Moeckel Pond Village District In the Town of Windham, NH Budget Hearing and Commissioners Meeting: Feb 26, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Location: Training Room at the Windham Fire Department

Moeckel Pond Village District Commissioners Present: Stephanie Young, Kevin Brown

Other Attendees: Dan Masse (moderator), Jim Murphy, Judy Murphy, Bruce Moeckel (treasurer)

Motion to open the budget hearing for general discussion. Motion seconded.

Meeting came to order at 7:10 pm

Handouts relating to last year's budget and spending and this year's anticipated spending were distributed. This handout is included in these minutes as Appendix A.

There followed a general review of the contents of Appendix A, including 2024 expenses and what is anticipated in 2025.

The current balances of the Village District operating account and Capital Reserve Fund were reviewed and confirmed by Bruce Moeckel, treasurer to be accurate to what is in Appendix A. Bruce confirmed that the Windham Trustees of the Trust Funds now hold our Capital Reserve Fund for us as required, and we do not have an exact balance for this including interest at this time, but the balance in Appendix A is accurate to the best of our knowledge. This may be a little higher due to interest earnings since last year.

There was a discussion of the individual budget line items.

There was a discussion about the long-term plan to tie the Capital Reserve fund allocation to \$1000 in 2022 dollars and adjust for inflation according to the CPI as discussed in Appendix A. This would result in a 2025 fund raise to Capital Reserve of \$1214. There was discussion and agreement.

A motion was made to the Commissioners to accept the proposed budget and put it on the Warrant for a vote of the full Village District. The proposed 2025 budget is as follows:

\$1700 Liability Insurance
\$400 State of NH dam registration
\$1686 General maintenance, including road maintenance, fence repair, landscaping, poison ivy control

\$3786 total operating budget for 2024

As well as:

\$1214 – to be raised for the Capital Reserve Fund (Marston-Finn Conservation Dam Capital Reserve Fund previously established) via a separate Warrant Article

This motion was seconded.

The Board of Commissioners voted in favor:

Steff Young: yes Kevin Brown: yes Neil Fallon: not present Moeckel Pond Village District Motion to close the Budget Hearing and General Commissioners Meeting. Motion seconded. Conclusion of the 2025 Budget Hearing and General Commissioners Meeting Meeting adjourned approximately 7:50 pm.

Submitted by:

Kim Masse

Mockel Pond Village District Clerk

Appendix A – Notes and Background for Discussion – Distributed at the Budget Hearing

Moeckel Pond Village District 2025 Budget Hearing and Commissioners' Meeting Feb 26, 2025 General topics for discussion and notes

Discussion about 2024 spending

2024 Total Spending		
Legal	\$ -	
Liability Insurance	\$ 1,663.00	
Other	\$ 595.00	incl. poison ivy treatment
Dam Fees	\$ 400.00	
Grand Total	\$ 2,658.00	

Account Balances

Operating Account		Note	
2023 Year End Balance	\$ 10,362		
2024 total spending	\$ (2,658)		
2024 total tax revenue	\$ 5,070	actual amount received from the Town	
Transfer to Capital Reserve Fund	\$ (1,179)	transfer pending	
Interest	\$ 1		
Current balance ("2024 year end")	\$ 11,596		

*Note: Our Capital Reserve Fund is now held by the Windham Trustees of the Trust Funds, as is required.

Capital Reserve Fund		
2023 Year End Balance	\$ 9,899	
2024 Capital Reserve tax funding	\$ 1,179	transfer pending
Interest	\$ 1	approximate
Current balance ("2023 year end")	\$ 11,079	approximate

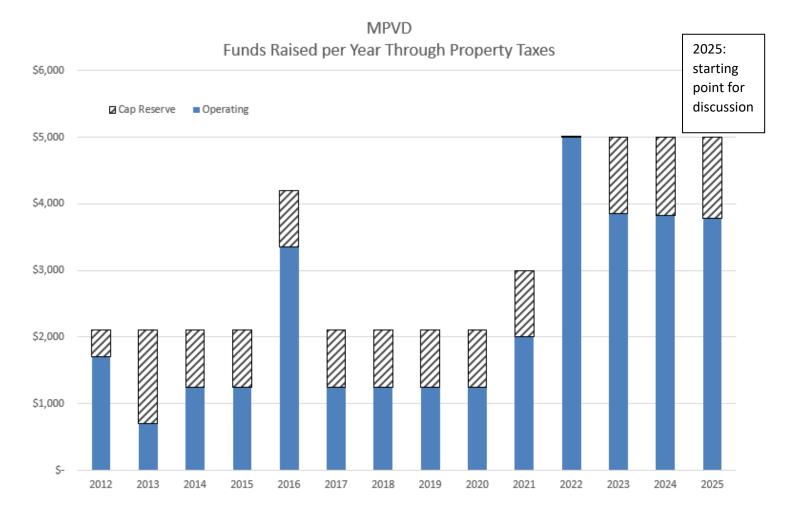
2025 Anticipated Spending for Discussion

2025 Anticipated Spending		
Insurance	\$1,700.00	anticipated based on prior increases
Dam Fee to NH DES	\$400.00	anticipated normal yearly amount
Other (poison ivy, fence, road?)	\$0.00	Any anticipated? (discuss)
Legal	\$0.00	none anticipated
Total Anticipated Spending - Operating	\$2,100.00	-

Capital Reserve Fund – for discussion:

- At the 2021 budget hearing, we agreed to raise \$1000 for the Capital Reserve Fund for 2021.
- We also agreed (though not binding) that we should adjust the amount raised for the Capital Reserve Fund each year by the amount which the Consumer Price Index has increased since 2021.
- (In 2022, we only allocated \$1.00 to the Capital Reserve Fund due to the need to raise additional operating funds, as we discussed and agreed upon at that time)
- If we use the CPI to adjust \$1000 in Jan 2021 to Jan 2025, the amount we would raise is \$1,214
 - Source: https://www.bls.gov/data/inflation_calculator.htm

Annual Budget History



2025 Village District Elections – (FYI).

Up for election this year at the Annual Meeting:

term ending: Kevin Brown

- Commissioner 3-year term
- Clerk 2-year term term ending: Kim Masse
- Treasurer 2-year term term ending: Bruce Moeckel
 - Moderator 3-year term term ending: Dan Masse
- Auditor 1-year term looking for a volunteer