

MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT
COMMISSIONERS MEETING via Zoom Video Conferencing
February 8, 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 (alone).

Public Present: Dave Gilbertson, Laura Gilbertson, Francine Bowman, Ken Huard, Bill Clark, Kristin Kane, Lois Keenan, Patricia Brady, Mary Houde, Antonio Houde, Barbara Stanfield, Laraine King, Ken King, Robert Roudebush, Susan Hearn, Jeff Caggiano, Sherri Caggiano, Mike Bonanno, Polly Bonanno, Tom Mangels, Roger Warren, Barbara Warren, Joseph Mitchell, Dave Long, Debbie Fisk and Vinnie Sorrentino, along with participants identified as Barb, Chris and Farmhouse were present via Zoom along with District Administrator Kristi Garofalo and Water/Maintenance Manager Don Drew.

Approval of Minutes:

- **Jan. 11, 2021:** Mark Johanson moved to approve; Mike Roberts seconded. Roll Call Vote: Bob Long-Aye, Mike Roberts-Aye, Mark Johanson-Aye; motion passed.
- **Jan. 19, 2021 Special Meeting:** Mark Johanson moved to approve; Mike Roberts seconded. Roll Call Vote: Bob Long-Aye, Mike Roberts-Aye, Mark Johanson-Aye; motion passed.
- **Jan. 28, 2021 Special Meeting:** Mark Johanson moved to approve; Mike Roberts 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 Jan. 12 to Feb. 8, 2021; and 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 \$191,211.38 in water payments received since April 1, 2020. Kristi Garofalo reported one account scheduled for disconnect had been paid and she asked for payment plan approval for a second scheduled disconnect. The Commissioners agreed.

COVID-19 Response:

- **District Personnel, District Meetings, and Recreational Areas:** The Commissioners agreed to continue all closures and procedures as they are currently with reconsideration at the next meeting.
- **Annual Meeting Dates/Procedures:** Due to COVID-19 pandemic, the District annual meeting will be held in three parts and Bob Long shared those dates as: Information Meeting on Thursday, March 18 at 6:00pm via Zoom; the Annual Meeting on Saturday, March 20 at 10:30am via Zoom; and Voting Day on Saturday, March 27 from 11:00am to 7:00pm at the Lodge. He said the annual meeting committee met on Jan. 19 and will meet again on Feb. 10 to continue planning. He said the plan is to keep the meeting(s) as MLD normal as possible with input and involvement sought from all residents.

Maintenance/Water Update: Don Drew reported the fallen trees at the Lodge have been cleaned up, as have the trees that fell on the tennis court fence; the damage to tennis court fence will be repaired soon; the ice rink is on hold this year due to the tree damage in the area; working on setup and construction of items for the annual meeting. Water Department highlights: average water usage about 20,000 gallons per day (very good); and working on completing state-required water tests.

Water Committee Update: Patricia Brady reported she visited recent repair sites and was impressed with the Water Team's good, fast work in harsh weather conditions. Don Drew said they were able to raise the level of the lagoon by using sandbags and breaking up ice and other build up with the help of Paige Excavation when they were in the area for the water break. This resulted in a dramatic increase in the amount of water gained from the infiltration well after the level change.

Planning Board Update: Mike Bonanno said there are three homes being built in the District with other new home permits in progress. He said the Board voted to recommend Debbie Fisk for appointment to the Planning Board to fill the vacant position.

After the Commissioners talked with Debbie Fisk, Mike Roberts made a motion to appoint her to the Planning Board as a full voting member; Bob Long seconded. After further discussion, Mike Roberts amended his motion to include “for a term to expire March 2022”. Bob Long seconded the amended motion. Roll Call Vote: Bob Long-Aye, Mike Roberts-Aye, Mark Johanson-Aye; motion passed. ***Kristi Garofalo will create a notebook for Debbie Fisk with Planning Board information.*** Mike Bonanno also reported the Haverhill select board recently voted to take over maintenance of Killer Hill (White Mountain Road Extension). Bob Long said the takeover will be effective in May, and after discussion, all agreed to wait and see what the Town might do to change and/or improve the road.

Recreation Committee Update: Dottie Long said the next Rec Committee sponsored activity is planned to be the Pancake Breakfast in May. Polly Bonanno offered materials from previous Pancake Breakfast to help in planning and purchasing items for the Breakfast.

Action Items Review:

- **Bob Long:** Bob Long said his action items had to do with annual meeting preparation and so they were mostly still in process.

Old Business:

- **Monteau/Lodge Possibilities:** Bob Long said they received 230 responses to the survey to gauge community interest in pursuing Monteau/Lodge revitalization ideas. He said the responses were overwhelmingly positive, but there were a lot of concerns. The Commissioners stressed this was a preliminary step to gauge community interest – there is no proposal to consider, just suggested concepts and ideas. They said they expect they will move through several phases as they go forward and they plan to keep the public involved throughout those phases. They also noted there is an article in the 2021 warrant for the public to vote on whether the Commissioners should explore revitalization possibilities.
- **DiRienzo Land Swap:** Kristi Garofalo shared information from MLD legal counsel on the documentation review of a past land swap between MLD and a homeowner. Since legal counsel had no objections or suggested changes to the documents, the Commissioners agreed ***Kristi Garofalo will notify the landowner’s attorney the Board has no objection to moving forward with the documentation.***

New Business: NONE

Bob Long moved to adjourn; Mark Johanson seconded. Roll Call Vote: Bob Long-Aye, Mike Roberts-Aye, Mark Johanson-Aye; motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:21pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristi Garofalo