

Pillsbury Lake Village District Annual Meeting

March 13, 2019

Moderator Alison Scott opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

The Moderator introduced herself — Alison Scott. The Moderator welcomed everyone and asked that when you speak, please give your name and address and speak loudly so everyone can hear. The Moderator asked the Pillsbury Lake Village District board to introduce themselves: Marcia Pawlowski, Clerk, Jamie Dow, Treasurer, Phil Strittmatter, Commissioner, Ray Scott, Commissioner and Michael Dow, Commissioner.

The Moderator shared that we would be going through the first two Articles and entertain discussion then we will close at 6:30 for voting. The voting time will stay open one hour after we close Article 2.

The Moderator read: 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 2019, at 7:00 pm at the Webster Town Hall, 945 Battle St., Webster, New Hampshire.

The Moderator read Article 1. To vote for the following District Officers: Commissioner for a term of three years; 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.

Do we have any nominations from the floor: There are no nominations.

The Moderator read Article 2. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 to complete Phase II of the Deer Meadow Road Water Line Replacement Project and Architectural Work and Installation of a Leach Field at the Peninsula Pump House, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$200,000 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. 2/3 ballot vote required.

Moderator opened for discussion.

Ed Hanson was concerned about the difference in the amounts of the payments that they are hearing in the community. Ed referred to Selectwoman Nanci Schofield's comments at the February meeting that there is the possibility that the paving monies could be on hold for another year. Ed suggested we table this and get our figures

together and see if we can complete this job a little more cost effective. Ed did not feel that the expense should be just the water payers.

Commissioner Strittmatter made a motion to amend this article from \$200,000 to \$90,000. Commissioner Strittmatter shared that he found a few ways to save money on the Deer Meadow Road Project by making adjustments with the new line that was discovered in the recent Christopher Robert leak repair. The balance would be used for the Leach Field at the Peninsula Pump House.

Bruce Waite asked if this change in request for the bond money would complete the Deer Meadow Road Project or would we at some point (water customers only) be asked for more to complete it.

Commissioners responded that this would complete the Deer Meadow Road Project.

Ali Vasquez asked for clarification regarding the \$90,000 — would that amount complete the Deer Meadow Road Project Phase 2. Ali also asked about other leaks and repairs and future bonds.

Commissioner Strittmatter commented on the above— The Deer Meadow Road Project Phase 2 would be approximately \$40,000 to complete with the remaining \$50,000 to complete the Leach Field at the Peninsula Pump House.

Commissioner Scott shared that leaks that arise during the year are paid for by the General Operating Budget which is Article 3.

Mary Lou DiAngelis shared her concern about this project that is labeled special project that the typically 60/40 split was then shared that the water customers only would pay for it. Down the road I am concerned that when other special projects arise will water customers only be responsible. Mary Lou was also concerned about who would be responsible for the bond payment if a home owner decided to sell. The board responded that the new homeowners would assume the bond payment.

Commissioners Strittmatter shared that the 60/40 split applies to only the water operational costs contained in Article 3. Individual and special Warrant Articles come through taxation.

Mary Lou DiAngelis asked if the first phase was Part of the 60/40.

Commissioners shared no it was not; It was from taxes entirely that were previously added to Capital Reserve funds. At the present water rates are too low and do not compensate for the 60 percent.

Ali Vasquez asked if the revised bond request was \$90,000 what would the payments be for the customers over the time.

Commissioners shared that it would be \$858.89 per customer for a 5 year bond.

Ali Vasquez asked if the price for the quarterly water bill would increase.

Commissioners shared that the monthly water fees would be on an increase, but at the present they do not know how much.

Mary Lou DiAngelis asked if we do not vote for the bond what will happen.

Commissioners shared that nothing will happen on either of the projects if the bond does not pass. Commissioners continued to share that the repairs have been extensive (approximately 15 digs) on Deer Meadow Road in the past several years. The recent leak on Deer Meadow/Christopher Robert cost the District over \$13,000 and that is just for RT Lake and does not include the WSO portion.

Commissioner Dow shared that it is the Board's desire to put monies in the Reserves, but this past year with so many repairs they chose not to place as many articles on the warrant.

