

SAWYER LAKE VILLAGE DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING
Saturday, April 1, 2023

The Annual Meeting of the Sawyer Lake Village District was held on Saturday, April 1, 2023, at 10:00 AM at the Gilmanton Town Hall, Gilmanton, County of Belknap, State of New Hampshire.

The Moderator, Mark Sisti, called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. The Moderator read the 2023 Annual Meeting Warrants, attached here to.

Mr. Sisti asked all the officers to rise and introduce themselves. He also asked anyone who wanted to speak, that they state their name and address. He also explained that only registered voters can vote, but any resident can have input.

Mr. Sisti asked Bob Dow for an update on the roads. Bob explained that it has been a rollercoaster of a year because of the weather. The roads aren't in bad shape. We are now in mud season and hope the roads don't get any worse. Once they have dried out we'll be able to work on them.

Rich Adams gave a Dam update. Two boards were put in last week just to start to bring the level of the lake up. Obviously there is still a lot of ice so we won't be putting any more boards in now. We will have a good spring run off this year so it shouldn't be an issue as it has been the last few years.

Most people know the state has been clamping down on dams and has been for a few years. There is a lot of work that will have to be done over the next few years. We had an opportunity to apply for a grant through the American Recovery Act for some of the work that will have to be done on the dam. We applied for it starting last September. It just got approved by the DES, approved by the Attorney General Office, and is waiting for the Governor's Council's meeting April 14, 2023. It does sound like we will be getting the grant. The grant is for \$270,000. We are still paying for the loan we took out in 2008 for the last repair. The work that is anticipated to be done on the dam: replacing the pipes and the boards on the breakaway section, and repairing the deep water drain gate which is on the edge of the dam wall and has the red box standing on it. That is inoperable. The state says

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Dam continued: this has to operable. Fortunately we had a chance to apply for this grant or we would be floating another bond. We have been budgeting \$15,000 a year for dam repair and engineering. You cannot get a grant without putting something towards it. We have pledged the \$15,000 for the next two years. That will bring it to \$300,000 worth of work done. Hopefully when we get the approval in the middle of the month, we can start to look for contractors to look at the work and get some competitive bids. The grant money has to be spent by the end of 2024. We have this fall and the next fall to get this work done. Those that were here in the 80's remember when the lake was drained to just a puddle in the middle. That will have to be done to repair the drain gate. Hopefully we can get this done in the fall without sacrificing the use of the lake during the summer. The contractors need to be approved by the DES to do the work. How many people are available to do the work, we don't know.

Tom LeMien reported on the beaches. The storms we had in December washed out the beach parking lots and the beaches themselves. We had snow, then pouring rain which caused a lot of damage to them. As the snow melts Bob Dow will be checking them and getting them back to summer shape. Any one that has time to help with cleanup of the beaches would be appreciated. Tom has a signup sheet for anyone to volunteer to help with the repair of the front and back stairs on the District Building. Whatever anyone can do would be appreciated. Another thing that volunteers would be helpful is maintenance of the mailboxes. Dave has been shoveling and cleaning up around the mailboxes for the past three years, so any help would be appreciated. Tom has a volunteer list for this also. We already have the stock to repair the stairs for the building.

Dave Leboeuf reported the update on Facebook, the Geese, and the Mailboxes. In January we started a Sawyer Lake Village District Commissioners Information Facebook page. As of today we have 92 members. This page is information only. No comments and the goal of this page is to get everybody informed. We will still put signs out and do all that we have done. All you have to do is sign up and you will be notified when something is going on.

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Facebook, Geese, and Mailboxes Continued: About two years ago we put together a SLVD commish.com. Anyone that has any inquiries please send it off to that address. The next thing is the geese. Last year I started using the banger gun that you have probably heard, hopefully to deter the geese from sticking around. Once they have babies they don't leave. Mom and Dad put a lot of poop out there. Could use any help available for the "pick up the poop brigade!"

Mailboxes: Back in February we had an issue with the mailboxes 1 - 15. The Post office thought someone was trying to break into the outgoing mail slot and shut them down for a short period of time. We had to close up the outgoing mail box. The post office was very concerned because of the recent problem with mail theft. As of yesterday, the new mailbox is operational. The post office approved everything. We are good to use the new red mailbox for all outgoing mail.

Janice Tkacek, Treasurer, reported the financials. Janice reported that we pretty much stayed within our budget. She reported that one of the changes in the budget was for Legal Expenses. Now that we have a Capital Reserve Account for the Dam and have applied for the grant for dam, we have increased legal fees. We have had to consult on some of the forms that Rich Adams would be signing for the District. Also we increased the beaches from \$5,000 to \$5500 because of the clearing that needed to be done over by the dam. We are proposing a budget of \$109,445.00 for 2023. As of December 31, 2022, we had \$212,883.72 in our General Fund. If you add in the Capital Reserve you would have approximately \$227,000.00. Janice noted the form with the comparison of prices of what was spent. We still have \$50,000 to pay off on the Dam Bond. That should be paid off in 2027. We pay \$10,000 a year and about \$1350 in interest a year.

The Moderator explained how the meeting was going to be run. He will read the Budget and Warrant Articles. After he reads the Budget and the Warrant Articles he will need them to be seconded.

