

PILLSBURY LAKE DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING
March 13, 2024

Meeting called to order 6:03pm

The Pledge of Allegiance

David Klumb, Moderator addresses the order of the meeting and opens the meeting.

To the inhabitants of Pillsbury Lake District, in the Town of Webster, Merrimack County, State of New Hampshire, who are qualified to vote on District affairs, you are hereby notified that the Annual District Meeting will be held on Wednesday, the 13th day of March 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Webster Town Hall, 945 Battle St., Webster, New Hampshire.

Voting on Articles 1 and 2 shall be conducted by ballot. The polls will open at 6:00 p.m. and close no earlier than 7:00 p.m.

Moderator David Klumb reads Article 1.

Article 1. To vote for the following District offices: Commissioner for a term of two years; Commissioner for a term of one year; Auditor for a term of one year; Moderator for a term of one year; Clerk for a term of one year; and Treasurer for a term of one year.

Chairman Andrew Pomeroy moves the Article, Commissioner Michael Malecha seconds. Moderator David Klumb opens for discussion.

Chairman Andrew Pomeroy asks that someone step up to help, to support and build relationships by serving on the board. Susan Lawrence asks for a job description, to which Andrew explains. Coordinates projects. Attends monthly meetings. Does meter readings generate bills. Applies for loans and grants. Susan volunteers to be put on the Ballot for Commissioner, Term 2 years.

Moderator David Klumb states that the polls will remain open until 7:03 pm

Moderator David Klumb reads Article 2.

Article 2. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$265,000. for the installation of a new well, including but not limited to permitting a new well, connecting to the Franklin Pierce pumphouse and, if warranted, decommission Peninsula pump house, with \$198,750 to come from a DES Grant, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$66,250 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon as well as apply for, obtain and accept Federal, State Grants or other forms of aid and assistance which may be available for said project. All future principal and interest payments for this debt will be paid by Water Customers only. Commissioners Recommend. 3/5 ballot vote required.

Commissioner Michael Malach moves the article, Chairman Andrew Pomeroy seconds. Moderator David Klumb opens for discussion:

Chairman Andrew Pomeroy explains that the significant change is that this will be the responsibility of the water customers only. The NHMA attorneys said that 70/30 is unfair. It is a course correction. To recommend 70/30 would be wrong. Water customers are defined as households that receive water bills. David Collins asks how many people and how long is the bond? Andrew answers, currently 57 customers and the bond has a 20 year term, we could possibly extend to 30 years.

The article passes Vote was counted, 38 yes, 10 no.

Moderator David Klumb reads Article 3.

Article 3. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate \$37,872 for the following purposes:

STIPENDS

Commissioners	\$8,250
Auditor	\$500
Clerk	\$1,000
Treasurer	\$6,000
Moderator	\$50

GENERAL EXPENDITURES

Legal Fees	\$1,000
Office Expenses	\$500
Building Maintenance	\$1,000
Property Grounds Maintenance	\$7,500
Insurance	\$3,210
Permit to Operate Dam	\$400
Parks and Recreation	\$1
Property Maintenance-equipment	\$1
Tax Anticipation Interest	\$10
Electricity	\$4,000
Gas	\$3,500
Water	\$950

Phil Strittmatter moves the Article, it is seconded and opened for discussion.
Line item for Water is amended to \$3,600.00.

Moderator David Klumb reads Article 3 as amended.

Article 3. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate \$40,522.00 for the following purposes:

STIPENDS

Commissioners	\$8,250
Auditor	\$500
Clerk	\$1,000
Treasurer	\$6,000
Moderator	\$50

GENERAL EXPENDITURES

Legal Fees	\$1,000
Office Expenses	\$500
Building Maintenance	\$1,000
Property Grounds Maintenance	\$7,500
Insurance	\$3,210
Permit to Operate Dam	\$400
Parks and Recreation	\$1
Property Maintenance-equipment	\$1
Tax Anticipation Interest	\$10
Electricity	\$4,000
Gas	\$3,500
Water	\$3,600

This amendment is moved, seconded and passed.

