

**Sawyer Lake Village District
Board of Commissioners
SLVD Clubhouse, 104 Sawyer Lake Road, Gilmanton, N.H
August 20, 2026 at 6:00PM**

Roll Call: Commissioners: Tom LeMien, David Ferber ; Dustin Milliken (Clerk) Brian Palmer (Road Agent) Richard Milliken and Caudia Ferber absent for medical reasons.

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by Tom LeMien.

Approval of Minutes The minutes from the July meeting were reviewed.

Motion: Made by Tom LeMien, seconded by David Ferber, to approve the minutes for July as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report- Dave Ferber explained Claudia will present the information at the next meeting.

Dam Report Dave Ferber explained that Bob Carter from NH Dams submitted a bill for \$122,563. The permits are being submitted and are not fully approved. Dave Ferber explained that the board has to be satisfied with the bill and the work presented. Dave Ferber would like more discussion prior to approval. Dave Ferber gave a basic breakdown of the situation and directed the residents to ask questions. Bob Carter was present to answer questions. Dave Leboeuf questioned Bob Carter directly and directed him to clarify the final plans status. Bob Carter explained the final plans have been accepted by the State but the State had some questions and clarifications needed. Dave Leboeuf stated that he did not feel the status of the dam project has changed since he served as commissioner. Dave Leboeuf's questions to Bob Carter confirmed the following facts.

- Two permits were submitted in February
- The permits needed modification prior to submission on Bob Carters intended date in April. Bob Carter explained design engineer took over a Month to review the drawings.
- The permits if approved could be good for up to 10 years if renewed in 5 year increments.
- Bob Carter is on the hook to get the permits approved and the grant money being used to pay for the permits.
- The FEMA high hazard grant will be needed to pay for the work
- The grant money will expire prior to the approval of the plans.
- \$270,000 was received in the grant and \$30,000 added by the district for a total of \$300,000. The district will be spending \$210,000 this round.
- 90,000 remains in funding until grand expiration.

Notable exchange

Dave Leboeuf to Bob Carter “ So we spent \$210,000 on engineering and permits and we are not done yet”

Bob Carter to Dave Leboeuf “ Well, no, there was more to it than that. There was also a dive inspection, the, uh, little development inspection, uh, the flashboards, the feasibility study, um, a couple other line items in there.”

Paul Annunziato expressed concern about the fact that our only leverage is payment and if we do not pay Bob Carter we are going to lose are funding due to everything taking so long. Paul expressed that Bob Carter has put us in a position where he has all the cards and he does feel good about that.

Dave Ferber stated for the record that he feels the same way as Paul Annunziato.

Roads Report Brian Palmer, The roads took a pounding again from torrential downpours. Brian Palmer suggested we start looking into more permanent fixes. The upgraded repairs could include better culvert protection, more ditching, and compacted material on roads with heavy wash out exposure. Dave Ferber explained that the board is going to need a basic estimate of road repair and maintenance costs for the next year Budget.

Beaches Dave Ferber explained the beaches are in good condition. The geese are a continued problem. Beach 2 had a problem with bacteria but test results show it is clear now.

Mailboxes Tom LeMien explained he has been locating the property lines and trying to get a basic layout for the permitting process. Paul Annunziato stated they have been looking into the 20x8 shed style building with three feet of overhang. The building will require a concrete pad.

Old Business Dave Ferber explained signs have been purchased with the beach ordinances. The signs will be installed at each beach and on the SLVD building. The message board is still being looked into. The bridges are still a concern and maintenance was discussed. Warrant article 7 problem will be resolved by closing the account and opening up a new one.

New Business No additional concerns were raised.

Adjournment

Tom LeMien, Tom adjourned the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 PM.

The next meeting date will be Thursday, September 17, 2026 at 6:00 PM

***Respectfully submitted,**

Dustin Milliken, Clerk