

APDVD Annual Meeting Minutes
Friday, July 12, 2024
Camp Morgan Lodge
at 7:00 pm

Special Guests:

Bob Carter – Owner/Project Engineer, NH Dams LLC
Joe Schmidl – NHDES Instream Flow Specialist
Nisa Marks - NHDES

Meeting called to order: Adam Kinville called meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Opening statements:

Gary Carney welcomed all attendees, introduced the guests, and provided a list of dam updates since last annual meeting.

Gary C. reminded attendees that only Washington registered voters are allowed to vote and comment during the meeting. Gary C. motioned to allow all meeting attendees to comment during the meeting.

Alisa Andrusiak seconded.

Motion passes.

Article 1:

To vote by official ballot, one commissioner for 1 year, one commissioner for 2 years, one treasurer for 3 years, a moderator, a clerk, and an auditor, each, for a one-year term.

Gary C. nominated Rich Andrusiak to serve as commissioner for 1 year. Gordon Kay seconded.
Motion passes.

Gary C. nominated Gary Mahaffey to serve as commissioner for 2 years.

Jim Stumpf seconded.

Motion passes.

Gary C nominated Peggy Carney for Treasurer for 3 years.

Rich A. seconded.

Motion passes.

Moderator – Gary C. nominated Adam K. to serve as moderator for 1 year.

Jim S. seconded.

Motion passes.

Clerk – Gary C. nominated Alisa A. to serve as clerk for 1 year.

Gordon K. seconded.

Motion passes.

Auditor - Gary C. nominated Shirley Mahaffey to serve as auditor for 1 year.

Gary M. seconded.

Motion passes.

Article 2:

To hear reports of all officers, committees and agents of the Village District and take any action in relation thereto.

Gary C. highlighted work completed in the past 12 months.

APDVD was not awarded a FEMA grant. Bob C. addressed FEMA grant questions and highlighted that the process was very competitive.

Nisa Marks from NHDES offered to help put us in contact with the Selectman in Alstead to help with grant writing.

Rich A. addressed a deep drawdown question. APDVD has contacted DES to request an exception to the drawdown schedule and was denied. The state has stated the next deep drawdown will be in 2026 per the 1991 and 2009 lake-level orders issued by NH DES. Rich A. addressed a question pertaining to the ownership of spillway #2 and discussed the requirements in the 2022 NH DES Letter of Deficiency as they pertain to providing evidence that APDVD has maintenance and access rights (not ownership) to spillway #2 for routine maintenance, repairs, and construction. APDVD sought deed research and a legal opinion on access and maintenance rights.

Article 3:

To raise an appropriate sum of \$47,000 for the purpose of:

Administrative expenses \$10,000

Legal expenses \$15,000

Operation, maintenance and repair expenses of the dam \$15,000

Insurance \$4000

Dam registration fees \$2000

Regional association fees \$1000

The Commissioners recommend this appropriation.

Treasurer Report:

Peggy C. provided the treasurer report.

Gary C. made a motion to accept article 3. Peggy C. seconded.

Motion passes.

Article 4:

To see if the Village will vote to raise an appropriate sum of \$80,000 to be added to the Ashuelot Pond Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. The Commissioners are agents to expend. The Commissioners recommend this appropriation.

Bob C. from NH Dams, LLC provided an overview of the work that was completed last year. He highlighted future work including survey work, completion of the dam breach model, completion of the Emergency Action Plan, an application to NH DES for reconstruction or removal of the dam consistent with engineering results (permits might be required for the work), overtopping protection, and a pedestrian bridge over spillway #1. Decisions will then need to be made about what to do with the gatehouse and old gate. Bob discussed the possibility of adding a weir system that will help regulate dam levels during drawdown periods.

Gary C. motioned to raise the appropriate amount of money.
Jack Rankin seconded.
Motion passes.

Article 5:

To see when the Ashuelot Pond Dam Village District will schedule its 2025 annual meeting, or to take any action thereto.

Proposing Friday, July 11, 2025 at 7:00pm

Alisa A. motioned to accept.
Jim S. seconded.
Motion passes.

Article 6:

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

No new business was brought up.

Adjournment:

Motion made by Gary C. to close the meeting. Tom Burt seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Special presentation: by Joe Schmidl and Nisa Marks of NHDES on the instream flow protection program for the Ashuelot rivershed, and how we can participate.