

# **Lower Beech Pond Village District**

## **Village District Annual Meeting**

### **Agenda & Minutes for July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**The annual meeting was held at the Tuftonboro Townhouse on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**Commissioners Timothy Christian and Laureen Hadley, Clerk Sarah Christian were present.**

**There were twenty-four residents and nine non-residents present**

**Moderator Doug Barker presided**

### **The agenda and minutes follow:**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

As people entered, registered voters from the village district checked in to receive a card to hold up when voting.

Tim Christian introduced Doug Barker who will be filling in for Dave Smith who couldn't be with us tonight. Doug explained that we will conduct the business in the district in a very polite way. He introduced Alden Ringer and Richard Crawford who are retired commissioners who have served on this committee in the past and thanked them for being here.

Doug explained the agenda to the group –

- Voting for officers- Article 1
- Tim Christian would give a brief review of the studies that we are voting on in Article 2
- The tax vote- Article 2
- And finally to transact any other business that may come before the meeting.

#### **ARTICLES :**

**Article 1. To choose one Commissioner for the three year term; a Moderator, Clerk, Auditor and Treasurer for the ensuing year.**

- a) **Commissioner for the three year term (Stan Janeczko)** – A motion was made and seconded to nominate Stan Janeczko. It was voted unanimously, by the residents, to elect Stan Janeczko as a commissioner for a three year term.
- b) **Moderator (for tonight's meeting- Doug Barker)**- A motion was made and seconded to nominate Doug Barker to run tonight's meeting. It was voted unanimously, by the residents, to elect Doug Barker as moderator for tonight's meeting.
- c) **Clerk (Sarah Christian )**- A motion was made and seconded to nominate Sarah Christian. It was voted unanimously, by the residents, to re-elect Sarah Christian as clerk for a one- year term.
- d) **Auditor (Barbara Landwehr)**- A motion was made and seconded to nominate Barbara Landwehr. It was voted unanimously, by the residents, to elect Barbara Landwehr as auditor for a one-year term.
- e) **Treasurer (Joanne Crowe)**- A motion was made and seconded to nominate Joanne Crowe. It was voted unanimously, by the residents, to elect Joanne as treasurer for a one-year term.

#### **EXPLANATION BEFORE VOTING ON ARTICLE 2:**

**Tim Christian's summaries of each -**

- **Engineering Study: \$13,700**

Tim explained that HTE northeast will be doing the mechanical aspect of the study. They will take a look at the deficiency letter and put it under a microscope, so to speak, and break it down and essentially give us some options. HTE will be doing all mechanical aspects of the survey, dealing with reconstruction of earthen portion, spillway size, and amount of water volume that it can discharge, and alternative breach section as a safety valve... and determine the best path to continue down.

- **White Mountain Survey: \$7,500**

They are going to do a land survey of the entire area encompassing area of the dam as well as water soundings around the spillway. This information, along with the wetland delineation will be sent over to the HTE Northeast (the Engineering company)

- **Wetlands Delineation: \$5,500**

Adam Doiron from Doiron Environmental is going to take care of the wetlands delineation. This includes him looking at what wetlands are impacted with the existing earthen dam & concrete spillway & what wetlands will be impacted by the proposed repairs & file the necessary wetland permits with the state.

**Total: \$26,700 , + 20% = \$32,040**

- Tim explained that the 20% is meant to cover the “unforeseen cost” – as suggested by the surveyors. Tim believes that the remainder that we don’t spend from the 20% will get rolled into the account from 1986. Tim also stated that the companies will not exceed these numbers.

**Article 2. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,040 to fund the 2013 operating budget said sum to come from general taxation. (Majority vote required)**

Laureen Hadley requested an amendment to Article 2- to include \$500 to cover this years dam & administrative fees. This is permission to use money from our 1986 appropriations existing account- not taxation.

**Once Amended, it says: To see if the district will vote to raise 32,540 to fund the 2013 operating budget with \$500 coming from unreserved fund balance and the remainder to come from general taxation.**

**It was voted unanimously by the residents- 24 in favor, 0 against.**

**TO TRANSACT ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THIS MEETING:**

- It was decided unanimously in favor of having next years meeting after May 1, with a date to be determined. (The annual meeting of each district shall be held between January 1 and May 1 of each year. In the case of a district formed for the purpose of impoundment of water, the annual meeting shall be held at another time of the year if so voted at a previous meeting.)
- Dana Duxbury-Fox asked how much money we had left in our account. Martha Crawford (former treasurer) replied the account as of June 30 has \$7,272.30. Dana wondered if we might hire someone to pull boards at the direction of the commissioners. Tim replied that Laureen Hadley would be looking into this to see what it might look like to hire someone to

manage this and other administrative work. Dana suggested we might prioritize our needs and hire someone.

- A few concerned residents expressed concern about the lake level. They felt the water level is higher this year than in the past. Tim replied that HTE Northeast is aware of this problem & they are going to give us suggestions on a permanent lake level. There will hopefully be a permanent high level shoreline requirement. Chris Tayler requested a larger environmental study- as did Jane Walsh. Jane asked that we have a fresh water marine biologist study done- as she is very concerned about our wildlife & the level of the lake.
- There was also voiced concern from Dana Duxbury-Fox that the water level is not meeting the recommendations by the DES. Tim explained that it was been very consistent for the past couple of months and that Steve Doyon from the DES (Dept. of Environmental Services) stated that it was just a recommendation. Dana wanted to know who was responsible if something happened with the dam in the 50 year flood event. Tim said that maybe we should check into liability insurance.
- Richard Crawford said he didn't think that the level of the boards has changed much over the past 10 years- as he has been directly involved in putting in and taking out boards in the past.
- Mark Evitts replied that the water level has been consistent for the past 2 years. He reiterated that our first priority is to fix the dam.
- Tim explained that now that we have voted as a majority, Sarah Christian will submit all of our minutes & paperwork to the department of revenue. The tax rate will be set for the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year. They will attach a percentage to your next tax bill in July of 2014 and again in December of 2014. Any time after that the work can be started. Tim will be in contact with the 3 agencies to get the contracts going and work on a tentative start date.
- Doug Barker requested that newly elected officers report to us after the meeting to be sworn in & sign paperwork.

With no further business to be discussed, Doug Barker adjourned the meeting.

#### Commissioners

Timothy Christian

Laureen Hadley

Stanley Janeczko (newly elected)