

MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS MEETING
At the District Office with Zoom Access
December 12, 2022
UNAPPROVED

Call to Order: Chair Bob Long called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Roll Call:

- **Board Members:** Bob Long, Mike Roberts and Mark Johanson present
- **Public Present In-Person:** Mike Bonanno, Vinnie Sorrentino, Robert Roudebush, Karen Cox, Linda Johanson, Dottie Long and Dave Long.
- **Public Present via Zoom:** Mary Houde, Randy Berenson, Kristen Cottle, Tom Mangels, Polly Bonanno, Bill Clark, Patricia Brady, Barb Stansfield, Seth Stansfield, Heather Long, Lois Keenan, Joseph Honek, Elaine Allen and a party identified as “iPhone”.

Approval of Minutes:

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

District Business:

- **Manifests:** Mike Roberts moved to approve manifests from Nov. 22 to Dec. 12, 2022. Mark Johanson seconded and motion passed.
- **Financials & Water Bill Report:** The Commissioners reviewed the monthly financial reports and the water bill collection report showing \$206,204.91 in water payments received since April 1, 2022.
- **Volunteer Application – Kerin:** Mike Roberts spoke of his conversations with Patrick Kerin who is recently retired and has been an MLD resident for about a year. He previously served in local government and is interested in serving MLD. He plans to begin attending Planning Board meetings after the first of the year.

Maintenance Update: Bob Long said John Mitchell was tied up all day with a service connection issue and did not have a chance to do a report for the meeting, but Bob Long said they are working on a meter issue at the pump house. The meter for the Woodsville Water & Light connection is not reading correctly all the time and they are trying to work that out. He also said John Mitchell is working on getting more bids for the Lodge deck and exterior rehab project. A question was raised about use of the skating rink; ***Bob Long noted rink use is weather dependent and he will work with John Mitchell to get the rink ready.***

Water Committee Update: Mark Johanson reported the Committee discussed putting meters in MLD homes and is recommending an MLD Water Tariff amendment requiring a meter “horn” be installed on all new homes to enable meters to be easily installed when MLD makes the change in the future. A question was raised about the ten homes that had meters installed to begin gathering usage data; Mark Johanson said those meters were installed at various times so they are waiting until the first of the year to start compiling data from a shared starting point. Bob Long reported there was a water break in a 6-inch line on Valley Road on Dec. 11 which took about four hours to repair. He reminded everyone to please report sightings of unusual water as early detection and repair of leaks saves money. Bob Long also reported completion of new contracts with Chris Dellinger / Hood’s Plumbing, noting the fuel surcharge clause has been updated to reflect current fuel prices. After discussion, Bob Long moved to approve and sign both contracts; Mark Johanson seconded and the motion passed.

Planning Board Update: Mike Roberts said the Board met on Nov. 17 and considered two permit applications; one is on hold and one was denied and is going to the ZBA. He said the Board is finalizing public input on two zoning ordinance amendments. One will require lot clean up after tree cutting, and the other is to regulate telecommunications facilities in MLD. The Board will hold a public hearing on the amendments on Dec. 15. Mike Bonanno said he could not be at the public hearing and suggested the proposed telecommunications amendment be changed to require any tower to have at

least one, preferably two, carriers before being approved. **Mike Roberts said he will bring Mike Bonanno's suggested change to the public hearing.**

Recreation Committee Update: Linda Johanson reported the Rec Committee is working on event dates for 2023 and asked for permission from the Commissioners to work with Haverhill Parks & Recreation on three events; WinterFest (Feb. 19), Evening on the Lake (summer date TBD), and the Fun Run/Walk (summer date TBD). After discussion, Bob Long moved to allow the Recreation Committee to work with Haverhill Parks & Rec to hold the three events at MLD. Mike Roberts seconded and the motion passed.

Action Items Review:

Bob Long: Complete – got updated cost for house meters, now about \$300 per meter, Patricia Brady noted reading and billing software and equipment will be additional cost, it was agreed to explore those prices when closer to changing to meters. In process – working with Town to get ATV rules in distribution format; working with John Mitchell to get additional quotes for beach bug treatment, but hard to find vendors willing to treat beaches; larger, more explicit signs for beaches are in and will be installed.

Mark Johanson: (reassigned from Bob Long's action item) contacted the Town about sign permit fees and the requirement to remove signs after the tax sale. Sign permit applications with fees for the Dec. 9 tax sale were received by the District Office; **Mark Johanson will check to make sure all signs are removed and issue okay to refund fees when removal confirmed.**

Old Business:

- **2023 Meeting Dates:** The Commissioners set their 2023 meeting dates at their previous meeting, but Mark Johanson said he found a conflict with the June 12, 2023 meeting date and asked if it could be changed to the following week. After discussion, the Commissioners agreed to change the June meeting date to Tuesday, June 20. **Kristi Garofalo will make the change to the meeting schedule.**

New Business:

- **Cell Towers:** Mark Johanson was asked about the status of his search for MLD cell phone service. He said he contacted two companies, but didn't get a response. **Mark Johanson said he will try again to contact cell service providers after the zoning ordinance amendment process is complete.**
- **Temporary Sign Permits:** After discussion of raising the amount of the sign permit deposit for tax auctions to more than \$5 per sign in order to increase the incentive to remove signs after the auction, it was agreed **Mike Roberts will take the issue to the Planning Board.**
- **Parking on MLD Roads:** Kristi Garofalo shared an email from HPD Office Administrator Lorie Aldrich stating snowplows had difficulty clearing some MLD roads and asking if MLD has a ban against parking on the roads. After discussion about MLD roads being Town-maintained roads and that MLD does not have authority to put a parking ban on them, it was agreed **Bob Long will contact Lorie Aldrich about the issue and Kristi Garofalo will put a note in the DMAIL asking residents not to park on the roads.**
- **Resignation Requests:** Lois Keenan noted two Commissioners were asked to resign at the last meeting and asked for a response from the Commissioners. Bob Long and Mike Roberts both stated they will not resign.

Mike Roberts moved to adjourn; Mark Johanson seconded and motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristi Garofalo