Bruce Waite asked about the recent leak on Christopher Robert.

Commissioner Scott shared the leak on Christopher Robert almost crippled the system.

Treasurer Jamie Dow shared that the monies for Phase 1 approximately \$160,000 came from Capital Reserves. These monies came from water and well owners.

Commissioner Strittmatter shared that in 1986 the state put a moratorium on and new home owners (over 50) were not able to go on the water system they had to put in a well.

Several residents both water users and well owners shared that they have problems with the quality of the water. The well owners as well as District water users talked about the difficulties with the aquifer. After discussion the Commissioners responded.

Commissioner Strittmatter shared that at the present we are in an aquifer on the Peninsula side. An option could be to put in a better filtration system. With all the leaks in the past several weeks they have not been able to flush and hope to do the needed flushing soon.

Sandy Estep shared that when they bought they thought they were buying into a water system that was good and sound. I do not want to see this community torn apart because we do not agree on how things should happen. There was also the thought that all pitched into this system. At the present we are looking at approximately \$1200 a year and we are putting in a well. People are being driven off the system because we do not know the quality of the water.

Barry Wood said they have been on the water system and now they are a well owner. Even with a well you have your own difficulties with the aquifer.

Ali Vasquez asked if the Leach Field repair would help the water customers as well as the well owners.

Commissioner Strittmatter shared that this Leach Field Project would help the water customers only, and the district is currently paying to have the filter changed every 3 to 5 days costing approximately \$125 for each cartridge change.

The Moderator closed the discussion.

The Moderator said we have a motion by Commissioner Strittmatter and seconded by Lynn Estep to amend Article 2 to read:

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$90,000 to complete Phase II of the Deer Meadow Road Water Line Replacement Project and Architectural Work and Installation of a Leach Field at the Peninsula Pump House, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$90,000 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. 2/3 ballot vote required.

Moderator opened the floor to vote All in favor say Aye all opposed say no.

The Aye's in favor to amend Article 2 were unanimous.

The Moderator opened the voting for an hour at 6:39pm.

Nanci Schofield made a motion to recommend Ali Vasquez for Commissioner. Ali Vasquez accepted.

The Moderator re-opened the Annual Meeting at 7:02pm.

The Moderator read Article 3. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate \$159,410 for the following purposes:

STIPENDS.

Commissioner	\$1,000
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Auditor	\$ 500

Clerk	\$1,000
Treasurer	\$5,000
Moderator	\$ 50
GENERAL EXPENDITURES:	
Legal Fees	\$ 50
Building Maintenance	\$1,000
Property Maintenance-plowing	\$4,000
Insurance	\$4,100
Office Expenses	\$4,500
Water Distribution & Treatment	
Electricity	\$20,000
Gas	\$1,500
Licensed Operator Service	\$18,000
Permit to Operate	\$ 400
Telephone	\$1,500
Water Meter Software	\$3,500
Water Service	
Alarm Monitoring System	\$1,000
System Maintenance	\$85,000
Water Testing \$1,800; Parks and Recreation	\$ 500
Property Maintenance - mowing	\$3,000
Tax Anticipation	\$ 10
Total Article 3.	<u>\$159,410</u>

Dave Klumb made a motion to accept Article 3, Seconded by Commissioner Phil Strittmatter.

Moderator opened Article 3 for Discussion

Commissioner Strittmatter made a motion to increase the System Maintenance by \$18,000 from \$85,000 to \$103,000 because there is a well sight where the pump is not producing an adequate flow of water and may need to be replaced. This pump replacement could cost \$6,000. WSO also shared the need for work on the arsenic removal. Joe Damour from WSO shared information regarding the arsenic removal treatment system at the Peninsula Pumping Station. The media for this needs to be replaced. The arsenic removal system has 4 filters. We recently did some testing and 2 filters need replaced as they are starting to bleed through. Two filters were replaced two years ago. The cost for these media filters is between \$7,000 and \$9,000. Estimated cost \$12,000.

Ali Vasquez asked how long these filters last.

Joe Damour shared that these should last between 3 & 7 years.

Dave Klumb said this will be the second time since WSO came on board.

