

MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT
COMMISSIONERS MEETING via Zoom Video Conferencing
April 12, 2021
UNAPPROVED

Call to Order: Chair Bob Long called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. He read a statement that the Board was authorized to meet electronically due to the declared state of emergency (COVID-19), that the meeting had been properly noticed and information given to the public on how to join the meeting via Zoom Video Conferencing, and that all votes would be by roll call, in accordance with the provisions of the Governor's emergency order.

Roll Call: Bob Long (with Dottie Long); Mike Roberts (alone); and Mark Johanson (with Linda Johanson).

Public Present: Ken Huard, Vinny Sorrentino, Dave Gilbertson, Laura Gilbertson, Ken King, Laraine King, Mike Bonanno, Robert Roudebush, Seth Stanfield and Barbara Stanfield were present via Zoom along with District Administrator Kristi Garofalo.

Board Officer Election: Mark Johanson nominated Bob Long to serve as chair of the Board for a term of one year; Mike Roberts seconded. Roll Call Vote: Bob Long-Aye, Mike Roberts-Aye, Mark Johanson-Aye; Bob Long elected to serve as Board chair.

Approval of Minutes:

- **Feb. 8 Budget Hearing:** Kristi Garofalo noted an error in the previously approved minutes and asked the Board to amend them so that the notes for Article 12 would be exchanged with the notes for Article 11. Bob Long moved to amend; Mark Johanson seconded. Roll Call Vote: Bob Long-Aye, Mike Roberts-Aye, Mark Johanson-Aye; motion passed. Mike Roberts moved to approve the minutes with amendment; Mark Johanson seconded. Roll Call Vote: Bob Long-Aye, Mike Roberts-Aye, Mark Johanson-Aye; motion passed.
- **Mar. 8 Meeting:** Mark Johanson moved to approve; Mike Roberts seconded. Roll Call Vote: Bob Long-Aye, Mike Roberts-Aye, Mark Johanson-Aye; motion passed.
- **Mar. 17 Special Meeting:** Mike Roberts moved to approve; Mark Johanson seconded. Roll Call Vote: Bob Long-Aye, Mike Roberts-Aye, Mark Johanson-Aye; motion passed.
- **Mar. 18 Annual Meeting Info Meeting:** Mark Johanson moved to approve; Mike Roberts seconded. Roll Call Vote: Bob Long-Aye, Mike Roberts-Aye, Mark Johanson-Aye; motion passed.
- **Mar. 20&27 Annual Meeting with Voting Results:** Mike Roberts moved to approve; Mark Johanson seconded. Roll Call Vote: Bob Long-Aye, Mike Roberts-Aye, Mark Johanson-Aye; motion passed.

District Business:

- **Manifests:** Mark Johanson moved to approve manifests from Mar. 9 to April 12, 2021; Mike Roberts seconded. Roll Call Vote: Bob Long-Aye, Mike Roberts-Aye, Mark Johanson-Aye; motion passed.
- **Financials and Water Bill Report:** The Commissioners reviewed the financial reports and the water bill collection report showing \$8,749.74 in water payments received since April 1, 2021.
- **Woodsville Water & Light Rate Increase:** Tabled

COVID-19 Response:

- **District Personnel, District Meetings, and Recreational Areas:** Bob Long noted reports of COVID rates rising in Haverhill to be the highest they've been since the pandemic started. The Commissioners agreed to continue the Office closure and District meetings by Zoom as they are currently and reconsider at the next meeting. After discussion, they also agreed to keep access to the sports court and tennis courts as they are, **Bob Long will talk to Don Drew about cleaning the playscape twice daily so it can be opened, and Kristi Garofalo will order the three portable toilets for use in the District.**

Maintenance/Water Update: Mike Roberts said Don Drew was working on items from the recent NH Department of Labor safety inspection. The District's response to the inspection is due May 10 and the Joint Loss Management Committee (Safety Committee) will meet April 20 to put that together. The Commissioners discussed the boats laying around the boat racks - **Bob Long will talk to Don Drew about creating more room to store them and also about power washing the tennis courts.** Mark Johanson shared his idea of creating mulch from storm damaged trees near the Lodge and providing it to residents free of charge; the Commissioners agreed **Kristi Garofalo will put a note in the DMAIL to ask if residents are interested.**

Water Committee Update: Bob Long shared water rate information from the NH DES Water Rate dashboard and noted previous cost exploration showed initial cost to put water meters in MLD homes was roughly \$125,000 plus software and billings costs. He said he is researching the recent federal American Rescue Plan to see what MLD may be able to use for District projects. Laura Gilbertson asked how to find more information about the MLD Water Committee and the water system; **Kristi Garofalo will send information to her and also to Vinny Sorrentino who asked to be included.** The Commissioners discussed recent legal advice to officially appoint members to District committees as well as to District Boards and Bob Long made a motion to appoint Patricia Brady, Mark Johanson, Don Drew, Robert Roudebush, and Ken

King to the Water Committee for a term of three years starting March 27, 2021. Mark Johanson seconded. Roll Call Vote: Bob Long-Aye, Mike Roberts-Aye, Mark Johanson-Aye; motion passed

