

Moderator Chris Demers called the meeting to order at 10:36 am, then asked veterans to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Demers introduced the following people: District Commissioners Robert Long, Mark Johanson, and Mike Roberts; District Clerk Karen Rajsteter; District Administrator Kristi Garofalo; Supervisors of the Checklist Charlene Aldrich, Carol Norcross, and Regis Roy; and District Legal Counsel Bernie Waugh. He then went over the Rules of Procedure for the meeting and began consideration of the warrant.

Article 01: Appropriate Funds for General Operations

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$226,460) for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. The Commissioners recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

MOTION BY: Mark Johanson

SECONDED BY: Dorothy Long

ARTICLE 01: PASSED

Article 02: Appropriate Funds for Water Dept. Operations

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Eighty Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Three Dollars (\$180,353) for the operation of the Mountain Lakes Water Department, with said funds to come from Water Department User Fees. The Commissioners recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

MOTION BY: Mark Johanson

SECONDED BY: Gail Dubrule

ARTICLE 02: PASSED

NOTES: During discussion, it was noted that Hood's Plumbing, the District's water and excavation contractor, has been doing a fine job for the District and that the water team was responding to a water break during the meeting. Attendees were also encouraged to check out a display put together by Don Drew, Water and Maintenance Project Manager, showing water-related photos, conservation info, and vintage tools found in prior repair excavations.

Article 03: Appropriate Funds to Water Emergency Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand and Fourteen Dollars (\$7,014) to be added to the Water Emergency Capital Reserve Fund (established in 1993, revised 1995 and 2015). This sum to be funded from Water Department User Fees. The Commissioners recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

MOTION BY: Mark Johanson
ARTICLE 03: PASSED

SECONDED BY: Robert Roudebush

Article 04: Appropriate to WD Capital Improvement Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars (\$5,788) to be added to the Mountain Lakes Water Department Capital Improvement and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund (established in 1992, revised in 2003 and 2018). This sum to be funded from Water Department User Fees. The Commissioners recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

MOTION BY: Mark Johanson
ARTICLE 04: PASSED

SECONDED BY: Chris Roberts

Article 05: Appropriate to Facility Maintenance, Improvement & Equipment Capital Reserve Fund from General Operations Fund Balance

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the Mountain Lakes Facility Maintenance, Improvement and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (established in 1990, revised in 2016). This sum to come from General Operations Unassigned Fund Balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. The Commissioners recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

MOTION BY: Mark Johanson
ARTICLE 05: PASSED

SECONDED BY: John Hakola

Article 06: Appropriate to General Operations Legal Expenses Capital Reserve Fund from General Operations Fund Balance

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) to be added to the Mountain Lakes General Operations Legal Expenses Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2014). This sum to come from General Operations Unassigned Fund Balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. The Commissioners recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

MOTION BY: Mark Johanson
ARTICLE 06: PASSED

SECONDED BY: Linda Johanson

Article 07: Appropriate to Planning Board Legal Expenses Capital Reserve Fund from General Operations Fund Balance

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) to be added to the Mountain Lakes Planning Board Legal Expenses Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2014). This sum to come from General Operations Unassigned Fund Balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. The Commissioners recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

MOTION BY: Mark Johanson

SECONDED BY: Dorothy Long

ARTICLE 07: PASSED

Article 08: Appropriate to Planning Documents Updates Capital Reserve Fund from General Operations Fund Balance

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to be added to the Mountain Lakes Planning Documents Updates Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2016, revised in 2018). This sum to come from General Operations Unassigned Fund Balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. The Commissioners recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

MOTION BY: Mark Johanson

SECONDED BY: Don Dubrule

ARTICLE 08: PASSED

Article 09: Appropriate to Future Dam Projects Capital Reserve Fund from General Operations Fund Balance

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Mountain Lakes Future Dam Projects Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2016). This sum to come from General Operations Unassigned Fund Balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. The Commissioners recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

MOTION BY: Mark Johanson

SECONDED BY: Ed Rajsteter

ARTICLE 09: PASSED

NOTES: During discussion, Bob Long noted recent projects (the Lower Lake emergency spillway project and the Upper Lake dam outlet inspection) were paid for from this Capital Reserve Fund rather than borrowing. He also noted the underwater dam outlet inspection

was reviewed by the NH DES Dam Bureau; their report on the condition of the outlet gives the District ten years or more before it needs to be replaced. He said the plan is to continue annual deposits to this Capital Reserve Fund for that and for other dam projects.

Article 10: To Establish MLD Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund, Appropriate Funds, and Name Agents

To see if the District will vote to establish a Mountain Lakes District Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of repairing, updating and improving District infrastructure; and to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the District Commissioners as agents to expend from said fund. The Commissioners recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

MOTION BY: Mark Johanson

SECONDED BY: Robert Roudebush

ARTICLE 10: PASSED

Article 11: Change Purpose of Office Software Capital Reserve Fund and Name Agents

To see if the District will vote to change the purpose of the existing Mountain Lakes Office Software Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2018) to the Mountain Lakes Office Software and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of maintaining and purchasing office software and equipment. Further, to name the District Commissioners as agents to expend from this fund. The Commissioners recommend this article. (2/3 vote required)

MOTION BY: Mark Johanson

SECONDED BY: Patricia Brady

ARTICLE 11: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (25 to 0)

Article 12: Appropriate to Office Software Capital Reserve Fund from General Operations Fund Balance

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) to be added to the Mountain Lakes Office Software [and Equipment] Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2018, potentially amended in Article 11 of the 2020 Warrant above). If Article 11 fails, this article shall still be considered. This sum to come from General Operations Unassigned Fund Balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. The Commissioners recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

MOTION BY: Mark Johanson

SECONDED BY: Dorothy Long

ARTICLE 12: PASSED

Article 13: Changes to MLD Water Tariff

To see if the District will vote to adopt the following changes to the Mountain Lakes Water Department Water Tariff:

1) to change paragraph 22 "Terms of Payment" to read: "Payments of the annual general service rate shall be due and payable upon receipt of the annual bill. Payments can be made by cash, check, credit card, debit card, Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) or Automated Clearing House (ACH) payment. Payments received by the MLD Water Department will be first applied against interest, then to past due invoices, then to current bills due."

