

MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS MEETING
At the District Office with Zoom Access
August 8, 2022
UNAPPROVED

Call to Order: Bob Long called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call:

- **Board Members:** Bob Long, Mike Roberts and Mark Johanson present
- **Public Present In-Person:** Courtney Lantz, Mike Bukowski, Robert Roudebush, Brian Loutrel, Dottie Long, Ken Huard, Bill Clark, Mike Bonanno and Randy Berenson.
- **Public Present via Zoom:** Patricia Brady, Mary Houde and Antonio Houde.

Approval of Minutes:

- **July 11 Regular Meeting:** Mark Johanson moved to approve; Mike Roberts seconded and motion passed.

District Business:

- **Manifests:** Mike Roberts moved to approve manifests from July 12 to August 8, 2022. Mark Johanson seconded and motion passed.
- **Financials & Water Bill Report:** The Commissioners reviewed the financial reports and agreed to consider raising the Lodge rental fees due to expected utility cost increases. ***Kristi Garofalo will do a survey of area venue rental fees for commissioner consider at the next meeting.*** The Commissioners also reviewed the water bill collection report showing \$183,671.27 in water payments received since April 1, 2022. They agreed that ***Kristi Garofalo will send a disconnect notice to one customer.***
- **Board Appointment:** Mike Roberts spoke of the Planning Board's recommendation to name Mike Bukowski to the Planning Board as a full member and made a motion to appoint him for a three-year term expiring March 2025. Bob Long seconded and the motion passed. Mike Roberts administered the oath of office to Mike Bukowski and thanked him for offering to serve on the Board.

Maintenance Update: Bob Long shared updates on the following projects:

- **Beach Bugs:** The last treatment to the beach areas is done, the last grassy area treatment will be 8/10/22. The Commissioners asked for feedback on how well the treatments worked and all agreed they seem to be working well.
- **Asset Management:** Project is in process.
- **Pool:** Pool is up and running, an inline mechanical pressure release system is on order so one pump at a time can be run or both pumps run together.
- **Painting:** Priority project is to power wash and paint the office building; looking for a contractor to do the job.
- **Beach Tilling:** Last beach tilling was completed on 8/5/22.
- **Cluster Mailbox:** Additional unit is installed and complete.
- **Upper Lake Dock:** Working on getting new panels built.
- **In Process:** Lodge swing set installation, cable upgrade project, basketball court fence repair

Brian Loutrel raised a concern about goose droppings in the water of the Lakes and suggested an evening cleanup as well as the morning cleanup. After discussion, the Commissioners ***agreed Mark Johanson will contact NH Fish & Game regarding goose droppings and water quality and Mike Roberts will research the possibility of doing daily tests for E Coli at both beaches.***

Water Committee Update: Mark Johanson reported the "Living Well with Water Day" event on July 23 went well with 21 adults and 5 kids participating; the Committee has agreed to hold the educational event again in the future. Mark Johanson said the Voluntary Lake Assessment Program testing was done on August 2 and results are expected sometime this fall. Bob Long made a motion to accept Patricia Brady's plan to step down as the Committee chair but remain as a member of the Committee and attend remotely, and for Ed Rajsteter to be the new Committee chair with

Robert Roudebush as vice chair. Mark Johanson seconded and the motion passed. Randy Berenson suggested seeking assistance from a grant writer and the Commissioners agreed ***Kristi Garofalo will contact North Country Investment Council to continue discussions interrupted by the pandemic to work with them on finding, applying, reporting, and using grants for MLD projects.***

Planning Board Update: Mike Bonanno said the Board will hold a special meeting to consider a permit application for a new home on Deerfield. He said about 40 people attended the Planning Board meet-and-greet event on July 30 and they had good questions about building projects, merging lots, and more. Mike Roberts said he is working with Zoning Officer Lantz to establish history in the Ferwerda case before asking the MLD attorney to file for court permission to enter the property for measurements. ***Zoning Officer Lantz will contact the surveyor for pin location information.***

Recreation Committee Update: Dottie Long said the Adult Pool Party was a fun time and the next event is the Aug. 12 "Evening on the Lake" boating event with Haverhill Parks & Rec. Yoga classes at the Lodge are continuing and they've started Evening Swims on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights from 5:00 to 7:00pm. The annual end-of-season fireworks show will be on Sept. 3 (rain date Sept. 4) with beach clean-up and a hot dog cookout the following morning.

Bob Long shared a draft for new signs with beach rules. After discussion, Mark Johanson moved to change the age that children need to be accompanied by an adult from 16 to 14 years old. Bob Long seconded and the motion passed. ***Bob Long will make suggested changes to the sign draft, then give to Kristi Garofalo for proofreading.***

Mike Roberts shared concerns about sharing MLD facilities with Haverhill residents for events but trying to keep the facilities for property owners the rest of the time. Bob Long said the events serve as public relations and the Commissioners discussed not allowing any shared events, but no decision was reached.

Action Items Review:

Bob Long: speed bumps have been installed, working with Haverhill Road Agent on signage; talked to staff to assure them of his offer to help with any beach confrontations; better signs, resolving SCADA number discrepancies, and Town removing tax sale signs are all in process.

Mike Roberts: contacted state regarding plants in Lower Lake, they were identified as water shield which is native to NH and can be removed by homeowners to slow growth.

Mark Johanson: research of beach bug treatment effects complete and can be removed; no response from Vertex on cell towers, contacted another company to get information about an MLD tower and waiting for response.

New Business:

- **Pool Use:** Bob Long said he checked with Primex, MLD's liability insurance provider, to clarify recommendations against having the pool open without a MLD representative present, and to verify MLD pool attendants fulfill requirements. The suggestion was made to leave the pool unlocked for residents use and the Commissioners agreed they could not do that. They discussed looking at a key card system for pool access and agreed to set up a committee to research that option. They asked ***Kristi Garofalo to put a note in the DMAIL asking for volunteers to serve on the key card research committee.***
- **Observation Incident Reports:** Bill Clark turned in several OIRs regarding dogs on the beaches to be investigated.
- **Term Limits:** Randy Berenson asked about term limits and was told he could research the NH RSAs for the procedure to present and vote on the possibility.

Bob Long moved to adjourn; Mark Johanson seconded and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristi Garofalo