

MINUTES OF THE WEVD RMA MODIFICATION COMMITTEE Meeting of July 10, 2021

The RMA Modification Committee met on Saturday, July 10, 2021 at the Campton Mountain Ski Lodge. No WiFi was available and no Zoom access provided.

Present: Joseph Feiner, Harry Bertino, Jim Murphy, Brian Sylvia, Mark Canfield, Ryan Timms, Ned McElroy, and Maureen Patti.

The meeting followed a suggested agenda produced by Ms. Patti. (attached)
Ms. Patti called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Members introduced themselves and described their objectives for the committee.

The objectives included: WEA & WEVD working together, resolve legal issues, ensure the membership's interests are represented, look for a balance between Association and District funding for recreation, ending the lack of communication between the District & Association, expanding the RMA to identify essential services provided by both Association & District, setting aside the history of the two entities and looking forward, include in RMA a better description of the operational responsibilities of District & Association, review the agreement's provision for what happens if there is a breach.

Mr Bertino and Mr Murphy: Expressed concerns about knowing the past mistakes will help us move forward to avoid repeating old problems of the past.

There was a discussion regarding the appropriateness of fees vs. taxes for recreation.

Ms. Patti identified, from her experience as a Commissioner, the problems she sees with the agreement: the language needs to match the 2006 Rec Fund ("Fees and Charges"), the District needs the schedule of programming, and, language re: construction on a District facility and CIF contributions to maintenance/improvements need to match RSA 35-b and include procedures.

Mr. Sylvia, a member of the WEA Board of Directors, shared with the committee several observations: WEA cannot do quarterly payments due to cash flow issues, WEA would like to payments to be "after services are rendered," shortfalls in the Rec Fund will be covered by WEA, eliminate the "irrevocable" language, and, there are concerns re: allocation of staffing resources – Village District & Recreation.

Discussion among members included suggestions that Association By-Laws should be reviewed to make sure RMA does not conflict with WEA obligations, the operational aspects of the agreement should be initial focus for the committee, and language needs to be added that any Rec Fund shortfalls are responsibility of WEA.


Ms. Patti briefly described how NH law requires the committee, as a public body, to conduct meetings, prepare minutes, etc.

Ned McElroy was selected to Chair the committee.

Scheduling was discussed and the committee agreed to meet every Saturday morning until October 15, 2021. Next meeting scheduled for Saturday, July 17, 2021, at 10 a.m. at the Ski Lodge.

Chair McElroy gave the committee members homework – to prepare a list of both Association and District responsibilities organized into prioritized categories.

Brian Sylvia made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ryan Timms. The members voted unanimously to adjourn at 11:41 a.m.



Minutes Prepared by: _____ on July 19, 2021.

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Informal Agenda, July 10, 2021 RMA Modification Committee

1. Check-in: Introductions and answers to the question of what do you want to accomplish through your participation in this committee.
2. Brief discussion re: legal requirements for this public body.
3. Scheduling future meetings.
4. Identifying the committee's goals/tasks. Suggestions about parties the committee might want to consult with or seek to hear from.
5. Identifying who will act as Chair and who will be responsible for taking minutes.
6. Gathering phone numbers.