

MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS MEETING

At the District Office with Zoom Access

June 14, 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:** Ken King, Laraine King, Mike Bonanno, Robert Roudebush, Randy Berenson, Dottie Long, Linda Johanson, Brian Loutrel and Paul Delgrego. Ken Huard joined later in the meeting.
- **Public Present via Zoom:** Patricia Brady, Polly Bonanno and Barbara Stanfield. Ken Huard was present via Zoom, then attended meeting in-person.

Approval of Minutes:

- **May 10 Regular Meeting:** Mark Johanson moved to approve; Bob Long seconded and motion passed with Mike Roberts abstaining.

District Business:

- **Manifests:** Mark Johanson moved to approve manifests from May 11 to June 14, 2022. Mike Roberts seconded and motion passed.
- **Financials & Water Bill Report:** The Commissioners reviewed the financial reports and the water bill collection report showing \$164,127.28 in water payments received since April 1, 2022.
- **Board & Committee Appointments:** Bob Long moved to re-appoint Beverly Colson to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a three-year term; Mark Johanson seconded and the motion passed. Bob Long moved to appoint Karen Rajsteter to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as an alternate member for a three-year term; Mike Roberts seconded and the motion passed. The Commissioners discussed the appointment of Mike Bukowski as a full member of the Planning Board to replace Courtney Lantz who has accepted a position as the MLD Zoning Officer. They agreed to wait for the Planning Board recommendation and ask Mike Bukowski to officially request to become a Planning Board member either by email communication or by completing a Board/Committee application.

Maintenance Update: Bob Long said work on the causeway would take place this week and consists of placing ten feet of riprap on the north side to help with erosion control. The repair is the result of a deficiency in the state dam inspection and will be funded from the Future Dam Projects Capital Reserve Fund.

Bob Long also shared updates on the following projects:

- **Dumpster:** The bottom of the old dumpster was rotted out making it accessible to raccoons and other animals and was replaced with a new one which has been placed within the pump house fence to prevent household trash being placed in it. A new gravel pad with 6 x 6 timbers is in the process of being installed.
- **Beach Bugs:** Local pest expert Clinton Brown of Mosquito Joe's has treated the beach using state-approved natural products. They will be treated again before Opening Day (after the beaches are tilled) and other times throughout the summer season. The treatment will be evaluated and can be adjusted through the season if needed.
- **Asset Management:** Project is underway with visible progress made; working on finishing Lodge work to house water inventory. Kristi Garofalo said John Mitchell, Patricia Brady and herself will be attending an asset management plan workshop on June 23.
- **Route 112/French Pond Road MLD Sign:** The Commissioners agreed the new owner of the land the MLD sign is sitting on could have beach rights in exchange for allowing the sign to remain on their property. Bob Long suggested looking into placing four signs, one at each entrance to MLD, instead of keeping the one big sign which is expensive to maintain. Residents present stated they preferred a sign with character similar to the existing one rather than having standard green highway signs or brown attraction signs made.
- **Pool Opening:** Country Pools & Spa is opening and closing the pool this year and they found several potentially serious issues. The focus is to get the pool ready for Opening Day and then implement a plan to work on the various issues.
- **Painting:** Priority project is to power wash and paint the office building; looking for outside contractor to handle project.

- **Beach Tilling:** Scheduling times for tilling before Opening Day and to coordinate with any beach treatment.

Randy Berenson asked about repair work on the Lodge, specifically exterior rotted areas, and was told some work has been done to prep for repairs and the project will be done but getting ready for Opening Day was a priority.

Water Committee Update: Mark Johanson reported the Committee tabled the water source exploration project due to disappointing results. He said the Committee is working with the Rec Committee on “Living Well with Water Day”, an educational event for all ages to be held July 23 (rain date July 24) with displays, demonstrations and activities, and prizes for kids who complete the workbook to be handed out. He said the Committee held special meetings, Bob Long did a lot of online work, and nine Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) pre-applications were submitted before the deadline; five for various line replacement projects and four for other projects including low-flow toilet replacement and in-house meters. The DWSRF will be notifying applicants of the results at the end of summer. Patricia Brady said the state expects water systems to have asset management plans when considering funding awards and MLD is working on developing one.

Planning Board Update: Mike Bonanno said the Board will be considering two applications for new homes at the June 16 meeting. He said the Board voted to recommend the Commissioners move forward with legal action on the Foldeak property. Bob Long said an offer has been accepted on the property and the lot is cleaned up except for a shed. Discussion was held about the zoning ordinance requirements for a lot where the home burned and it was determined the time limit was two years for getting a new zoning permit to rebuild. The Commissioners agreed to put the issue on hold and monitor the sale.

Recreation Committee Update: Linda Johanson thanked Dottie Long for setting up the Snack Bar and organizing MLD logo clothing to be sold. New picnic tables for the little beaches were purchased and put in place, and pickleball lines will be painted on the sports court. The Commissioners will be grilling free hot dogs for Opening Day on June 18, the first Ice Cream Social will be July 3, an Adult Pool Party is set for Aug. 6, and an “Evening on the Lake” boating event with Haverhill Parks & Rec will be held on Aug. 12. Polly Bonanno asked to use the District Office for mahjonnig on Wednesday nights at 6:00pm and the Commissioners agreed. ***Kristi Garofalo will put a note in the DMAIL about the activity.***

Action Items Review:

Mark Johanson: worked with Water Committee to submit DWSRF pre-apps; contacted Vertex Towers and gave them Skiway as a possible location for a cell tower, tried to follow up several times with no response; researched bug spray effects on the beach and Mosquito Joe treatment (under Maintenance Update above) is the result.

Bob Long: working on resolving SCADA number discrepancies, installation of new meters in process; still working on Valley Road cleared lot, owner said family member wants to build; working on town requirements to remove tax sale signs.

Old Business:

- **Foldeak Property:** see above in Planning Board Update.

New Business:

- **Lodge Chairs/Tables Request:** The Commissioners agreed to a request to borrow 30-40 chairs and 8-foot tables from the Lodge for the 4th of July provided the homeowner picks up the chairs Sunday, July 3 and returns them Tuesday, July 5. ***Kristi Garofalo will notify the homeowner.***
- **Delgrego Correspondence:** The Commissioners discussed Paul Delgrego’s concerns about a strong fertilizer odor around the little beach on White Mountain Drive. They agreed fertilizer and pesticide use could potentially harm the Lakes and ***Bob Long will research info to be sent out with the DMAIL to educate homeowners.***
- **Triathlon on French Pond Road:** Laraine King suggested putting a note in the DMAIL about avoiding French Pond Road on June 25 during the White Mountain Triathlon. ***Kristi Garofalo will get details and put a note in the DMAIL.***

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristi Garofalo