**PLVD Monthly Meeting June 10, 2020**

**Present: Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner Vasquez, Commissioner Goodwin, Treasurer Brandon Doherty, Clerk Wisniewski**

**Guests: Heather Desfosses, Christie Holland, Alyssa Tandy, Dianne Lauffer, Sandy Estep, Bruce Waite, Ed Lawrence, Claudette Levesque, Georgette Bachelder, Gary French, Denise Foster, Liz Clark, Tom McWilliams, David Neil (DES)**

Commissioner Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm. Commissioner Robinson made a motion to make Commissioner Vasquez chair. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin, unanimously approved.

The Minutes were not read from the May 13, 2020 PLVD working Meeting. They are on PLVD Webpage <https://pillsburylakedistrict.com>.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer Doherty shared the following pending bills: Aquamen: $120.00 WO-0426 Meter Swap; Aquamen: $2,550.00 July Monthly Services; $27,978.00 Peninsula Loan Payment; $3,196.88 Dam Interest Payment; David Vasquez: $284.94 Dehumidifier + Pad locks; Blodgett Supply: $1,156.04 Filters for Peninsula; Blodgett Supply: $2,039.52 Booster Pump; Eversource: $635.67 Utilities; Eversource: $1,287.67 Utilities; Eversource: $19.14 Utilities; TDS $110.97 Utilities. The following customers are 60+ days past due: 10-1 Aubrey, 1-107 Town of Webster (Durgin), 5-22 R Cecchetelli, 5-179 Norris, 4-08 Ober, 6-63 McAllister, 5-78 Delucia, 10-2-45 Dufor. Commissioner Robinson shared that there are about seven residents who have outstanding bills of $1,000 or more. The board will be conducting water shut offs once Governor Sununu allows and they will be seeking court action for the overdue balances. Commissioner Robinson shared that they would continue to work with the residents who are making good faith payments. Commissioner Vasquez made a motion to approve the treasures report. Seconded by Commissioner Robinson.

**De-weeding- Guest David Neils, Chief Aquatic Biologist (DES)**

David shares there is a website that can be used to explore lakes water quality and survey reports. Link: <https://www.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=1f45dc20877b4b959239b8a4a60ef540>. David shares that Pillsbury Lake is in good shape and is about 45 acres. The lake is shallow which contributes to the weed problem as the light easily reaches the bottom. He shares that the phosphorous level is low, the plants are producing an abundance of oxygen, the pH is 6.5, low algae growth, and low conductivity (which is seen because of road salt). Pillsbury Lake is the only water body in NH that is granted a permit to use herbicide on native plants. Commissioner Vasquez asked if Biochar would make our lake clearer. David shares that Biochar is most suitable for storm water treatment which tend to have areas of high concentrations of nutrients. Most of the lake has a very low phosphorous content except for one inlet. He believes this product would only be helpful for the one inlet area where the phosphorous concentration is high. Commissioner Goodwin asked if there are options besides herbicide to remove the plants. David shares that there are not many good options and that chemical may be our best choice to keep some of the open water clear for recreational use. He also shares that mechanical removal is a costly and ongoing process.

**Public Comments**

A resident asked if the overnight shut offs will be a nightly routine or if there was a solution for the issue. Commissioner Vasquez shares that we are currently having trouble keeping up with demand, not from consumer use but from undetected leaks in the system. Without leak detection, water is being consumed by the leaks and the static levels in the wells are so low there is air in the lines. Due to this issue, the wells must periodically rest and recover overnight so residents have water during the day. The shut offs are currently being conducted based on the well status and water operator advice. Commissioner Vasquez shares that the board, water operators, and a team from RCAP have been working to locate surface leaks. This past week the valves were isolated to check for leaks under the lake however none were detected. We currently cannot start replacing any lines as we must wait until we know if we are approved for funding which comes in August. A resident asked if they knew where exactly to replace to line when funding is available. Commissioner Vasquez shares that she believes near the end of Deer Meadow (by the club house) to Centennial drive as most of the complaints originate in that area. However, the board will not have an exact location until the engineer report becomes available. Lastly, she shares that there are a few leaking valves that need to be replaced and have been added to the list for the water operators to complete. Commissioner Robinson shared that RCAP (funded by a grant) offered to help locate leaks by going valve by valve however, during this time the water to the residents would have to be off for the day. Commissioner Vasquez shares that until further notice that residents should conserve water and avoid kiddie pools, lawn care, and car washes. Avoiding these activities helps lessen how often the systems need to be shut down. Commissioner Robinson shared that she received information that we are unlikely to receive grants for our community as our median household income is much higher than others who applying for the same loan. However, she will continue to apply and search for grants and possibilities. Commissioner Vasquez shares that it is currently not feasible for the district to take out a $500,000 loan to repair lines with only 76 users on the system. A resident asked if it would be more cost effective if each resident in the district installed their own well. The Commissioners stated that cost of the water system repairs would cost several million dollars and they do believe that it would be a more cost-effective template however, the district cannot pay for private wells.

**New Communications**

The board is working to set up surveys for topics such as the recreational area for the community to vote on which will be sent out through our email system. She urges that if we do not currently have your information, please send it to the board so it can be added to the system. Clerk Wisniewski shares that these surveys cannot be shared on Facebook and must only go through our emergency system. Other than surveys, this system allows us to update residents regarding water status and meetings.

**Water System Update**

The Commissioners discussed new proposals (curb stop valve replacement, Peninsula pump replacement, Franklin Pierce pump, well 7 leak repair) that they received from the water operator. Commissioner Vasquez shares that if the water operator were to conduct the water turn off/ turn on the cost would be $240 each time. Also, she stated that the cost of filter changing is $150 during the week and $300 on the weekend. Commissioner Vasquez made a motion to accept the Peninsula booster pump replacement and well 7 leak repair proposals. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin, unanimously approved.

**PLVD Recreation Project**

Treasurer Doherty shared that the basketball hoops have been installed and they are currently working to get court paved with hopes to open it shortly. Big thank you to Carl Matthews Equipment Company who supplied some equipment at no cost to the district. We are currently working toward obtaining a grant through the parks and recreation department of New Hampshire and they will be onsite for a tour on June 18th. Commissioner Vasquez shares that we are using volunteers to mow the grass at the field to generate savings (~$360 per mow).

**Meter Reading Times**

Commissioner Vasquez shares that the meter readings are conducted the Saturday or Sunday before invoices are sent out. She has been conducting 24-hour meter reading studies and has found that 15 meters are not reading correctly. Please review your invoices for any messages and contact the board to correct any issues.

**New Well/ Equipment**

Commissioner Vasquez shared that there are various curb stops she could not turn off and others that have seized. The water operator has been contacted to get pricing for these tasks.

**MISC**

The Commissioners discussed baiting permits that have been submitted to the board for approval. Commissioner Goodwin made a motion to accept the permits, seconded by Commissioner Vasquez, unanimously approved.

At 8:12 pm Commission Vasquez made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Goodwin and unanimously approved. The next monthly meeting will be held July 8, 2020 at 6:30 pm.

Jennifer Wisniewski, Clerk

Pillsbury Lake Village District