

VAIL'S GROVE COOPERATIVE, INC.

BOARD MEETING

June 18, 2020

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Cassidy called the meeting to order at 8:03 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Battreall took attendance. Present: Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Duffy (Z), Ms. Rubini (Z), Mr. Andrews, Ms. Salerno (Z), Mr. McGuinness Mr. LaRocca, Ms. Myers(Z), Mr. Waltzer, Mr. Sarno and Ms. Mytych(Z) Absent: Ms. DiDomenico and Mr. Janecek.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

Ms. Myers made a motion to approve the minutes of the May meeting. Mr. LaRocca seconded. Abstained: Mr. McGuinness, Ms. Salerno and Mr. Duffy. All others in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS NOT INCLUDED IN REPORTS:

Mr. Cassidy spoke to Mrs. P. Colavito after Executive session and she relayed to him that she would be getting prices for work on the tennis courts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHAIRPERSON: No Report

VICE-CHAIRPERSON: No report

VICE-PRESIDENT: No report

SECRETARY:

Please get submissions to Carol Harting and Office by June 23 for Vails Voice. It will go out with July quarterly invoices.

Office not keeping front door locked any more, but office door has a gate so folks don't walk into the office.

Spoke to and got prices from Allied Pollution and VRI to be "licensed water operator", - if we do not have one, Vails could be fined. We have gone with VRI as they are on site for the fee of \$450 per month. We will have them to this until Patrick is fully licensed. They will do the monthly required water reports for the DOH as well.

The office is busy with day to day paperwork. Sales, transfers, many re-finances as rates are low. Peter Rossi started the financials this week.

Beach info re: payroll etc., being put in order.

The copier in office lease was up for renewal. Premiere offered a three year newer model with much less copies on it. They also offered, from Copystar, a two month rebate. The new machine is in and we have received a rebate check.

The office has been assisting B&G with items to be researched and ordered.

TREASURER:

Ms. Mytych reported that the budget is doing very well.

FINANCE/INSURANCE: No Report

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:

1st I would like to thank the Board of Directors and Cindy for the generous gift after the passing of my father. Thank you again.

The beach docks are in and ready for use. The swim float, ropes and swim buoys are all ready to go. The area was cleaned up, raked, new sand was delivered. The large metal dock always needs adjustments and I will continue that as needed.

The rental equipment is on the beach and ready. Paddle boards, paddle boat and kayaks.

Water leak reported near One Terrace Drive. Butler Excavation exposed the leaking pipe. Clark plumbing was on site for the repair. The leak was on an old section of 2" plastic pipe. About 30' of new pipe was installed.

Laurel oak landscaping was in to prune and remove a few dangerous trees from common property.

Painting the back deck at the pavilion. Almost completed working on the spindles and all the edging

Seasonal flowers have been purchased and planted in and around the Co-Op

Watering and weeding all the coop gardens and flower boxes is an ongoing process.

Buildings and grounds has purchased 2 new trees to replace the ones at the Memorial that didn't make it. The trees did not have a guarantee from the nursery

FYI. Handicap signs that are not needed have been taken down
Stencil for painting STOP on the road has been ordered
Buildings and Grounds was asked for the re-cycle container and the paddleboards to be brought to Beach. Speed bumps in needed areas will be installed.

REAL ESTATE:

Mr. Duffy made a motion made to approve Vito Errico application, 3 VLSD, to extend his deck 18 feet toward the lake. Office sent plan to all. Mr. Andrews seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.

OMBUDSMAN: No Report

SUNSHINE:

Congratulations to Matteo Rubini, Christian Duffy, Alex Blackwell and Harry Blackwell on their graduation from High School; Taylor Duffy on her graduation from Fordham University.

PAVILION: No Report

MEMBERSHIP:

Mr. Andrews made a motion to approve application from Patti Tompkins at 27 Orchard to re-finance. Mr. Waltzer seconded. Ms. Vail abstained. All in favor. Motion approved.

Mr. Andrews made a motion to approve re-finance application from Frank and Meghan Cassidy, pursuant to receiving appraisal. Ms. Myers seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.

Mr. Andrews made a motion to approve the membership application from Andrew Troup to purchase of 84 Vails Lake Shore Drive. Ms. Myers seconded. Ms. Rubini abstained. All others in favor.

RECREATION:

The Recreation Committee hopes that all of our neighbors and families have been staying well throughout this Covid pandemic. We regret that we have not been able to do many things with each other but hope that you all understand that it is in the best interest of all that we continue to maintain Social Distancing and wearing of a mask during large public gatherings.

With that said, we WILL have the famous 4th of July Parade on Saturday July 4th starting at 11am at the north end and continuing to the flagpole by the New Veterans Monument, HOWEVER, this year we will NOT be serving any food. We hope that everyone understands and that you will still come out and celebrate our INDEPENDENCE DAY!!!

We ask that ALL adults wear a mask and that any children who are old enough to wear one, also wear a mask. This is for the SAFETY and Protection of all of our residents and guests.

