

LOWER BEECH POND VILLAGE DISTRICT 2019 ANNUAL MEETING
June 7, 2019 Tuftonboro Town House

The LBPVD 2019 annual meeting took place on Friday, June 7, 2019, at the Tuftonboro Town House.

Fifteen people attended, and nine of them signed in as registered voters. Voting cards were provided to domiciled registered voters.

The meeting began at 6:00 p.m., when all those present introduced themselves.

David Smith was the moderator and began by welcoming everyone. He explained that only those who are permanent residents of the taxing district are allowed to vote, but noted that the LBPVD annual meeting includes all members, whether or not they are voting members, and input is welcome from non-voting members and voting members.

He then gave a brief overview of the agenda and stated that we would be voting on the warrant articles that had been distributed before the meeting.

Article I Election of commissioners and moderator

To elect one commissioner (3 year term), one treasurer, one clerk, one moderator and one auditor for the ensuing year.

Dave Smith was unanimously affirmed to continue his role as moderator.

One three-year commissioner position must be filled. Steve Orzechowski has been filling this position, and he was nominated to fill the three-year term. The nomination was seconded and the vote was unanimous that Steve Orzechowski fill the three-year commissioner position.

Geoff Blackett, the current treasurer, indicated that he was willing to serve as treasurer again. He was nominated to again serve as treasurer. The nomination was seconded, and he was unanimously elected.

Barbara Landwehr, the current clerk, also stated that she would be willing to again serve as clerk. She was nominated, and elected unanimously, to that position.

It was recommended that the LBPVD elect an auditor in lieu of hiring a professional auditor. Geoff Blackett, treasurer, noted that last year the board hired an auditor to do a formal audit. While it was a good idea to have a professional audit when the village district had a large loan, and more financial transactions, it is not necessary to continue to hire a professional auditor as there are typically few financial transactions during the year.

Marcia McCracken was then nominated to serve as the locally-elected auditor. Her nomination was seconded and she was unanimously elected. (Although she was not present at the meeting, Geoff Blackett said he had already spoken to her about taking this position.)

Article 2 To See if the Village District Will Vote To Raise \$24,000

To see if the village district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,000 for the purpose of loan repayment on the dam reconstruction project. (Majority vote required)

The commissioners noted that this is the final payment on the loan taken out to repair the dam. A motion was made and seconded to approve Article 2. It passed unanimously.

Article 3 To Raise \$5,000 for the Operating Budget

To see if the village district will vote to raise and appropriate the commissioners' recommended amount of \$5,000 for the purpose of funding the operating budget. (Majority vote required)

Geoff Blackett, Treasurer, provided a poster to show the expenses from last year. The ongoing expenses are the dam fee, insurance expense, mowing and clearing, and the loan repayment (a copy of the 5/10/19 LBPVD Budget Report is included with these Minutes, and the balance today is the same as it was on 5/10/19). He said the \$5,000 seems very adequate to cover next year's ongoing expenses.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Article 3: it passed unanimously.

Article 4 To See if the Village District Will Vote to Raise the Sum of \$2,500

To see if the village district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 for the purpose of purchasing Water Level Monitor with \$2,500 from general taxation. (Majority vote required)

Steve Orzechowski, Commissioner Chair, spoke to this warrant article, which was also discussed last month at the budget meeting. The water level monitor will be connected to a website that will at first be accessible to administrators but, in the future, the information should be available to anyone via the Onsite website.

The commissioners are recommending this purchase because it is difficult for those who do not live at the shoreline to get down and measure the water level regularly. The commissioners also decided that it would be helpful to have a scientific record of the changes in the pond level.

Tim Christian spoke in favor of this purchase and commented that it would be useful in the future. As clarification, Steve said this \$2,500 expenditure was apart from the \$5,000 operating budget; \$2,500 should be adequate to purchase the monitor, which was recently priced at \$1900.

There was some general discussion at this point. First, the question was posed: how will you know what the water level should be? Steve explained that the official pond level is 971.8 feet. That is the water level with the boards in at the dam, and the water flush with the boards.

Dana Duxbury-Fox then began a discussion of the water level in the pond and stated she has never in her life seen it as high as it is now. She acknowledged that this meeting is not the place to deal with the water level, but wondered the best way to have a conversation about what is the environmentally best water level for the pond.

Commissioner Tom MacPhail noted that this body met and took a public vote as to the pond level. At that time the water level was set by unanimous vote to be 971.8 feet. There was some further discussion about the process to change the designated water level and how the measurement of 971.8 level was originally arrived at.

The moderator brought the discussion back to the vote on Article 4: a motion was made and seconded to approve Article 4. Article 4 was then approved by unanimous vote.

Article 5 Annual Meeting After May 1

To see if the village district is willing to continue with the Annual Meeting after May 1.

Article 5 was passed unanimously with no discussion.

Article 6 To transact any other business

To transact any other business that may come before this meeting.

No new business was brought forward.
The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Barbara Landwehr, Clerk

**LOWER BEECH POND VILLAGE DISTRICT
BUDGET REPORT
5/10/2019**

Bank Balance July 1, 2018 \$11,559.30

Income

Wolfeboro Taxes \$ 4,733.00
Tuftonboro Taxes \$27,342.00

Available Funds \$43,634.30

Expenditures

Audit \$ 3,500.00
Dam Fee \$ 400.00
Insurance \$ 800.00
Mowing, clearing \$ 1,175.00
Loan Payment \$32,000.00

Total Expenditures \$37,875.00

Current Bank Balance

Available Funds \$43,634.30
- Total Expenditures - \$37,875.00

Current Bank Balance \$ 5,759.30