2) to change paragraph 23 "Interest" to read: "One percent (1%) interest will be charged per month on all accounts unpaid after thirty (30) days from the date of the invoice."

(Majority vote required)

MOTION BY: Mark Johanson

SECONDED BY: Chris Roberts

ARTICLE 13: PASSED

NOTES: In the discussion, Mark Johanson noted the debit/credit card acceptance program has not been finalized yet, but plans are to have it in place for later installment payments. He also noted that finance charges will now be added to past due accounts each month, rather than the annual finance charge. Bob Long addressed a question about meters in each home; he said ten test meters have been installed and data is being gathered from them. He said they continue to explore individual home meters, but to date research shows it would be prohibitively expensive. Mike Roberts answered a question about filling swimming pools, noting that the Planning Board is working on that issue and plans to have a zoning ordinance change for consideration at the 2021 Annual Meeting which would require pools be filled from a private water supplier at the owner's expense rather than from the MLD water system.

Article 14: Authority to Accept Personal Property Gifts

To see if the District will vote to authorize the District Commissioners to accept gifts of personal property, other than cash, to the District for any public purposes. This authorization, in accordance with RSA 31:95-e, shall remain in effect until rescinded by a vote of the village district meeting. (Majority vote required)

MOTION BY: Mark Johanson
ARTICLE 14: PASSED

SECONDED BY: Karen Cox

Article 15: Authority to Issue Tax Anticipation Notes

Shall the District accept the provision of RSA 33:7 providing that any village district at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the District Commissioners to issue tax anticipation notes? (Majority vote required)

MOTION BY: Mark Johanson
ARTICLE 15: PASSED

SECONDED BY: Robert Roudebush

Article 16: Authority to Set and Establish Fees

To see if the District will vote to authorize the District Commissioners to establish and amend fees, pursuant to RSA 41:9-a and RSA 52:3-a, I, such fees to be established or amended only after a public hearing with notice posted and published seven (7) days before the hearing. (Majority vote required)

MOTION BY: Mark Johanson
ARTICLE 16: PASSED

SECONDED BY: Chris Fenn

Article 17: Elect District Officers

To elect the following District officers: 1) A Commissioner for a term of three (3) years. 2) A District Clerk for a term of one (1) year. 3) A Treasurer for a term of one (1) year. 4) A District Moderator for a term of two years.

COMMISSIONER NOMINEE: Mike Roberts

NOMINATED BY: Robert Roudebush

SECONDED BY: Patricia Brady

NOTES: As there were no other nominations, the Moderator closed the nominations and requested the Clerk to cast 1 ballot for Mike Roberts for District Commissioner for the term of (3) years.

DISTRICT CLERK NOMINEE: Karen Rajsteter

NOMINATED BY: Dorothy Long

SECONDED BY: Ed Rajsteter

NOTES: As there were no other nominations, the Moderator closed the nominations and requested the Clerk to cast 1 ballot for Karen Rajsteter for District Clerk for the term of (1) year.

TREASURER NOMINEE: Laraine King

NOMINATED BY: Robert Roudebush

SECONDED BY: Chris Roberts

NOTES: As there were no other nominations, the Moderator closed the nominations and requested the Clerk to cast 1 ballot for Laraine King for District Treasurer for the term of (1) year.

DISTRICT MODERATOR NOMINEE: Chris Demers

NOMINATED BY: Patricia Brady

SECONDED BY: Robert Roudebush

NOTES: As there were no other nominations, the Moderator closed the nominations and requested the Clerk to cast 1 ballot for Chris Demers for District Moderator for the term of (2) years.

Article 18: Any Other Legal Business

To transact any other business that may legally be brought before the District Meeting.

MLD PERSON OF THE YEAR: Mike Roberts presented a plaque to Don Dubrule in appreciation for his years of work on the Planning Board, noting he has served as Board chair as needed, and that his research and efforts helped direct the Board through the work of the latest Master Plan revision and the recent zoning ordinance update.

VLAP REPORT: Mark Johanson reported the 2019 Voluntary Lake Assessment Program (VLAP) testing shows the Lakes are pretty healthy, but he said there are things they will keep an eye on. He said the 2019 VLAP did show an elevated E Coli – in an area by the dock, not the beach – but retesting showed acceptable levels. He said the plan is to have regular testing for E Coli in the 2020 season. He said the large geese population last year probably accounted for the problem and asked everyone for help in identifying geese nesting areas this spring so measures could be taken as licensed by the state. He said the 2020 VLAP testing date is set for July 6.

CELL TOWER: Haverhill Town Manager Brigitte Codling was present with her husband, Mark, and answered a question about the recently built cell tower in Bath, noting it is an AT & T tower and will be used for emergency communications and AT & T customers, with the possibility of other providers joining at a later time.

LAKE WEEDS: Mike Roberts said the 2020 budget includes funds for releasing largemouth bass into both Lakes as part of a “keystone predator” program to reduce the growth of lake weeds, particularly in the Upper Lake.

There being no further business to transact, Patricia Brady moved to adjourn and Robert Roudebush seconded. The Moderator adjourned the meeting at 11:53 AM.

There were 25 registered voters and just under 40 people total in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen Rajsteter, District Clerk