Jamie Dow made a Motion to amend Article 3 to raise and appropriate \$177,410 and change the Water Service System Maintenance from \$85,000 to \$103,000. Seconded by Sandy Estep.

Moderator opened the floor to vote. All in favor say Aye, all opposed say No.

The vote was unanimously approved to amend Article 3. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate \$177,410 for the following purposes:

Dave Klumb asked about de-weeding. It has been two years and he was wondering why he did not see any money in the budget for this.

Commissioners responded that there is a separate Warrant Article for the De-weeding. Monies for de-weeding is now in a Capital Reserve Fund. We are de-weeding every 2 years and we working on that this year.

MJ Turcotte asked if the permits have been submitted and what is the status.

Commissioner Scott responded yes, the process for the permit has been started.

The Moderator requested that we bring the meeting back to Article 3

Dave Klumb made a motion to table Article 3 until after the results from Article 2 have been read. Seconded by MJ Turcotte.

The Moderator asked for a vote in favor of / opposed to tabling Article 3 until after the results of Article 2. The Ayes in favor of tabling Article 3 were unanimous.

The Moderator said Article 3 is tabled until the results of Article 2 are shared.

The Moderator read Article 4. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$26,869 for the Dam Repair Bond payment for 2019. 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 12/31/2020. Commissioners Recommend.

So moved by Dave Collins. Seconded by Sandy Estep.

The Moderator stated that Article 4 is now open for discussion.

A question was asked when the Dam Repair Bond is up.

Jamie Dow responded 2028.

Dave Collins asked why this article is non-lapsing.

Jamie Dow, Treasurer responded that it is an accounting process because the payment is due at the end of the year.

Motion to vote Article 4 was made by Jamie Dow and seconded by Ray Scott.

The Moderator asked all in favor of Article 4 say Aye all opposed say No.

The Moderator said The Aye's in favor of Article 4 have it. Article 4 has passed.

The Moderator read Article 5. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the \$27,978 for the Water Filtration SRF Loan Payment for 2019.

So moved by Dave Collins and seconded by Dave Klumb.

The Moderator opened the floor for discussion.

No Discussion on Article 5.

The Moderator said all in favor say Aye, opposed No.

The Moderator said Aye's have it in favor of Article 5.

The Moderator said; Article 5 passed as written.

The Moderator Read Article 6. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,365 for the Water Meter Installation SRF Loan Payment for 2019 with \$7,365 to be paid by Water Customers only. This will be billed on the 1st and 3rd quarter invoices. No monies will be raised from taxation

So moved by Dave Collins. Seconded by Sandy Estep.

The Moderator said all in favor say Aye, opposed No.

The Moderator said Aye's have it in favor of Article 6.

The Moderator said; Article 6 passed as written.

The Moderator read Article 7. To see if the District will vote to raise the sum of \$20,000 to be added to the Emergencies Expendable Trust Fund. Commissioners Recommend.

So Moved by Dave Collins. Seconded by MJ Turcotte.

Dave Klumb questioned what has the amount been in the past. He thought it was more than \$20,000.

Jamie Dow, Treasurer responded It was \$15,000 last year to this fund. However, there was another fund for Water Line and Replacement. Last year we increased it from \$25,000 to \$35,000 for Upgrades and Maintenance.

Dave Klumb commented that since the town upped their construction date on Deer Meadow Rd. that the District's reserves had to be used a year or two earlier. If they would have stayed on their original schedule of 2020, there would be more money in reserves.

Dave Klumb made a motion that we amend Article 7 to read \$35,000. This would be to cover the Reserves that PLVD had depleted on the reconstruction of Deer Meadow Rd.

Jamie Dow, Treasurer said they thought we would have another year before the Deer Meadow Project. We actually spent \$164,891 on the Deer Meadow Rd project. We were anticipating this entire project would be \$180,000. As you look at the budget you can see that our Reserves were depleted last year to pay the remaining costs on this project due to ledge findings.

Motion on the floor 2nd by Dave Collins. However he had a question as to how this will impact the tax rate for this year.

Jamie Dow shared that if you look at the budget you will see that our budget is lower than last year so there is the possibility of making these amendments to the budget. The budget expense is down \$62,000 before amendments.

