

Edward Farrar Utility District Commissioners Meeting

Wednesday, May 8, 2024
6:00pm in the Steel Community Room

Attendance: P.H. "Skip" Flanders, Natalie Sherman, Cindy Parks, Mark Alberghini, Bob Finucane
Staff: Tom Leitz, Bill Woodruff, Kia Winchell Nealy
Public Attendance: Tom Gloor, Rick Weston, and Anne Imhoff via Zoom

The monthly meeting of the Edward Farrar Utility District was called to order at 6:03pm.

UDAG LOAN REQUEST

Tom Leitz presented a packet of information from Central Vermont Habitat for Humanity, Inc. ... which included an application for a UDAG loan in the amount of \$35,000. If approved, the money would be used in assisting with opening a new retail store (ReStore) at 149 South Main Street. The loan would be used to purchase a 2022 Ford E350 box van.

Natalie Sherman made the motion to "approve Central Vermont Habitat for Humanity's request for the UDAG loan in the amount of \$35,000, at 1 percent for 3 years. Bob Finucane seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

ONE LEAK RULE REQUEST

Bill Woodruff summarized the situation at 6 Huntington Place: a total consumption of 31,700 cubic feet of water used between November 1, 2023 – January 31, 2024. (Approximately 2,400 +/- gallons per day).

Bob Finucane made the motion to "approve the calculation application for a One Leak Rule for 6 Huntington Place. And waive the administrative fee of \$50.00." Mark Alberghini seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed as presented.

KNEELAND FLATS TRAILER PARK UPDATE

Bill Woodruff update the EFUD board on the progress being made to the water system at the Kneeland Flats Trailer Park:

- * The state of Vermont (water and waste water departments) is asking for a fee of \$13,000 to review the project plans.
- * TCE engineer, John Pitrowski, has asked for those fees to be waived.
- * The Town and the Edward Farrar Utility District have asked Pitrowski and the park owner to have their lawyer draft a letter to EFUD to agree to have those fees waived.
- * Bids on phase one (the park's water main and service lines to the homes) have been received.
- * There are concerns about the contractor with the lowest bid having little pipeline experience.
- * Phase two (metering the trailer park) is now out to bid.

MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 10TH MEETING

Bill Woodruff requested a changing in working to the department reports discussion:

"There was a brief discussion about an issue with a cracked WASTE water pipe at the ROUND-ABOUT END of Union Street. TV'ing shows GROUND water is SEEPING in ... and flow has increased AT THE WASTE WATER PLANT. "

Bob Finucane made the motion to "approve the minutes with the changes". Cindy Parks seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Tom Leitz informed the Edward Farrar District commissioners about a meeting with Jeff Poitras (formerly with the Duxbury-Moretown Fire Protection District) at the last selectboard meeting.

- * Tom and Mr. Poitras met and discussed the possible merger of the Duxbury-Moretown Fire Protection District and the Edward Farrar Utility District.

- * Attorneys advised a district cannot dissolve itself ... and is only dissolved by an act of the Vermont Legislature.

- * Shortly afterwards, Mr. Poitras submitted a check to the town of Waterbury and a notice that the Duxbury-Moretown Fire Protection District had dissolved.

- * In May 2023 the Vermont House passed and the Governor signed a bill that officially dissolved the Duxbury-Moretown Fire Protection District.

- * At that time, a letter from the Edward Farrar District was sent to members of the former Duxbury-Moretown Fire Protection District notifying them of the change.

- * Mr. Poitras now claims there are unpaid legal bills that need to be paid.

- * Tom Leitz spoke with the attorneys and has found there is NO outstanding invoice.

ADJOURN

Natalie Sherman made the motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:35pm. Bob Finucane seconded the motion. A vote was taken and it passed unanimously.