

Edward Farrar Utility District  
April 7, 2022  
Minutes  
Hybrid meeting held in person and by Zoom

Present in the Steele Community Room: Commissions: P. Flanders, L. Sayah, N. Sherman, R. Finucane, C. Parks; Staff, W. Shepeluk, B. Woodruff, S. Guyette, B. Roy, D. Sweet, K. Petrovic; Present by Zoom: Staff, C. Lawrence; Public, R. Lieblappen

Chairperson Flanders called the meeting to order at 4:30

Approve Agenda: P. Flanders asked to move the Green Mountain Adventure Racing to the top of the agenda to accommodate a number of folks present for the discussion. C. Parks asked to add an update on the D. Salvas letter to the agenda. The Salvas discussion will take place in the vacant GMAR spot. **N. Sherman made a motion to approve the amended agenda. C. Parks seconded the motion; a vote was held and passed unanimously.**

**Public:** No public comment

**Update for Green Mountain Adventure Racing:** R. Lieblappen gave a brief overview of the plans for his organization and their hopes to use EFUD property located in the water works for a biking and orienteering event on August 13, 2022. The event is typically 12 hours with 40 teams of 2-3 individuals per team. The anticipate folks being on the property for roughly 2-3 hours. GMAR is responsible for insurance and will provide a COI in advance of the event. C. Parks provided the Commissioners with a copy of the 2018 Public Access Management Plan for a water shed area in Massachusetts and did express apprehension about allowing uses such as this. **N. Sherman made a motion to approve the activities of biking and trekking as described by Green Mountain Adventure Racing be allowed contingent on the following rules:**

1. An isolated area above the dam established by EFUD staff and Forester may be used
  2. A discussion of the stipulation to participants in the pre-race meeting those boundaries defined by our staff need to be honored
  3. Communication with racers that the area they are using is not open to the public
- L. Sayah seconded the motion; a vote was held and passed 3-2

**Consider Warning and process for the EFUD Annual meeting:** Discussion of the two options for holding the EFUD annual meeting. **R. Finucane made a motion to approve the warning of the EFUD Annual Meeting by Australian ballot on May 11, 2022. C. Parks seconded the motion; a vote was held and passed unanimously.**

**Consider possible revisions to Ice Center UDAG Loan:** W. Shepeluk spoke of possible revisions to the Ice Center UDAG loan – this will be tabled until the EFUD meeting in June.

\*W. Shepeluk left to revise the warning so the Commissioners took up the **Department updates hiring etc.:** B. Woodruff stated there is a candidate for the wastewater position that was recently interviewed and W. Shepeluk will be sending an employment offer to him in the coming days.

**Discussion of comments on draft VLCT Manager search contract and designation of 2 EFUD members for search committee to work with Selectboard.** L. Sayah made a motion appointing N. Sherman and P. Flanders to represent EFUD along with the Selectboard and VLCT on the Municipal Manager search. R. Finucane seconded the motion; a vote was held and passed unanimously.

**Discussion on continuation of 2.5% penalty and \$5.00 reduction in Water base charges:** R. Finucane made a motion to extend all billing discounts which include a reduction of commercial and residential water base charges (\$5.00), a reduction in penalty (2.5%) and a waiver of all interest charges through the next billing cycle which ends on July 31, 2022. L. Sayah seconded the motion; a vote was held and passed unanimously.

The water department in their monthly report asked for consideration of the Dalley family who assisted neighbors with a water line freeze. K. Petrovic is to hold the bills once generated and work with staff to determine the best course of action.

**Authorize EFUD Manager to file necessary property transfer for EFUD property located in Stowe:** R. Finucane made a motion authorizing the EFUD Manager to secure the necessary property transfers and Quit Claim Deeds to ensure all properties formally owned by the Village of Waterbury be transferred to Edward Farrar Utility District in the town land records. L. Sayah seconded the motion; a vote was held and passed unanimously.

**Update on response from D. Salvas:** Back on March 23<sup>rd</sup> W. Shepeluk mailed and emailed D. Salvas a response letter explaining EFUD's stance on the water lines in Kimberly Lane. D. Salvas responded he would give the offer some thought.

**Minutes of meetings of March 17, 2022 and March 21, 2022:** N. Sherman made a motion to approve the minutes of March 17, 2022 and March 21, 2022 as written. C. Parks seconded the motion; a vote was held and passed unanimously.

**Adjourn:** R. Finucane made a motion to adjourn; C. Parks seconded the motion; a vote was held and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

The next meeting of the Edward Farrar Utility District is scheduled for Tuesday May 3, 2022