

PLVD Monthly Meeting

April 16, 2024

Roll Call: Chairman Andrew Pomeroy, Commissioner Michael Malecha, Commissioner Susan Lawrence, Treasurer Jamie Dow, Clerk Alison Scott

Attendees: Mary Lou Maraganis, John Maraganis, Bruce Waite, David Klumb, Kathy Dymond, Jeff Perry, Kim Height, Craig Bradt, Brenda Bradt, Elsa Silva, Dianne Lauffer, Russ Lauffer, Ed Lawrence, Erin McCormick, Erin McLaughlin, Claudette Levesque, Jennifer Buck, Donna Kenny and Eli (would not identify himself, so was removed from zoom)

Chairman Andrew made a motion to accept March meeting minutes, Michael seconded, motion passed

Rate Discussion

Jamie provided the report of appropriations. Commissioners signed MS232 Report of appropriated.

Love our Lake

Michael, based on town meeting and vote.

Deweeding premits application submitted.

The state is looking into navigation aids. Proposal for 7 hazard buoys and channel markers, at no cost to community.

Michael contacted the loon preservation society. Loon population is getting more robust... If we reach a point when we have pairs or more that come, we should inform the state.

Jeff Perry has gifted a rolling dock for the community, Michael would like to know if anyone will help. The state helps to approve for the public good. We need someone to help. To Consider possible locations 2. Get pricing for additions.

We have \$1500 we can spend on permitting and possibly docks. Michael is asking for any additional ideas and people to spearhead for possible installation next year.

Andrew

Andrew meets with Shelly frost to discuss email. She had several requests and several requirements. Andrew went point by point. Some items were not pertinent to our system.

Recommendations were to work with Aquamen to reduce the need for repairs. Suggestions to increase areas that are repaired while crew and machinery are on site. We are actively working on the reduction of the cost of the system. Our costs were over budget last year, \$65,000 (budget was \$50,000) 2024 budget increased to \$70,000. In regard to emergency grants, Shelly suggested Andrew connect with Cindy at DES to assist in larger loans. Shelly stressed the importance of the number of customers and if we need a new well. We approved a loan grant; Andrew will investigate if those monies raised can be moved to repairs. Andrew would like Aquamen to move the Generator from Peninsula to Franklin Pierce. The last storm took down a pole at Franklin Pierce and the meter was destroyed. Mary Lou asks if we have insurance to cover the damage to the pump house.

Jamie will ask Primex. Jamie needs clarification on which bills

Mary Lou asks for elaboration on the communications with Aquamen.

Chairman Andrew elaborates weekly (52) was a previous requirement. The board needs to ask Aquamen to attend a meeting or draft an email and ask them to respond in writing. Michael would like to review the last 12 months of Aquamen bills to see what was accomplished and what was not. We are charged for their time; Michael wants to

evaluate the efficiency with their time. Michael feels will be a fundamental piece of the conversation. Andrew would like to get emails and establish an agenda and email Aquamen (4/22/2024) so that a meeting can be requested for week of May 6. Jamie will provide.

Jeff is asking for an estimate for the cost to get a new generator. Jamie explains that we had a FEMA grant, and we need to have work in kind can be used. There are community members willing to do work in kind to prepare for the generator at Franklin Pierce.

Kathy Dymond, would like a copy of Aquamen contract.

Jamie will investigate it to see if this is allowed. When is the contract up? December.

Commissioners are combing through the contract.

Treasurers Report

Jamie reports we have the normal monthly invoices. Aquamen, TDS, Eastern, Eversource. All various Aquamen services. (4 that applied to storm damage.) The Commissioners agreed not to pay 4 invoices until they are reviewed.

6 customers 60 days past due. 7 Shut off notices have been sent Water to be shut off May 10th, one has paid. Meter reading, Susan will address the data transfer. She will talk with EJ Prescott to set up the training. Back to customer balances.... Jennifer Buck is asking for a grace period, since the last 3 bills' overages were not calculated. Jamie explained that they are going to divide the overages and work with the customers to get caught up.

Andrew motion to approve the April 20, 2023 treasures report, Michael seconds, motion passes.

Mary Lou wanted to know if we investigated the Webster community power. Jamie will investigate.

Andrew

Kathy Dymont is a water customer coming off. She was directed to the PLVD website. Aquamen will send an invoice and PLVD will send an invoice with the Final meter read.

Elsa asks how many water customers. 56 invoices. Jamie is aware of 7 more coming off.... the grant payment will change based on number of water customers on the system each quarter.

Jennifer Buck inquires which social media is current. Jamie directs to Facebook page named Pillsbury Lake Community, (with fall foliage on lake). Jennifer expresses her concerns regarding communication. The commissioners explain that they do not run the social media pages. We use Facebook as a method of convenience. PLVD is not being notified of outages or work being done so we are unable to relay.

For Agenda, outages, minutes, Andrew directs her to PLVD website. Treasurers report is not allowed on the website or given out to public by state law, Debt Collection Fair Practice Act.

Agenda items get emailed to the board. Chairman Andrew puts together an agenda in time for the meeting. Jenn wants to know if meetings have a standard time. Response, Michael, no due to the board members work travels. The board will investigate use of email notifications. The commissioners agree that communication needs to improve.

Notice from bond bank, payments as of 1/21/2025 all debt service payments need to be paid electronically.

Jamie went to reconcile and found a Lazare Laskowski is paying online. We do not have a water customer by that name.

Clubhouse

Sandy (represented by Brenda)

Concerned with spring clean up and mud at the lower entrance (Emmett can get us some stone?) Susan suggested a 50/50. Suggestion to add solar lights on the path. Andrew requests an email to request any improvements. Susan requests that they call Dig Safe before digging.

Playground

Jeff is going to assemble firepits and drop them off at the playground area. He is requesting assistance to install pits. Did we get approval from Emmett? Michael responds, Emmett would appreciate it if we installed a class 1 pit with water available, and bylaws for use. Michael asks Jamie to call Primex to confirm before we continue.

Jeff is also donating horseshoe pits. Kathy and John have volunteered to help install.

Requests for agenda items

- Separate committee Loans and grants committee. The board does not support a separate committee.
- Recommend that water users continue to stay on the systems: The Commissioners feel this would be inappropriate given that all community residents are free to make their own choices with respect to their water source.
- We do not plan to hire an outside counsel.
- John offered help with the discovery of other water operators, he wants to develop a water community committee. The board does not support a separate committee. Only the board should work with potential contractors. It will complicate the process. Andrew wants to limit the people contacting (board members only) to keep information clean and concise. Mary Lou and John will help by providing a list of potential.

A local resident read a lengthy statement of personal opinion and has requested it to be published in the notes of the meeting. Meeting notes are meant to be a concise and clear summary reflecting discussions, decisions, tasks assigned and a timeline for actions. Therefore, the Commissioners have agreed not to publish the statement so as to keep to the purpose and point of meeting notes.

Next meeting May 15, 2024 at 5:30

Meeting was adjourned at 6:49