

**MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT
COMMISSIONERS MEETING
January 14, 2019
*UNAPPROVED***

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

Roll Call: Commissioners Bob Long, Mary Houde and Mike Roberts were present.

Residents in Attendance: Robert Roudebush, Chris Roberts, Laraine King, Ken King, Mark Johanson and Dottie Long.

Bob Long led the group in a moment of silence for District Treasurer Dan Brady who passed away on Jan. 13, 2019. The group then shared favorite things about Dan including his attentiveness, intelligence, good nature and sense of humor; and all agreed he will be greatly missed.

Approval of Minutes:

- **Dec. 10, 2018:** Mary Houde moved to approve the minutes; Mike Roberts seconded, and motion passed.

District Business:

- **Manifests:** Mary Houde moved to approve manifests from Dec. 11, 2018 to Jan. 14, 2019. Mike Roberts seconded, motion passed.
- **Water Bill Report:** The Commissioners reviewed Administrative Assistant Kristi Garofalo's report showing \$176,954.87 in water payments received since April 1 and outstanding bills at \$33,469.62.
- **Budget Presentation:** Robert Roudebush stood in for Dan Brady and presented the 2019 proposed budget as recommended by the Budget Committee. The General Fund budget is very close to 2018 levels; Water Department budget increased due mostly to a price hike from Woodsville Water & Light. The Committee did their best to lower the budget and/or find other ways to fund it but ended up recommending increasing the yearly rate to \$575 (\$791 for Bath customers). Robert Roudebush said the Planning Board will ask that their two deposits to Capital Reserve Funds increase from \$500 to \$1500 each due to large bills that came in after the Board's initial requests. ***Mike Roberts will request those increases at the public hearing on the budget on Feb. 11.*** Bob Long thanked the Budget Committee for all their hard work and Dan Brady for his time and efforts in leading the Committee.

Maintenance/Water Update: No report available. Bob Long reported the ice rink liner is in, but with the amount of snow and ice on the ground attempting to install it this year may damage the liner. He said Don Drew plans to set the ice rink up as he's done in the past and the next few days' weather looks favorable for that project.

Water Committee Update: Ken King said the District is closer to having a working production well at the French Pond Road location. A little more pumping will be done and then the project engineers from Nobis will apply to the state for approval of the cleanup. Once that's received, they will apply for a permit for an additional well. Ken King said a new well is still a couple of years down the road, but it is closer. They will be looking at costs to add the additional well to the District system so that funding can be planned.

Planning Board Update: Mark Johanson reported a third public hearing on the proposed zoning ordinance revisions will be held on Jan. 17 as part of the regular Planning Board meeting. He also reported zoning officer "Finn" Finnegan is doing well at his position; the Board will be discussing their procedure for issuing Notice of

Violation; and alternate Board member Anna Ostrander has resigned. Bob Long moved to accept the resignation, Mike Roberts seconded, and the motion passed. Mark Johanson noted the Board has lost two alternate members (Anna Ostrander and Dan Brady) and will try to recruit more at the Annual Meeting in March.

Forestry Update: NONE

Recreation Update: Mary Houde read a report from co-chair Barbara Keating noting that it contains a draft event/meeting calendar. She said the Rec Committee desperately needs members and event volunteers; the January meeting was cancelled for lack of attendance. The next meeting is Feb. 4 and the March 9 meeting will be the morning of the Annual Meeting. WinterFest is coming up on Feb. 17. The Commissioners discussed whether a procedure for holding remote meetings via Skype or some similar method would be helpful for meeting attendance. The Commissioners discussed whether committee chairs and vice chairs should be full-time residents or otherwise able to conduct monthly meetings on site. **Mary Houde will look at meetings for the last year to see how many were cancelled or had low attendance. Kristi Garofalo will put the issue on the Commissioner agenda for Feb. 11.**

Monteau Rope Tow Committee: Mike Roberts said he contacted co-chair Francine Bowman who said she would check with other Committee members regarding their plans to continue. He hasn't heard back from her and suggested the Committee be disbanded due to inactivity. Bob Long reported he spoke to Francine Bowman who said the Committee put the project on hold during the holidays. After discussion, the Commissioners agreed **Mike Roberts will contact Francine Bowman again about their plans.**

Action Items Review:

Bob Long: provided signed contract copy to Chris Dellinger of Hood's; talked to road agent Stuart McDanolds re: no parking on District roads - the District does not have enforcement authority, but Haverhill PD could help.

Mike Roberts: will contact Francine Bowman re: Committee plans as noted above; contacted Finn Finnegan re: Scout troop interest in District projects-troop members are too young for big projects-this action item closed.

Mary Houde: Wrote note for DMAIL re: need for volunteers; in process: Review of Community Info Guide and Welcome Letter for inconsistencies and/or duplications.

Old Business:

- **Welcome Letter:** Tabled (see above Action Item)

New Business:

- **Brady Correspondence re: Condition of MLD Entrance Sign:** The Commissioners discussed Don Drew's email noting quotes from a couple of years ago - \$2,250 to refurbish or \$3,750 to replace. **Bob Long will discuss with Don Drew whether the sign will be okay for another year and look at the possibility of other signs at other entrances to the District.**
- **MLD Radios:** Kristi Garofalo shared a quote for replacing the radios used to communicate with Don Drew. The District's old system is outdated and cannot handle the frequency granted by the District's new FCC license. Cost for new radios is \$350 for the base station, \$325 for the truck radio, with \$25 trade-in for the old radios. The Commissioners agreed the purchase was necessary and authorized trade-in of the old radios.

Bob Long moved to adjourn; Mike Roberts seconded, and motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristi Garofalo