

Pillsbury Lake Village District Monthly meeting

Meeting called to order Dec 11, 2023 at 6:03pm

Attendance: Chairman Andrew Pomeroy, Commissioner Michael Malecha, Treasurer Jamie Dow, Clerk Alison Scott

Roll Call: Sandy Estep, Georgette Batchelder, Mary and John Marganis, Claudette Levesque, Donna and Peter Kenney and Abby Fopiano (Edge Water NH)

Chairman Andrew makes a motion to accept Commissioner Lisa Robinsons resignation dated 12/1/2023. Michael seconds, so moved.

Andrew asks if there has been any interest from the community? Michael suggests that we post the position open.

Andrew makes a motion to accept Nov minutes. Michael seconds, so moved.

Update on funding – Abby Fopiano

Proposed project is to permit for a new well at least a 1000 feet away from the Franklin Pierce well, into the conservation land. The goal is to get enough water to connect into the Franklin Pierce pump house, eventually disconnect the Peninsula well and only run the Franklin Pierce pump house.

We applied for NH drinking water Trust Fund applied for 250,000. Trust fund gives grants and loans. They will not approve 50%. We asked for 75% as a grant and we were offered this. 198,750 grant and a loan of 66,0000. At this point first thing we need is a community vote to accept this money. Then to assign someone as the assignee.

Michael asks the vote comes from the community Does it represent the community or come from the community? Abby...we need more than the board.... Andrew adds that we need a warrant article. Jamie clarifies that every voter needs to vote. Michael asks, when does this vote need to be taken? Abby suggests that a special meeting is called. May 1st is the deadline to submit the final application. Vote will need to be done by April 1st.

Andrew asks do the contractors need to be assigned and finalized by May 1st? Abby says, no, just need the final application. It will take 2-3 months before we have money in hand to begin the project. Next fall, 2024 would be a realistic timeline for installation.

Michael suggests we accept Abbys explanation. The commissioners need to discuss how proceed to move this forward. We need to get more information and get that information out to the community before the vote at the annual meeting.

Abby will send additional emails out to spell out what the pay back looks like and some sample flyers used for education and to encourage the voters to come out and vote for it. The intent of this is to reduce operational costs for running the water system.

Andrew asks how long we will have to pay back the loan. Abby states that the payback begins 6 months after the project is completed, probably summer of 2025. It is a 20-year term at 3.5%. Abby will send an email and follow up after the first of the year.

Water System Update

Andrew is following up with Liam and EJ Prescott, to trouble shoot the new meter. Andrew is hoping to have the meters read by the end of the end of the week. Jamie suggested that we let the users know that the bills may be late due to the issues with the new meter.

Lake Update

Michael stated that we do not have next year's numbers yet from Solitude. The wet summer moved the chemicals down so that the southern realized a 50% improvement, 35% on the northern portions. Michael recapped the effectiveness of the chemicals. Once a month application, proposed for next year, should be more effective throughout. This was a multi-year commitment to get on top of the growth that had not been treated for years. He expects to spend the same amount of money next year in hopes that the following years we should be able to switch to a spot treatment. He hopes that we can save money in other areas and redirect some funds into dewatering. Andrew adds, we want to do what the community wants to do as a whole.

Plowing

Date for submission of bids is December 15th. We cannot open the current bids until the 15th. If there is a storm before then, Andrew will call Minor, that plowed last year for a one-time service. Bids received from Minor and Poulin Property. Michael suggests another meeting be called next week to move forward with approving a plow contract and a couple other items.

Club House Update

Michael explains that the last meeting was called because the commissioners had never managed the clubhouse before. He wants to know what the expectations are from the committee. (Georgette and Sandy). Open items... Insurance company - to be sure that our rental form is strong enough to protect us. It is our intent to allow alcohol, there is not an issue with Primex. We need to connect with the police chief to clear it through the Webster PD. We are covered for events. Alison is going to get an estimate from a cleaner that she has worked with. We are permitted to have a maximum of 100 people in the building.

Hunting Preserve

Coyote hunting and other hunting privileges

Jan 1 – end of March - Coyote hunting is permitted with permission of landowners.

John Goodman is asking permission for night coyote hunting.

Michael makes a motion to grant John Goodwin a Coyote hunting permit for Jan 1- March, Andrew seconds, so moved.

Micheal makes a motion, Andrew amends " PLVD enforce the fish and game rule on tree stands that are unmarked and allow PLVD stands to stay up year round long as they are marked and location is provided to the board" Michael seconds, passed.

Treasurer report

Jamie - Bond payment for Damm and a few other things are due early Jan, needs approval to be paid. We won't have our second issue tax rate from the town. Hope to have it in by the end of the year. Jamie asks about paying EJ Prescott... the commissioners say wait. Jamie needs to be informed when she should pay. The Playground project went over 25,000 proposed budget. We need to take the 1867.00 out of the Recreation Expendable Trust Fund.

Michael makes a motion to move \$1,867 out of the Recreation Expendable Trust Fund, Andrew seconds and it is so moved.

Micheal makes a motion to move \$1,700 from the Deweeding Trust Fund to replenish the Districts General Trust Fund for invoices already paid. Andrew seconds. Passed

Andrew makes a motion to accept the Treasurers report, Michael seconded, passed.

John would like to thank Lisa for excellent service to the Pillsbury Lake Village District. The board and all in attendance agreed and asked that this be added to the minutes. We want to acknowledge all the work that she did to get the grant approved and tireless efforts on so many projects.

Sandy asks if they can post PLVD events on the web site.

Michael makes a motion to add an events page to the website, Andrew seconds. So moved

Micheal makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, Andrew seconds.

Meeting Adjourned 7:15 pm