As a reminder, please have your kids decorate their bikes and wagons and help us make this year a special parade. Just a reminder that dogs must be on leashes even if they are in the parade.

LEGAL: No Report

BOATS RAMP/NORTH END: No Report

PUBLIC HEALTH/PUMPHOUSE: Attached

BEACH:

The beach is open 10-7 Monday through Friday and 11-8 on Saturday and Sunday. We ask that lifeguards park at the Pavilion and residents, unless they are using beach, do not park in the beach parking lot. The Board request that residents limit the amount of guests.

LEND A HAND: See attached

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Public Health / Pomphouse

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2019 was another excellent year for the quality of our drinking water. We pumped and delivered millions of gallons of pristine water to each and every home in our community and our waste water treatment facility located at the north end of Vail's. Unless you have a break in your pipes or we need to take the water "offline" to repair the mains, you just assume the water is just there. It takes a tremendous amount of work to deliver your water to you. From the wells to the tap, we oversee every aspect and function. Our maintenance man, Jay Moore is vital. He oversees and does most of the work related to the delivery system. He tests the water daily. He also tests our generator on a weekly basis. Cindy Battreal, our invaluable office Manager fields all calls and makes sure the lab does the requisite testing monthly and yearly. Cindy ensures our monthly reports are submitted to the Board of Health on time. I compile the monthly statistics and write up the report. I also, compile a yearly report consisting of in depth analysis of our water done by Northeast Laboratories. This report is submitted to the Board of Health.

I am delighted to once again report that our drinking water is wonderful. Our water meets or exceeds the mandated state levels. The water was bacteria free. And, although you sometimes can smell chlorine in the water, I can assure you that the daily levels of detected chlorine are never above the limit. New York state mandates that a certain level of chlorine be present in public water supplies which is known as a "residual." If the residual exceeds 1mg/l, a discernible smell will be present. We need a certain level of residual in our system to be assured that the homes at the farthest end of our water transmission lines are being delivered the same quality water as the rest of the system.

After we treat the water it is stored in 2 large tanks located at the pump house. As demand rises, the water leaves the tanks and goes thru the transmission lines and on to the homes. As the tanks are depleted the wells pump up the untreated water. The water goes thru "raw water" lines into the pump house. The water is treated with chlorine as it's surging through the line. When it enters the tanks the water is mixed. There are baffles in the tanks that causes new water entering to mix with the water that is already in the tank. This assures the "residual" level of Chlorine is a constant. We test the water daily, as it leaves those tanks. The whole process is repeated over and over. A typical day means that an average of 20,000 to 50,000 gallons of water is pumped, treated, stored and delivered to the homes in Vail's. And, in the event of a power failure, we have a back up power supply that kicks in within seconds so that you, the community are guaranteed water no matter what. We consume millions of gallons yearly-That's a lot of water!

Patrick McGuinness will be taking over for me. He has been a vital member of our team. He will oversee the smooth running of our water system. I will continue to be on standby to help with any paperwork, if needed. Please congratulate Pat when you see him.

Every year I ask members of our community to step up and become Licensed. We need motivated people to take the class at Westchester Community College. It takes very little time and it's in the evening. Challenge yourself. Just do it!

As an aside; if Vail's Grove Cooperative had to hire an outside water operator to oversee the water delivery system in our community, it would cost thousands of dollars per year. They would charge for daily testing, overtime for alarm call outs and a hefty sum for submitting all the reports needed by the state. We DO NOT charge for the water. The New York state average cost of water is \$50.81 monthly. 152.43 Quarterly and 609.72 per year. Think about your

You have a water meter on your line so that the wastewater plant can charge for wastewater treatment. We see none of that money. So, that's why it's important for volunteers to step up.

I want to thank everyone that has helped me along the way. Jack Waltzer, for his mentorship and faith that I could do it. Cindy Battreall, for always being patient with me when I ask for old reports or anything I need. Jay Moore, for always being there to test the water and oversee the repairs. And Pat McGuinness, for testing the water on the weekends and holidays and graciously stepping into my shoes. I would like to thank The board of directors for allowing me to serve the community. I learned so much. It's just water to you but, to me it was helping my community by getting involved and learning about this precious and vital commodity.

All the best!

Kathleen Heuschkel
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Lend a Hand Committee Report May 18, 2020

Again, I have to say we have had more offers TO help than requests FOR help. These uncertain times brings out the best in our Vail's Grove residents. That said, LAH committee members helped a resident overwhelmed with moving and other responsibilities by making a few dinners for her and her son and shopped for a resident with compromised immunity.

In line with our altered reality, the LAH Committee held its first Zoom meeting!! It was mostly successful. A few members had trouble logging on.

Also, the Recreation Committee and the LAH Committee joined forces to purchase "Vail's Grove Strong" baseball caps. All money raised from the sale of the caps will go toward thanking local Medical and Essential workers. Caps are going fast. Get your order in soon.