Moderator David Klumb reads Article 4.

Article 4. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate \$166,010 for the purpose of operating the water department, with said funds to be paid by Water Customers only.

Water Distribution & Treatment	
Electricity	\$16,000
Gas	\$1,500
Licensed Operator Service	\$31,800
Water Meter Software	\$2,500
Building Maintenance	\$2,000
Insurance	\$2,710
Property/Grounds Maintenance	\$2,000
System Maintenance	\$75,000
System Upgrades	\$25,000
Water Testing	\$500
Legal Fees	\$5,000
Office Expenses	\$2,000

Commissioner Michael Malecha moves the article, Andrew seconds and the article is moved and opened for discussion.

Robert Porter asks, if this passes, what is the approximate cost per water customer? Treasurer Jamie Dow replies, \$728 per quarter.

Article 4 is passed as written.

Moderator David Klumb reads Article 5.

Article 5. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,619 for the Dam Repair Bond payment for 2024. It is anticipated that \$10,000 will come from the Town of Webster. Should the town's article not pass, the entire amount will come from taxation. This article is non-lapsing until 12/31/2025. Commissioners Recommend.

Georgette Bachelder moves the article, Phil Strittmatter seconds and the article is moved and opened for discussion.

Treasurer Jamie Dow responds to questions from David, that the Dam payment expires 2028.

Article 5 is passed as written.

Phil Strittmatter makes a motion to restrict articles 4 and 5. It is seconded. Articles 4 and 5 are now restricted.

Moderator David Klumb reads Article 6.

Article 6. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,978 for the Water Filtration SRF Loan Payment for 2024, with said funds to be paid for by Water Customers only.

Commissioner Michael Malecha moves the article, Chairman Andrew Pomeroy seconds and Moderator David Klum opens for discussion.

Marylou Maraganis asks that we ask the other members of the community to also pay the loan. Chairman Andrew Pomeroy explains that is one person votes no for the 70/30 then that one person would have a legitimate, legal argument. Andrew confirms that he asked for legal advice on this specific article. Commissioner Michael Malecha states that the PLVD is using true legal advice moving forward. Michael Dow clarifies that we are all responsible legally, but the water customers are responsible for payment.

Phil Strittmatter moves the article, it is second and passes as written. The vote was counted. 26 Yes/13 No.

Moderator David Klumb reads Article 7.

Article 7. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,476 for the Concord Drive SRF Loan Payment for 2024, with said funds to be paid for by Water Customers only.

Commissioner Michael Malecha moves the article, it is second and open for discussion.

Article 7 Passes as written

Phil Strittmatter makes a motion to restrict 5,6 and 7. The motion is seconded and passes.

Moderator David Klumb reads Article 8.

Article 8. To see if the district will vote to Establish the Dam Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of dam maintenance, repairs and other related costs, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be placed in said fund; further to name the Commissioners as agents. (Commissioners Recommend)

Craig Bradt moves the article, Chairman Andrew Pomeroy seconds and Moderator David Klumb opens for discussion.

Article 8 Passes as written.

Moderator David Klumb reads Article 9

Article 9. To see if the district will vote to Establish the Clubhouse Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of maintenance, repairs and other related costs, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,655 to be placed in said fund, with \$655 to come from rental fees and contributions; further to name the Commissioners as agents. (Commissioners Recommend)

Treasurer Jamie Dow makes a motion to amend Article 9 to read:

Article 9. To see if the district will vote to Establish the Clubhouse Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of maintenance, repairs and other related costs, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,178 to be placed in said fund, with \$1,178 to come from rental fees and contributions; further to name the Commissioners as agents. (Commissioners Recommend)

Article 9 is passed as amended.