Article II: The Moderator read Article II. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$109,445.00, for General District Operations.

The Moderator made a motion to accept the sum of \$109,445.00. The motion was seconded. The budget of \$109,445.00 was passed.

Article III: The Moderator read Article III. To see if the District will vote to authorize the District Commissioners to incur debts for temporary loans in anticipation of taxes.

Motion made, duly seconded, to authorize the District Commissioners to incur debt for temporary loans in anticipation of taxes. Motion was carried unanimously to incur debt for temporary loans in anticipation of taxes.

Article IV: To see if the Village District will vote to establish a Contingency Fund for the current year for unanticipated expenses that may arise, and appropriate the sum of \$15,000, with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance. Any appropriations left in the Contingency Fund at the end of the year will lapse to the General Fund.

Motion made and duly seconded, to establish a Contingency Fund for the current year for unanticipated expenses that may arise, for the sum of \$15,000. Motion was carried unanimously to establish a Contingency Fund for the current year for unanticipated expenses.

Article V: To see if the Sawyer Lake Village District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the Sawyer Lake Dam Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Recommendations: Recommended by Commissioners and Budget Committee.

There was one question asked to explain the difference between Article IV and Article V. The question was answered satisfactorily by Mr. Adams.

Motion made and duly seconded. Motion was carried to add \$15,000 to the Sawyer Lake Dam Capital Reserve Fund.

The Moderator moved onto Article I: To choose all necessary District Officers for the ensuing year.

The Moderator explained the position of Moderator was open and asked if there was anyone interested.

The Moderator declared nominations open for the office of Commissioner for a Three-year Term. Motion made and duly seconded to nominate David Leboeuf for Commissioner for a three-year term. Motion made to nominate Parker Hoffacker for Commissioner for a three-year term. There being no other nominations for Commissioner, the Moderator declared the nominations for Commissioner closed.

Parker Hoffacker explained he moved to Sawyer Lake in 2018 to Deer Drive and that he is 29 years old. He has a family and wants to keep his roots here in the town. He is currently on the Planning Board for the Town of Gilmanton. He feels he has a good relationship with the town.

David Leboeuf explained he and his wife live on Drake Avenue. He has been coming to the lake for the last 59 years and has owned for the last 17 years. He has just completed his first term as Commissioner. Dave went over some of the things he has accomplished. He spear headed the removal of the abandoned camper on Fox Drive. He obtained quotes for the new rafts and created a cost calculation to explain what the one-time cost would be to each owner. He is also part of the group that puts the rafts in and takes them out every year. He also worked with the Gilmanton Fire Department to extend the water pipe at Beach 6. He explained earlier what he has done with the mailboxes. He is also in charge of distributing the keys to new residents. He handles all problems for the boxes. He also shovels out the boxes. He is also part of the contact group for that we talked about earlier today.

I continue to collaborate with the Fish and Game about our Geese issue. He also explained that he also started the SLVD Commissioners information page. Thank you for allowing me to serve the lake.

Ballots were handed out to eligible voters for a ballot vote. The Moderator gave the voting results. Parker Hoffacker: 8 and David Leboeuf: 15. The Moderator declared David Leboeuf Commissioner for a three-year term.

Richard Lucas was nominated for the position of Moderator. This was accepted and duly seconded. Motion carried. There being no other nominations for Moderator, the Moderator declared the nominations for the office closed.

Richard Lucas was unanimously elected for a one-year term as Moderator.

The Moderator declared the nomination open for the Office of the Treasurer for a one-year term. Motion made and duly seconded to nominate Janice Tkacek for Treasurer for a one-year term. There being no other nominations for Treasurer, the Moderator declared the nominations for the office of Treasurer closed.

Janice was unanimously elected for a one-year term as Treasurer.

The Moderator declared nominations open for the Office of Clerk for a one-year term. Motion made and duly seconded to nominate Paula Adams for Clerk for a one-year term. Motion carried. There being no other nominations for Clerk, the Moderator declared the nominations for the office of Clerk closed.

Paula Adams was unanimously elected for a one-year term as Clerk.

The Moderator declared that the Officers elected for the District for the ensuing year are as follows:

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Commissioner for a Three-year term.....	David Leboeuf
Treasurer for a One-year term.....	Janice Tkacek
Clerk for a One-year term.....	Paula Adams
Budget Representative to the town.....	Richard Adams
Moderator for a One-year term.....	Richard Lucas

Open Forum: Questions were asked about the trash and appliances littering the property on Chestnut Avenue. Dave explained they have got most of the mess gone. The trailers are gone. The best thing is to go and complain to the building inspector.

There was also a question about how the contractors would be hired. Rich Adams explained that we have been working with Bob Carter from NH Dams, and he will be working with us to hire the approved contractors. NH Dams has done all the studies that needed to be done.

Dave was thanked for all the work he has done with the mailboxes. Steve and Bob were thanked for the great job they did on the roads.

Dave also thanked Rob Mici for the work he does on the beaches. Keeping the grass cut and trimmed.

Also thanks to Kelly Lebeouf was helping Paula Adams.

And a thanks to Mark Sisti for bailing us out again as Moderator.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM. This was approved and seconded.



Paula Adams
Clerk