

Lake Todd Village District

Towns of Bradford and Newbury, NH

Saturday, June 24, 2006

Minutes of the Annual meeting

The Moderator, Carol Tonkin, called the meeting to order at 9:32a.m. It was explained that you must be a registered voter to vote or to call a motion. The Moderator explained that the warrant articles would be voted on by a show of voting cards issued by the Supervisors of the Checklists from Bradford and Newbury. The Moderator also explained all people present can ask questions and make comments.

The Moderator asked for a motion to waive the reading of the previous years (2005) Secretary's report. Skip Tonkin motioned to accept the written Secretary's report. John Harris 2nd the motion. The motion to accept the Secretary's report as it was written was accepted.

The Moderator asked Ruth Ann Harris to read the Treasurer's report in the absence of the Treasurer (Elaine Warren who could not be present). Ruth Ann Harris read the report. Bill Weiler motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Elaine Hamilton 2nd the motion. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

The Moderator stated that she had reviewed and audited the Treasurer's books and that they were accurate and error free.

David Paine reported on the condition of the Lake Todd Dam. During the report he stated that the dam is 99% repaired. The next steps are to remove the plastic, which was used during the repairs on the intake area, and give control of the gate back to the district, removal of the stump and the raft. Also, there is additional work to be completed to create a berm (earthen dam) on the Harris property. This is to keep the erosion from the dam's edges.

Article 1. To see if the Village District will vote to elect by unofficial ballot one commissioner for three years (June 2006-June 2009), and a moderator, a clerk, and a treasurer, each one for a one year term (June 2006-June 2007).

The Moderator read article 1. Nominations began.

- Commissioner 3-year term. Bob Stewart nominated Ruth Ann Harris. John Warren nominated Bill Weiler. There were no other nominations. Ruth Ann Harris then withdrew her nomination.
- Clerk 1-year term. Bob Stewart nominated Susan Carl. There were no other nominations.
- Treasurer 1-year term. Bob Stewart nominated Elaine warren. There were no other nominations.
- Moderator 1-year term. John Warren nominated Carol Tonkin. There were no other nominations.

Results on Article 1 are as follows.

- Commissioner 3-year term: Bill Weiler (elected by a show of voting cards).
- Clerk 1-year term: Susan Carl (elected by a show of voting cards).
- Treasure 1-year term: Elaine Warren (elected by a show of voting cards).

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- Moderator 1-year term: Carol Tonkin (elected by a show of voting cards).

Article 2. To see if the Village District will raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,000.00 from the Village District Taxes for the purpose of:

1. Administrative Expenses	\$1600.00
2. Dam Construction: Berm, Polyethylene & Stump Removal	3800.00
3. Dam Administration: Insurance & Registration	1500.00
4. Lake Expenses: Lakes Assoc. Fees & Water Tests	340.00
5. Capital Reserve Fund	5760.00

The Moderator read article 2.

John Warren explained the article.

The Moderator asked if there were any questions. Gary Wall asked what was the tax impact of the Article. John Warren explained that it would be approximately half of the previous years tax bill. Bob Doherty asked to be more specific on the designated line item of the tax bill. John Warren explained that the town of Newbury lists the Village District item code as the “Precinct Tax”. John Warren was not clear on how the town of Bradford distinguishes the line item on the town tax bill. Gerard Gold stated that the “Precinct Tax” item code found on the Newbury tax bill was a permanent item code.

Mike Beaton asks what the cap on the Capital Reserve Fund would be. John Warren explained that the Commissioner’s intentions were to build the Capital Reserve Fund up to a cap of \$50,000 over a ten-year period.

Bill Weiler motioned to accept article 2. Gary Wall 2nd the motion. Article 2 was passed by majority vote. **ARTICLE 2 APPROVED.**

Article 3. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The Moderator read article 3.

Bill Weiler spoke on behalf of Bill Gall regarding flood control and work with the tributaries to control the water flow. Mr. Gall suggests that The Village District should work with the owners of the old Fowler’s Mill Dam on Andrew Brook to see if we could put the rocks back in place to use as a flood control operation.

The second concern is the beaver ponds up by the railroad tracks, which could break and send water to Andrew Brook.

The third issue was the dam owned by Ken Brown at Reservoir Brook. A later dam that was built down by Gillingham Drive dammed up a swamp that was there. As the dam breached quite a few years ago beavers have been building in the breach. They back up the water and their dam breaks, then the water cascades down into Lake Todd. The DES issued a letter of deficiency a few years ago saying that the dam needs to be repaired, the control structure should be repaired and proper spillway to be put in and then dammed. The engineer that Mr. Brown employs to make a design for this has always put this project at the bottom of his priority list. Bill Weiler then explained that his historic bridge

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and driveway have washed out 3 times during the last year and a half. He went onto explain that there is a beaver pond at the edge of Lake Todd that collected gravel and sand that came down the brook. And this spring that breached dumping the sand into the lake. Bill Weiler has spoken to the state engineer who issued the letter who stated that they (Mr. Brown) could do whatever they want. If they don't want to put into a control structure they don't have too. It looks like there will be simple dam with out any flood control. Jane Gold suggested that the Village District get an engineering dam expert to look at these issues. Gerard Gold suggested that the Village District see what the surrounding towns planning board would be interested in doing to work on the watershed. He explained that 70% of the water from the Newbury area flows through Lake Todd.

Bill Weiler explained that the planning board of Newbury was doing all that it could regarding this issue. He went on to say that last year they enacted new subdivision regulations that do a lot to protect the environment. Bill Weiler also explained that we have had historical rainfalls and storms and that expert opinions expect that to continue. Holding ponds, retention ponds and things like that are good for flood control. The question is getting them into strategic places.

The Moderator asks Bill Weiler if he would be willing to follow up on the suggestions made and he accepted.

Mike Beaton spoke about weed control on the lake and explained that he was looking for volunteers to assist. He stated that whoever was interest he would get them a weed control kit.

Upon completing article 3 the moderator motioned to adjourn the meeting. Motion 2nd by Allene Hamilton. The meeting was adjourned at 10:13am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Carl

Lake Todd Village District Clerk