertaining to dam ownership) at no cost to the Village District. The action was taken by Norm to look into this further.
- Bruce provided some information on the state of the Village District checking account balance and a typical year's budget cycle. It was explained that we typically receive our appropriated budget amount in the form of a check from the Town of Windham in mid-December of each year, even though there are bills for the current year due throughout the year.
  - In order to cover the extra legal fees for the year, which are unknown in their exact amount at this time, a budget of \$3350 was proposed for general municipal operations. This would be broken down into \$1250 for insurance and \$2100 for legal fees for 2016. It was also proposed to contribute \$850 to the capital reserve fund, as the Village District has done each year since formation. This gives a total 2016 Village District budget of \$4200.
  - There was unanimous support among all in attendance for the budget as proposed.
  - Dan asked if there were any further comments or objections to the proposed budget. There were no objections to the proposed budget or further comments. There was a motion to accept the budget as proposed and the motion was seconded.
  - The Commissioners present voted to accept the budget as written and put it on the 2016 warrant.
    - Tom O'Brien – yes
    - Stephanie Young – yes
    - Dan Masse – yes
  - Meeting adjourned around 7:30PM