

Moeckel Pond Village District

In the Town of Windham, NH
Annual Meeting: April 12, 2022
Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Commissioners: Dan Masse and Stephanie Young

Moderator: Neil Fallon

Auditor: Norm Young

Treasurer: Bruce Moeckel

Clerk: Kim Masse

Voting residents (apart from aforementioned parties, and in alphabetical order, as recorded by the supervisors of the checklist):

Kevin Brown, Dianna Fallon, James Murphy, Judith Murphy, Parool Shah, Shrenik Shah, and Sandra Thomas

Non-voting attendees: Bob & Fran Bell (Rock Pond)

Windham Supervisors of the checklist: Rich and Roy

Meeting came to order at 19:04

Moderator Neil Fallon opened the meeting. We will follow rules of Groton not Robert's rules. Moderator will move and second articles, explain and defend, and then vote.

Neil read Article 1:

ARTICLE 1: To choose in the manner provided by law, the following Village District officers:

Commissioner – 3-year term

Moderator – 3-year term

Auditor – 1-year term

Tom O'Brien is the commissioner up for re-election. A discussion was held in which it was discussed that Tom would be willing to step down if another person in the district would like to be a commissioner. Tom was not present at the meeting. Neil asked for nominations from the floor. Kim Masse nominated Kevin Brown for the position of Commissioner and Kevin accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations from the floor.

Auditor Norm Young is up for re-election and accepted to run for a third term. There were no other nominations from the floor.

Moderator Neil Fallon is up for re-election and accepted to run for a third term. There were no other nominations from the floor.

A motion was made to vote to elect the three nominated candidates as stated above. The motion was seconded.

The residents voted by a show of hands. Votes were unanimous in favor of electing the Auditor: Norm Young, Moderator: Neil Fallon, and Commissioner: Kevin Brown.

Neil read Article 2:

ARTICLE 2: To see if the village district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5000 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required)

Moved and seconded to open discussion on the article. Dan Masse explained that this amount was decided upon at the February Budget Hearing Meeting. As a Village District, we overspent last year by \$5,000. Our budget for Operating Cost last year was \$2000, and we spent \$7000: about \$5K was legal, \$2K insurance, \$400 dam fees. Going forward, the operating expense should be about \$2,000, but we need to build back the balance that we spent last year. At the Budget Hearing, it was agreed upon to raise 5K for Operating budget and only \$1 for Capital Reserve Fund, since that is currently adequately funded.

James: Will we have a shortage (negative balance) before we get reimbursed by town?

Moeckel: Yes. We had a floater helper this past year when that happened, but hopefully we won't have to this year. This year the town check didn't come through until Feb 2022 for everything owed to us in 2021.

A motion was made to accept and vote on Article 2 as written. Motion was seconded. Vote was unanimous to pass Article 2.

Neil read Article 3:

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Village District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one dollar (\$1) to be added to the Marston-Finn Conservation Dam Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Recommended by the Board of Commissioners. (Majority vote required.)

Moved and seconded to open discussion on the article. Bruce informed we have \$8,753 in this fund right now.

A motion was made to accept and vote on Article 3 as written. Motion was seconded. Vote was unanimous to pass Article 3.

Neil read Article 4:

ARTICLE 4: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Moved and seconded to open discussion on the article.

Neil explained that now we own the dam, we need to start looking into forming committees. Right now, that's mostly Dianna Fallon and Norm Young doing the majority of the work, Now that the Friends of Moeckel Pond are no longer owners, we need more helpers- spread that out.

Ideas:

Incident Committee (Report issues to towns)

Maintenance

Repairs

-Norm Young thinks that since we don't have enough active members, maybe we should just have a point of contact.

-Sandy, what do we do if there's a vandalism, etc:

Dianna: Take a picture, report to police, person who finds should report it if possible.

Dan, what do we do to reach everyone else in the district. Does anyone know if anyone who doesn't know about MPVD?

No one knew of anyone who hasn't been included. Everyone agrees though that once we have an idea of what we're doing, we need to reach out via flyers in mailboxes to all of the MPVD residents, as well as nearby neighbors.

Some clarification on what the MPVD does NOT own: The parking lot, path, dock, roads, kiosk = all the town

We DO own the dam, the fence and have to maintain the road. (Old bridge is responsibility of Pelham – not for driving.)

Neil: Do we need a finance committee for example if someone needed a check to fix something.

Smaller group? But we are already a small group.

Motion was made to form a maintenance committee and safety/incident committee and seconded. Neil Fallon volunteered himself and Tom O'Brien for the maintenance committee. Seeking volunteers for the safety/incident committee.

A motion was made to accept the committee proposals and seconded. Vote was unanimous to accept.

Motion made to close the meeting and seconded.

Meeting officially ended 19:35.

Submitted by:



Kim Masse

Mockel Pond Village District Clerk