

**MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT
COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING / WORK SESSION
At the District Lodge with Zoom Access July 24, 2021
*UNAPPROVED***

Call to Order: Bob Long called the meeting to order at 9:33 am.

Roll Call:

MLD Board Members: Commissioners Bob Long, Mike Roberts and Mark Johanson

Guests Present: Doug Dutile (Haverhill Corner Commissioner), Rich Clifford (North Haverhill Commissioner), Steve Wheeler (Woodsville Commissioner), Paul Kidder (Woodsville Commissioner) and Tom Mayo (Woodsville Commissioner)

Public Present In-Person: Kevin Shelton (Woodsville District Administrator), Robert Roudebush, Ken King, and Laraine King.

Public Present via Zoom: Patricia Brady, Dottie Long, Tom Mangels, Mike Bonanno, Fred Garofalo and Brigitte Codling (Haverhill Town Manager)

American Rescue Plan Act Funding:

Bob Long said the purpose of the combined meeting of district commissioners in Haverhill was to determine if they should collectively request the Haverhill select board to reconsider the distribution of the American Recovery Plan (ARP) funding to include distribution to the Haverhill districts. He gave a brief overview of ARP and shared information on how the funds must be used, especially the eligible use described as “to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure”. The Town of Haverhill will receive \$477,908 in funding, with half in 2021 and the other half in 2022. Bob Long shared a breakdown on how those funds could be shared with the districts according to each district’s tax rate.

Bob Long also quoted the following direction from the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief Recovery (GOFERR): “Village districts and precincts should plan on collaborating with their county or host municipality that has or will receive funding through the LFRF.”

The group discussed the Town’s previous statement that they would not be distributing funds to the districts/precincts and agreed they wanted to ask the select board to reconsider. They unanimously agreed that each district would develop a list of shovel-ready projects and send them to Bob Long by Wednesday, July 28. Bob Long will create a master project list and draft a letter to the select board to accompany it.

The group further agreed to meet on Thursday, July 29 at 6:00 pm at the MLD Lodge to review the letter and project list before it is sent to the Haverhill select board.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:02 am.

Respectfully submitted by,
Kristi Garofalo