

**MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT
COMMISSIONERS MEETING
At the District Office with Zoom Access September 14, 2021
*UNAPPROVED***

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

Roll Call:

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

Public Present In-Person: Ken King, Laraine King, Robert Roudebush, Brian Loutrel, and Mike Bonanno

Public Present via Zoom: Fred Garofalo and Linda Johanson; Dottie Long joined after the meeting started.

Bob Long led those present in a moment of silence for David Martella, resident and long-time Planning Board member, who recently passed away.

Approval of Minutes:

- **Aug. 5 Ad Hoc Meeting:** Mark Johanson moved to approve; Mike Roberts seconded and motion passed.
- **Aug. 8 Special Meeting:** Mike Roberts moved to approve; Mark Johanson seconded and motion passed.
- **Aug. 14 Meeting:** Mark Johanson moved to approve; Mike Roberts seconded and motion passed.
- **Aug. 19 Ad Hoc Meeting:** Mike Roberts moved to approve; Mark Johanson seconded and motion passed.
- **Aug. 23 Ad Hoc Meeting:** Mark Johanson moved to approve; Mike Roberts seconded and motion passed.

District Business:

- **Manifests:** Mark Johanson moved to approve manifests Aug. 15 to Sept. 14, 2021. Mike Roberts seconded and motion passed.
- **Financials and Water Bill Report:** The Commissioners reviewed the financial reports and the water bill collection report showing \$185,371.37 in water payments received since April 1, 2021. The question was raised about having a Lodge attendant this winter. After discussion, it was decided to plan to have the Lodge open on weekends and Christmas break and **Bob Long will look for a Lodge attendant.** It was also noted Linda Johanson will soon meet with Haverhill Parks & Rec about the 2022 WinterFest event.
- **Update: District Tech for Hybrid Meetings:** Brian Loutrel gave a brief explanation of the Ad Hoc committee's search for online meeting technology and the results. The new system was in use for the meeting and all agreed it was working well. During discussion, it was noted a carrying case for the system components would be created so the system could be used at the Lodge, too, and also that a hard-wire connection will be created for the system at the Lodge rather than using the WI-FI and should improve performance there.
- **July and August Saturday Commissioners Meetings:** Bob Long asked if the summer Saturday morning meetings were still needed with the Zoom access option. After discussion, Bob Long moved to discontinue the July and August Saturday morning meetings and hold the meetings for those months on the second Monday evening (or Tuesday if conflicts with Haverhill select board meetings). Mike Roberts seconded and the motion passed.
- **Commissioner Ex-Officio Roles:** The Commissioners discussed their current ex-officio roles and agreed it would be helpful to rotate their roles yearly to increase their knowledge of what each District groups is doing. They agreed to re-visit the idea in April after the March elections.

Maintenance and Water Committee Update: No report from Don Drew, but Bob Long noted the pool was closed for the season and Don Drew was planning work at the Lodge to cover and repair the existing fascia with aluminum. Mark Johanson reported the Haverhill select board voted not to share ARPA funds with the districts at their Sept. 2 meeting. In researching other funding possibilities, the Water Committee asked a grant expert in Littleton to come to their October meeting and will watch for news of the federal infrastructure bill being considered. Mark Johanson said the Voluntary Lake Assessment Program (VLAP) did their testing on Aug. 3 and results are back already. He said the Lakes are in good condition; with chloroform and E Coli slightly increased. Mark Johanson also reported they are

planning a long-term pumping test for the ten inch well on French Pond Road after a disappointing result from the nearby test well showed a yield of only about one gallon per minute.

Planning Board Update: Mike Bonanno reported the Board approved a new home permit on Green Circle at the August meeting and he said one or two more new home applications could be coming. The new permit application procedure was discussed and the Commissioners agreed **Bob Long will contact the Town regarding the delay in receiving their permits to use in the MLD permit process. Bob Long will also follow-up on the letter sent to the family whose home burned in January to see what is planned for the lot cleanup.** The Commissioners said they are still waiting on more information regarding the first applicant for an additional zoning officer. Mike Roberts said he spoke with a second applicant who seems to be experienced and is planning to come to the next Planning Board meeting.

Mike Bonanno shared the Board recommendation for increasing permit fees as they have not been changed in over 15 years. He said the Board researched other Town's fees (MLD was the lowest) and the Board agreed to send a proposed fee schedule created by Don Dubrule to the Commissioners for consideration. In discussion, the Commissioners combined items 7 and 8 into one category and removed the annual fee, removed items 18-22 completely, and changed item 23 to \$50 rather than \$100 as suggested. Mike Roberts moved to approve the proposed fees with the changes discussed to be effective Jan. 1, 2022. Mark Johanson seconded and the motion passed. **Kristi Garofalo will revise the MLD permit application to include a fee schedule with the approved changes.**

Recreation Committee Update: Linda Johanson said the Committee sponsored the adult pool party, beach cleanup and other events in August and for October they plan to have a District Yard Sale and Adult Social on Oct. 9, Pancake Breakfast on Oct. 11, and the tailgate Trick or Treat on Oct. 23. Their next meeting is Oct. 6 at 4:00 pm.

Action Items Review:

Bob Long: new sports court signage done; third set of speed bumps installed; contacted Town regarding MLD approval of Killer Hill proposal; removal of firepit from small beach on White Mountain done; working with Don Drew on more boat storage in process; talk with Town regarding auction signs in process.

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

- **Lake Usage Request – HCMS:** After discussion of the request to bring a group of 20-30 students with 3-4 adults and a lifeguard to MLD beaches on Sept. 17 (rain date Sept. 24), Bob Long moved to allow the group use of the Lakes on Sept. 17 (rain date Sept. 24) with their own lifeguard. Mark Johanson seconded and the motion passed. **Kristi Garofalo will notify HCMS of the request approval.**
- **Correspondence – Bug Spray on the Beach:** The Commissioners discussed an email about bug spray use on the beaches and agreed **Mark Johanson will research whether bug spray would be helpful or harmful.**
- **Correspondence – Tennis Court Access:** The Commissioners discussed an email about having a key fob system for access to the tennis courts and agreed the current key system was sufficient at this time. **Kristi Garofalo will inform the email author of the Commissioner's decision.**
- **Other:** Bob Long said he responded to an email about a question on Lakeside lot but has not heard anything else since then. Mike Roberts noted he received a note that someone interested in possibly bringing a tow lift system to MLD was given his email address, but he has not been contacted.

Bob Long moved to adjourn; Mark Johanson seconded and motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristi Garofalo