Moderator David Klumb closes the voting and the Supervisors of the Checklist provide the results:

Moderator David Klumb reports the results as follows:

Article 1:

Commissioner, Term 2 years, Susan Lawrence
Commissioner, Term 1 year, Michael Malecha
Treasurer, Term 1 year, Jamie Dow
Clerk, Term 1 year, Alison Scott
Moderator, Term 1 year, Georgette Bachelder
Auditor, Term 1 year, Phil Strittmatter

Article 2:

Article 2 passes as written. Ballot Vote counted. 38 Yes/10 No.

Moderator David Klumb reads Article 10.

Article 10. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 35,609 for Lake De-weeding. This article is non-lapsing until 12/31/25. Commissioners Recommend.

Chairman Andrew Pomeroy moves, Commissioner Michael Malecha seconds, Moderator David Klumb opens for discussion.

Phil Strittmatter would like to amend this to \$24,000.

Commissioner Michael Malecha responds, requested year \$3500 took existing fund 19,000 added 3500. for permitting. We have 5000 remaining 3500 permitting. \$2400. is insufficient. This year, we are changing the biology for a slower release. We have calendared treatment dates so that the approach works.

Phil, first treatments were limited to 25 acres, Lisa Robinson added that we have worked with Solitude all these years and we have heard this before. She is concerned with the rainy season. Michael responded, that we are working directly with Seapro so that treatment will be more effective. We are not just trusting Solitude but working with the Seapro. What is the alternative? Let the lake be filled in with? This is our only capital expenditure, less than \$100

per household. Andrew explains that the number is not just arbitrated. This has been calculated based on what is needed to do the job. Solitude is the only game in town.

Amendment 24,000.... Failed

Back to the article unamended.

Micheal Dow asks if the commissioners will be asking for this money each year?

Micheal Malecha answers. We need to get ahead of this and do it correctly, hopefully our expenditure should be reduced. David Klumb responds as a resident. Town assessment \$76Million that is 1.50 per thousand per year, last year's tax rate over \$4.00. David supports lake dewatering. Phil asks how many acres? Michael Malecha says he believes 40.... (not sure) David Collins asks can we lower the lake before applying chemical? Michael will investigate it. Lisa Robinson motions to call vote, Jamie Dow seconds.

Article 10 passes as written

Moderator David Klumb reads Article 11.

Article 11. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 12,140 for additional Lake De-weeding. This article is non-lapsing until 12/31/25. Commissioners Recommend.

Peter Burgess asks why they were not added together? Commissioner Michael Malecha responds. If we do 2 pellet treatments followed by the 3rd... any remaining.... If treated immediately will make progress. Michael recommends we pass this to put us in a really good place for next year.

Article is moved, second and passed as written.

Moderator David Klumb reads Article 12.

Article 12. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to be added to the Land Survey Capital Reserve Fund. Commissioners Recommend.

Chairman Andrew Pomeroy moves the article, Commissioner Michael Malecha second and Moderator David Klumb opens for discussion.

Susan Lawrence asks if there is already a fund established. Andrew responds, yes, we have 14,000 in reserves.

Phil Stritmatter asks if we kept the info on securing a location.

Lisa Robinson asks if they have talked to Abby at Edgewater about this? Andrew says we needed to have article 2 passed to pursue that conversation. Lisa will talk to Abby, there is a possibility to combine.

Article 12 Passes as written.

Phil Stritmatter asks to restrict Articles 12, 11, 10 and 7, motion is seconded and passed.

Moderator David Klumb reads Article 13

Article 13. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 to be added to Parks & Recreation CRF. Commissioners Recommend.

Treasurer Jamie Dow moves the Article, Chairman Andrew Pomeroy seconds, the Article passes as written.

Moderator David Klumb reads Article 14

Article 14. To transact any other business that may come before this meeting.
Georgette Bachelder asks that the Pillsbury Lake Village District attend the town meeting.

Motion to Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm