

MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS MEETING
At the District Office with Zoom Access
November 21, 2022
UNAPPROVED

Call to Order: Chair Bob Long called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

Roll Call:

- **Board Members:** Bob Long, Mike Roberts and Mark Johanson present
- **Public Present In-Person:** Robert Roudebush, Dottie Long, Dorothy Foldeak, Kevin Owens, Sybil Owens, Linda Johanson, Mike Bonanno, Polly Bonanno, Ken Huard, Vinnie Sorrentino and Dave Long
- **Public Present via Zoom:** Roger Brissette, Randy Berenson, Cindy Berenson, Cindy Williams, Barb Stanfield, Seth Stanfield, Kristen Cottle, Brian Cottle, Ed Rajsteter, Bill Clark, Don Vogt, Holly Vogt, Paul Delgrego, Karen Cox, Thomas Johnson, Lois Keenan and Mary Houde,

Bob Long reminded everyone of the rules of procedure for meetings which include Board recognition before speaking, directing public comments to the Board only, and a three-minute time limit for public comments.

Approval of Minutes:

- **Oct. 12 Regular Meeting:** Mark Johanson moved to approve; Mike Roberts seconded and motion passed.
- **Oct. 21 Special Meeting:** Mike Roberts moved to approve; Mark Johanson seconded and motion passed.
- **Nov. 1 Special Meeting:** Mark Johanson moved to approve; Mike Roberts seconded and motion passed.

District Business:

- **Manifests:** Mark Johanson moved to approve manifests from Oct. 13 to Nov. 21, 2022. Mike Roberts seconded and motion passed.
- **Financials & Water Bill Report:** The Commissioners reviewed the monthly financial reports and the water bill collection report showing \$204,924.93 in water payments received since April 1, 2022. Kristi Garofalo reported both disconnect notices approved at the last meeting were sent and both accounts were resolved without disconnection.
- **2023 Meeting Dates:** To avoid Haverhill selectboard meeting and holiday conflicts, the Commissioners set the following dates for their regular monthly meetings in 2023: Monday, Jan. 9; Wednesday, Feb. 15; Tuesday, Mar. 14; Tuesday, Apr. 11; Tuesday, May 9; Monday, June 12; Monday, July 10; Tuesday, Aug. 15; Tuesday, Sep. 12; Monday, Oct. 9; Monday, Nov. 13; and Monday, Dec. 11. The Commissioners also set the public hearing for the 2023 budget as Wednesday, Feb. 15 (after the Commissioners meeting) and the 2023 Annual Meeting for Saturday, March 25 at 10:30am at the Lodge.

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

- **Painting:** Priority project is to power wash and paint the office building; one quote received, waiting on two more.
- **Pump House Connection Upgrade:** Found wireless connection from office to pump house would not work in extreme weather conditions; working with Spectrum on new, higher speed, secure connection.
- **Tennis Courts:** Nets are down for the season.
- **Cable Upgrade – Office:** Project in process with Profile Technologies
- **Line Locate – Swiftwater:** Worked with Don Drew to find valve on Swiftwater to serve as a start point.
- **Propane/Oil Negotiations:** Done – locked in good rates for 2023
- **Curb & Valve Box Repair:** Completed projects on French Pond, White Mountain, Eagle Lane and Vernon Drive.
- **Tree Removals:** Rotted, ant-infested tree near office is gone; quotes received for tree removals at pool, project to be done once Lake is frozen.
- **In Process:** asset management inventory project, water connections mapping, Lodge deck repair/upgrade RFP in the works, fall brush hogging and water system valve clean-out in process, getting quotes to get pool electrical up to code, and one more test needs to be done for the lead and copper testing due in fourth quarter.

Water Committee Update: Ed Rajsteter reported the Committee met on Nov. 4 and usage was reported with a low of 17,900 gallons per day and a daily average of *corrected 23,574* gpd in October. He said the old second well was located about 200 feet from the existing producing well. They are looking at fracking possibilities to increase volume from the existing well and looking for data from the second well to see if it would be useful. He said the Committee is working with the Budget Committee on 2023 numbers. The search for additional water sources was discussed along with the possibility of individual household water meters to help reduce usage. **Bob Long will get updated cost information for house meters and bring it to the next meeting.** The Water Committee will meet next on Dec. 1 and Ed Rajsteter strongly encouraged those with ideas and suggestions to join the Committee or provide their thoughts to one of the existing members for consideration.

Planning Board Update: Mike Roberts said the Board met on Nov. 17; vice chair Don Dubrule led the meeting as Mike Bonanno had resigned from the Board. The Board considered two permit applications; one was tabled and one was denied. He said alternate Board member Polly Bonanno resigned at the meeting. Bob Long moved to accept Polly Bonanno's resignation; Mark Johanson seconded and the motion passed. Polly Bonanno read a statement of her concerns about Board cooperation, encouraged residents to stand up and make changes, and asked for Bob Long's resignation. Other residents shared their thoughts and concerns over the resignations and Mike Bonanno asked for ex-officio Commissioner Mike Roberts to resign.

Recreation Committee Update: Linda Johanson reported the next Rec event is the Tree Lighting on Saturday, Dec. 3 at 5:00pm at the Office with punch and cookies served. There will be a Valentine's Pot Luck on Feb. 14 and WinterFest will be Feb. 19. Linda Johanson said the Committee recommends purchasing boats, paddle boards and umbrellas for 2023. The Committee will not meet in December or January and their next meeting is Feb. 1 at 4:00pm at the Office. A question was raised about ATV rules; Dave Long said the state has rules and the Ammonoosuc ATV Club has those rules available. **Bob Long said he will work with the Town of Haverhill to get the rules in a format for distribution.**

Action Items Review:

Bob Long: Complete – contacted yoga instructor about discontinuing classes; emailed water usage data to Bill Clark again; gave Lodge key to group for Fire Prevention presentation; purchased larger, more explicit signs for beaches (4) and causeway (1). In Process: asked John Mitchell to get additional quotes for 2023 bug treatment and he is trying to find other suppliers. The Commissioners discussed the upcoming Town tax auction and signs to be placed on MLD properties. Mark Johanson made a motion to make it clear to the Town and the auctioneer there is a \$5 per sign deposit and if the signs are not removed within 14 days after the auction, the deposit would be forfeited. Mike Roberts seconded and the motion passed. **Since Bob Long had the action item to work with the Town on removing tax sale signs, he will contact the Town about the deposits.**

Mike Roberts: During the tax sale sign discussion, the amount of the temporary sign fee was questioned and the Commissioners agreed Mike Roberts would take the issue to the Planning Board for their input.

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

- **Eversource Project:** Bob Long said he is working with Eversource on their project to run a new underground line from Valley Road to the Lodge. He said there will be no cost to MLD for the new run, but there will be a cost to re-connect the Lodge electrical box.

Bob Long moved to adjourn; Mark Johanson seconded and motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristi Garofalo