

Lower Beech Pond Village District

Village District Annual Meeting

Agenda & Minutes for June 24th, 2013

The annual meeting was held at the Tuftonboro Townhouse

Start time: 6:02 End time: 6:37

Introduction

- As people entered, everyone was checked in and registered voters signed in. Registered voters also received voting cards.
- Stan Janeczko introduced Dave Smith who will be our moderator for the evening.

ARTICLE 1:

To re-elect one Commissioner; a Moderator, Clerk, Auditor and Treasurer for the ensuing year.

- a) **Moderator for a 1-year term-** A motion was made and seconded to nominate Dave Smith. The residents voted, unanimously, to elect Dave Smith as moderator for a 1-year term.
 - b) **Commissioner for a 3-year term-** A motion was made and seconded to nominate Tim Christian. The residents voted, unanimously, to elect Tim Christian as commissioner for a 3-year term.
 - c) **Clerk for a 1- year term.** A motion was made and seconded to nominate Sarah Christian. The residents voted, unanimously, to elect Sarah Christian as clerk for a 1-year term.
 - d) **Treasurer for a 1-year term.** A motion was made and seconded to nominate Joanne Crowe. The residents voted, unanimously, to elect Joanne Crowe for a 1-year term.
 - e) **Auditor for a 1-year term.** A motion was made and seconded to nominate Barbara Landwehr. The residents voted, unanimously, to elect Barbara Landwehr for a 1-year term.
- Dave Smith called for approval of the minutes from July 25, 2013. This was approved.
 - Dave Smith read Articles 2 & 3 to the group.

◆ Tim Christian gave an Explanation/Review before voting on Article 2

- At the conclusion of last years Annual Meeting we had voted –once again to take those steps necessary to address the State’s demand that they receive a satisfactory response to their repeated letters of deficiency.
- Tim spoke with HTE Northeast and they have received the initial wetland survey & land survey information from Doiron Environmental and White Mountain Survey.
- The next step is to complete the hydraulic and hydrology reports which will be submitted to the Dam Bureau. After approval, the design process will move forward. If this design process is complete before the snow, we plan on having the bids done so we can get an accurate estimate of the cost.

- At the budget hearing, we discussed to continue to appropriate the same amt. of money appropriated last year in anticipation of the upcoming expense of the earthen portion of the dam.
- Funding the project can be done in 1 of 2 ways. Either we can continue to appropriate the \$32,000 each year for 3-4 years or get a loan and have the work done as soon as the engineering study/permits are complete. This vote would be next years annual meeting.
- We are investigating a municipal loan through Meredith Village Savings Bank.
- We only have a 2 year time period for the permitting (except on the Wetland Delineation). Each time we renew permits; it is an additional \$3,000.

ARTICLE 2:

**To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,000, coming from general taxation to fund the 2014 operating budget.
(Majority vote required)**

Doug Barker requested an amendment to Article 2- to state what the \$32,000 is for –the anticipated upcoming expenses of the earthen portion of the dam, instead of funding the operating budget.

Once amended, Article 2 says:

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,000, in anticipation of the upcoming expense of the earthen portion of the dam, coming from general taxation.

It was voted unanimously by the residents- 20 votes in favor, 0 against.

◆ Stan Janeczko gave an Explanation/Review before voting on Article 3

- At the budget hearing, we discussed to appropriate \$400 for annual dam fees, \$100 for anticipated operating expenses, and upwards of \$5,000 for legal fees to investigate the liability issue of operating the dam.
- Last year we had a question from a property owner: “Who is liable” We don’t know the answer to this question- thus the reason for the liability check in Article 3.
- Stan has met with the selectmen in the town of Tuftonboro to investigate insurance issues. He asked if the towns liability insurance covers us. We are hoping to find out from a selectman soon on this issue. If we are not covered by a blanket policy, then we hope to move forward with hiring a lawyer to find out more information for us.

ARTICLE 3:

**To see if the District will vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,500, including \$400 for dam fees, coming from unreserved fund balance, to fund the 2014 operating budget.
(Majority vote required)**

Doug Barker requested an amendment to Article 3- to state what the \$5,500 is for -\$400 for annual dam fees, \$100 for unanticipated operating expenses, and \$5,000 for legal fees to investigate the liability issue of operating the dam.

Once amended, Article 3 says:

To see if the District will vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,500, including \$400 for annual dam fees, \$100 for unanticipated operating expenses, and \$5,000 for legal fees to investigate the liability issue of operating the dam, all coming from unreserved fund balance.

It was voted unanimously by the residents- 20 votes in favor, 0 against.

With no further business to discuss, Dave Smith adjourned the meeting.

Commissioners:

**Tim Christian
Stan Janeczko
Lauren Hadley**