Other Committee and Board Appointments:

- Rec Committee: Bob Long moved to appoint Linda Johanson, Bob Long, Barbara Keating, Dottie Long, Ana Aguilar, Karen Cox, Karen Rajsteter, Marcia Selent and Cindy Berenson to the Recreation Committee for a term of three years starting March 27, 2021. Mike Roberts seconded. Roll Call Vote: Bob Long-Aye, Mike Roberts-Aye, Mark Johanson-Aye; motion passed
- Budget Committee: Bob Long moved to appoint Laraine King, Robert Roudebush, Chris Roberts, Brian Loutrel, Mark Johanson, Don Drew and Kristi Garofalo to the Budget Committee for a term of three years starting March 27, 2021. Mark Johanson seconded. Roll Call Vote: Bob Long-Aye, Mike Roberts-Aye, Mark Johanson-Aye; motion passed
- Joint Loss Management (Safety) Committee: Bob Long moved to appoint Mike Roberts, Linda Johanson, Don Drew, Kristi Garofalo and Katie Beckley to the Joint Loss Management Committee for a term of three years starting March 27, 2021. Mike Roberts seconded. Roll Call Vote: Bob Long-Aye, Mike Roberts-Aye, Mark Johanson-Aye; motion passed
- Zoning Board of Adjustment: Bob Long moved to appoint Linda Johanson and Ana Aguilar as alternates to the ZBA for a term of three years starting March 27, 2021. Mark Johanson seconded. Roll Call Vote: Bob Long-Aye, Mike Roberts-Aye, Mark Johanson-Aye; motion passed. Bob Long moved to re-appoint Laraine King, Karen Rajsteter and Marcia Selent as regular members of the ZBA for a term of three years starting March 27, 2021. Mark Johanson seconded. Roll Call Vote: Bob Long-Aye, Mike Roberts-Aye, Mark Johanson-Aye; motion passed. Bob Long moved to appoint David Selent as a regular member of the ZBA (a change from alternate) for a term of three years starting March 27, 2021. Mike Roberts seconded. Roll Call Vote: Bob Long-Aye, Mike Roberts-Aye, Mark Johanson-Aye; motion passed.
- Planning Board: Kristi Garofalo noted alternate member Tom Eighmy's appointment has expired; Mike Bonanno will check with Tom Eighmy regarding his desire to be reappointed.

Planning Board Update: Mike Roberts said the Board recently received a resident request for permission to sell bundled firewood at the mailbox cluster. After discussion and noting the MLD Zoning Ordinance restricts the sale of items within the District, the Commissioners agreed **Mike Roberts will tell the applicant such an activity is not permitted at this time.** Mike Bonanno reported the Board will be considering three new homes and one shed permit at the next meeting and noted funds for an additional zoning officer were budgeted due to the increase in building activity. Mike Roberts will review the zoning officer job description and put together information for advertising the open position. **Bob Long said talks about the procedure for permits between the Town and MLD were on hold during annual meeting time; he will follow up with the Town now that meetings are over.** Mike Bonanno asked about the Town taking over maintenance of Killer Hill as of May 1. The Commissioners stated the agreement with the Town has been signed and they see no reason why the takeover would not happen.

Recreation Committee Update: Linda Johanson reported the Committee will meet April 13 at 5:00pm via Zoom. They plan a road cleanup activity in April for Earth Day and the Memorial Day weekend Pancake Breakfast is still planned if COVID restrictions allow it. She noted MLD is advertising for summer employees and the Committee is interested in having a water aerobics instructor at the Lakes this summer.

Action Items Review:

- **Bob Long:** *Letter to Woodsville Water & Light on hold; committee appointments done; talks with Town about removing auction signs in process; Don Drew and Road Agent Colton Grant working on "low-salt area" signage for the French Pond Road/Kearsarge Drive area.*

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

- **Board Meeting Day Change:** Bob Long asked about changing the Board's meeting day to Tuesday when it conflicts with Town select board meetings because a lot of residents like to participate in both. After discussion, the Commissioners agreed to change their May meeting to TUESDAY, May 11 instead of May 10; **Kristi Garofalo will make a list of other 2021 conflicts for the Commissioners to review at the May 11 meeting.**
- **Monteau Revitalization:** The Commissioners agreed to set a special meeting in the next couple of weeks to discuss the next steps in the exploration of possibilities for the Lodge/Monteau area.

Non-Public Session: Bob Long moved to enter non-public session under RSA 91:A:3, II (d); Mike Roberts seconded. Roll Call Vote: Bob Long-Aye, Mike Roberts-Aye, Mark Johanson-Aye; motion passed and the Commissioners entered non-public session at 7:48pm. Public session reconvened at 8:00pm. Mike Roberts moved to seal the minutes of the non-public session; Mark Johanson seconded. Roll Call Vote: Bob Long-Aye, Mike Roberts-Aye, Mark Johanson-Aye; motion passed.

Bob Long moved to adjourn; Mike Roberts seconded. Roll Call Vote: Bob Long-Aye, Mike Roberts-Aye, Mark Johanson-Aye; motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:01pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristi Garofalo