

Bridgewater-Hebron Village District
Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2023

Board Members Present: Amy Cunningham, Terry Murphy, Derry Riddle, Bill White
Others in Attendance: Julie Converse, Bill Luti

The meeting began at 10:03 a.m.

Some maintenance/repair issues were discussed as follows.

Johnson Controls is currently working on fixing the fire alarm system to ready it for the opening of school. They will be replacing/updating the system as soon as they are available.

We are looking into completing the alert system for the refrigerator and freezer.

The chimney repair is being coordinated by Granite State Plumbing. We might not need the draft inducer at the top of the chimney since the new liner will run hotter more quickly, plus there will be a better draft.

The fields are doing well due partly to the considerable rain we've had this summer. The Merrills are working on the walking path. Amy noted that the path has been used a lot recently.

Hogan & Company Builders completed the shed repairs.

The minutes of June 29, 2023, were approved as written on motion by Terry and seconded by Amy.

The Profit & Loss Report was distributed and reviewed. Financially we are doing well.

We had an issue with check fraud attempts recently. Northway Bank caught them and notified us. We have switched to Positive Pay, a check verification system, at no cost to us because of the fraud attempt.

It was noted that we have not yet received the \$1,250 from NASD for their half of the dumpster cost.

The manifests and new vendor approvals were reviewed and signed.

HB349 allowing Bridgewater, Hebron, and Groton to establish their own three-town school district has been signed by Governor Sununu. The creation of this is contingent upon a majority vote in each of the three towns at their 2024 annual town or special meeting. A document written by the newly formed Bridgewater, Hebron & Groton Steering Committee (now known as the District Organizing Committee) was distributed. On August 23 this group met with two NASD School Board representatives, the superintendent, and the business manager. Some teachers and others were also in attendance. The District Organizing Committee requested a confirmation from NASD as to their willingness to work with the new school district to find common, mutually beneficial opportunities. They also asked for

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information on points-of-contact regarding the various aspects of this. The committee would like to get as much info as early as possible ahead of the three towns voting on this in the spring. It will be important to educate the voters on all aspects of the endeavor, costs and otherwise, prior to the adoption vote. Amy offered to be the B-HVD representative on this committee.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the next steps in the process of forming the new school district.

Terry will contact our attorney, Dean Eggert, on the “how and when” regarding our lease agreement with NASD. The current lease expires on June 30, 2024. We will probably need to consider a one-year extension to coincide with the July 1, 2025, start of the new school district, but we will check with Dean regarding the specific process.

It was noted that should the new school district become a reality, B-HVD will still be a separate municipal entity and would enter into a lease agreement with the new school district.

The meeting adjourned at 12:38 p.m. on motion by Terry, seconded by Bill.

Respectfully Submitted,
Derry Riddle, Commissioner