The Moderator reminded everyone that we currently have a motion on the floor. The Motion requested is: To move that we amend Article 7 to read \$35,000.

Motion to vote by Dave Collins, seconded by Sandy Estep.

The Moderator asked all in favor of amending Article 7 say Aye, all opposed say No.

The Moderator said: Aye's have it in favor of amendment.

The Moderator said: Article 7 is amended to read \$35,000.

The Moderator read Article 8. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the De-weeding Capital Reserve Fund. Commissioners Recommend.

So moved by Dave Collins, seconded by Barry Wood.

There was a lot of discussion by the residents in the Pillsbury Lake Community about the de-weeding process, whether we should or should not, or is there a better process that we could use.

Commissioners shared that the paper work has been submitted to use SOLitude Lake Management and it will be topical — AquaPro. We are now waiting from the state for the permission. The state would like to get away from chemicals. There is a lake in the state where several people took classes on how to dive and get rid of the growth. The Commissioners said they would be getting more information on that.

Motion to vote by Dave Collins and seconded by Barry Wood.

The Moderator asked all in favor of Article 8 say Aye's, all opposed say No.

The Moderator said: Aye's have it. Article 8 passed.

The Moderator read Article 9. To transact any other business that may come before this meeting.

The time for voting is now up. We will await the results of the voting.

The Moderator called meeting back to order.

The Moderator shared the election results after the open hour for votes to be cast.

Article 1. Results of the PLVD Board: Ali Vasquez - Commissioner for a term of three years, Jamie Dow, Treasurer for a term of one year, Marcia Pawlowski, Clerk for a term of one year, Alison Scott, Moderator for a term of one year and JoAnn Strittmatter, Auditor for a term of one year.

Article 2. Results: There was a total of 50 votes—31 yes and 19 no. This is not the 2/3 required vote needed. Article 2 did not pass.

The Moderator opened up Article 3 that was tabled for vote as was amended.

Dave Klumb asked how much money do you need to finish the work on Deer Meadow Rd and the Peninsula Pump Project.

Commissioner Scott shared that since Article 2 did not pass this a 'no' means 'no'. We cannot do either project this year, not even out of the operating budget.

MJ Turcotte asked if part of that money is for the leak that cannot be located on Franklin Pierce.

Commissioner Scott shared that we brought water in because we were losing 20 gallons a minute. Now that Christopher Robert is fixed we can focus on the Franklin Pierce leak. It was shared that this leak on Franklin Pierce is most difficult to locate and that they have had help from the state but as of yet cannot locate it.

Dave Collins asked about the paving of Deer Meadow. How will Article 2 not passing affect that.

Commissioner Scott shared that the weather this past fall was why the town did not pave the road.

Dave Collins asked if the town was doing the pavement and the Commissioners responded yes.

Nanci Schofield responded that the plan was to hold the paving money for two years if needed.

Commissioners shared that the additional work will be on the sides of the road and not going across the road as the 1st Phase. We thought we would need a crossover, but as of now we should not need to. When we complete Phase 2 we would not tear up the road.

Nanci Schofield shared that this is something that would need to be worked out with the road agent.

Commissioner Strittmatter shared that the Christopher Robert repair has helped with the water loss. The leak on Franklin Pierce appears and then disappears and it has been years in attempting to locate it.

Moderator asked to move Article 3 to a vote.

The Moderator asked all in favor of amending Article 3 say Aye, all opposed say No.

The Moderator said: Aye's have it in favor of the amendment. Article 3 has passed as amended. Article 3 to raise and appropriate \$177,410 as amended.

The residents thanked Michael Dow for his service as Commissioner for the past few years.

Commissioner Strittmatter thanked the board for all the work they do and the residents seconded that 'thanks'.

Commissioner Strittmatter made a motion to close the meeting at 7:42PM, seconded by Commissioner Dow and unanimously approved.

After the meeting Commissioner Strittmatter swore in Alisa Vasquez as Commissioner, Jamie Dow as Treasurer, Marcia Pawlowski as Clerk and Alison Scott as Moderator.

Marcia K Pawlowski, Clerk
Pillsbury Lake Village District

