

Newfields Village Water & Sewer District Annual Meeting
April 24, 2023
Meeting Minutes
75 Main Street
Newfields, NH 03856

Commissioners Present: Ray Buxton and George Drinkwater

Commissioners and Staff Excused: Commissioner Catherine Nelson-Smith and District Clerk Leigh Willette

Staff Present: Moderator Jim Elder, Acting Clerk Wendy Chase, Engineer Paula Boyle- HTA

Moderator Elder convened the meeting at 7:00PM, and read the following:

To the inhabitants of the Newfields Village Water & Sewer District qualified to vote in the Water & Sewer District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Newfields Village District Office, 75 Main Street, Newfields, NH on Monday, April 24, 2023, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year.

District Treasurer 1-year term expiring April 2024

Commissioner Drinkwater moved to appoint Wendy Chase as District Treasurer for a 1-year term expiring April 2024, Seconded by Commissioner Buxton.
The motion passed unanimously.

District Clerk 1-year term expiring April 2024

Wendy Chase moved to appoint Leigh Willette as District Clerk for a 1-year term expiring April 2024, Seconded by Commissioner Buxton.
The motion passed unanimously.

District Moderator 1-year term expiring April 2024

Commissioner Drinkwater moved to appoint Jim Elder as District Moderator for a 1-year term expiring April 2024, Seconded by Jeff Buxton.
The motion passed unanimously.

District Commissioner 3-year term expiring April 2026

Commissioner Buxton moved to appoint George Drinkwater as District Commissioner for a 3-year term expiring April 2026, Seconded by Jeff Buxton.
The motion passed unanimously.

2. To see if the voters of the District will raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,000.00 to be placed in the Sewer Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund to help defray the cost of future cleaning of the lagoons. (Fund established 2003)

Jeff Buxton moved to approve Warrant Article #2, Seconded by Al Williams.
The motion passed unanimously.

3. Shall the Newfields Village District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the Warrant, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling, five hundred eighty-two thousand, five hundred ninety dollars \$582,590.00.

Jeff Buxton asked what the increase was from last year's budget. Commissioner Buxton explained that there was a decrease from last year's budget.

Al Williams made a motion to approve Warrant Article #3 Operating Budget of \$582,590.00, Seconded by Jeff Buxton.
The motion passed unanimously.

4. To see if the District will raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for the purpose of conducting engineering and related exploratory well and groundwater work related to the feasibility of a new source of water at the District's Well no. 1 & 3 site located off of Baker Street. The work includes initial groundwater exploration, collection and analysis of groundwater samples and preparation of an engineering report. The \$50,000.00 to come from the previously established Village District's cell tower account.

Commissioner Buxton presented a handout depicting the site for a proposed shallow well. He explained that the money will be taken out of the cell tower account.

Jeff Buxton moved to approve Warrant Article 4, Seconded by Commissioner Drinkwater.
The motion passed unanimously.

5. To hear any reports of any committee heretofore appointed and to pass any vote related hereby.

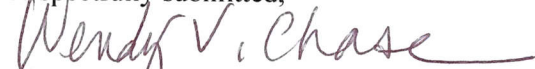
Commissioner Buxton introduced the Districts newly hired Systems Operator Josh Scotton.
Commissioner Drinkwater suggested Josh write up a bio that we can submit to the Library to add to their quarterly newsletter. Josh agreed to do that.

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

Josh said he is very excited to be on board and he worked for Exeter for a number of years and has a lot of experience. Scott Buxton introduced himself and Al Williams and explained that they both work for the District and suggested they set up a meeting to go over how Josh would like to set things up.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20PM without objection.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy V. Chase
Acting Clerk