

MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS MEETING
At the District Office with Zoom Access
July 11, 2022
UNAPPROVED

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

Roll Call:

- **Board Members:** Bob Long and Mike Roberts present; Mark Johanson was absent and excused.
- **Public Present In-Person:** Ken King, Laraine King, Courtney Lantz, Mike Bukowski, Robert Roudebush, Bill Clark, Mike Bonanno, Randy Berenson and Ken Huard.
- **Public Present via Zoom:** Patricia Brady, Fred Garofalo, Tom Mangels, Polly Bonanno and Mary Houde.

Approval of Minutes:

- **June 14 Regular Meeting:** Mike Roberts moved to approve; Bob Long seconded and motion passed.

District Business:

- **Manifests:** Mike Roberts moved to approve manifests from June 15 to July 11, 2022. Bob Long seconded and motion passed.
- **Financials & Water Bill Report:** No financial reports were available as Kristi Garofalo was on vacation.

Maintenance Update: Bob Long said the work on the Upper Dam and causeway is done. It consisted of placing ten feet of rip rap on the north side of the Dam to help with erosion control and resolve a deficiency in the state dam inspection.

Bob Long also shared updates on the following projects:

- **Dumpster:** A new dumpster was placed within the pump house fence and a gravel pad with 6 x 6 timbers was installed.
- **Beach Bugs:** Local pest expert Clinton Brown of Mosquito Joe's has treated the beach using state-approved natural products. The beaches will be treated again at other times throughout the summer season. The treatment will be evaluated and can be adjusted through the season if needed; no complaints have been received to date.
- **Asset Management:** Project is in process with visible progress made.
- **Pool Opening:** Still having issues with one of the pumps and the state-required chlorine injection system. Hoping to get good test results this week and open the pool this weekend.
- **Painting:** Priority project is to power wash and paint the office building; getting quotes from outside contractors.
- **Beach Tilling:** First tilling is done and the second is scheduled for Aug. 1.

Mike Bonanno asked about speed bumps for the causeway, and speed limit and no parking signs for the beach area. **Bob Long will talk to John Mitchell about the speed bumps and to Haverhill Road Agent Colton Grant about the signs.**

Water Committee Update: Patricia Brady reported a water break was found on White Mountain Drive after several days of searching. Leak detection consultant Pyburn & Sons located the leak and it was repaired quickly; now the water team is monitoring the system as it recovers. She said Tom Eighmy joined the Water Committee and attended the July meeting in person. She reported the Water Committee is working 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. The Committee will have a special meeting on Tuesday, July 19 at 2:00pm to finalize plans for the event.

Planning Board Update: Mike Bonanno said the Board approved an application for a new home on Lakeside Drive. He said the Board will hold a meet-and-greet event on Saturday, July 30 from 10:00am to 2:00pm at the District Office to answer resident questions about building projects. Bob Long said the Foldeak property has been sold and the new owners have begun efforts to secure the site. The Commissioners agreed to drop consideration of legal action for clean-up and asked the Planning Board to monitor the property. Chair Mike Bonanno agreed. Kristi Garofalo asked if Mike Bukowski could be appointed to the

Planning Board. After discussion, it was agreed Mike Bukowski will attend a Board meeting so Board members can vote on a recommendation to the Commissioners regarding his appointment.

Recreation Committee Update: No report. Bill Clark asked whether any cook-outs were scheduled and was told none were scheduled. Laraine King read from last month's minutes that 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.

Randy Berenson and Mary Houde spoke about problems with owners allowing dogs on the beach, and noted staff seemed uncomfortable confronting the owners. After discussion, it was agreed **Bob Long will talk to the staff and reiterate his offer to come down to the beach to help with confrontations if needed.** The group also discussed non-residents using the amenities. Bill Clark suggested larger signs noting the Lakes and beaches are private and it was agreed that **Bob Long will check into larger signs.**

Action Items Review:

Bob Long: researched effects of fertilizers on the Lakes and info was sent out with DMAIL; working on resolving SCADA number discrepancies; talked to neighbor of Valley Road cleared lot, but no response from owner when contacted; working with Town regarding removing tax sale signs.

Old Business:

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

New Business:

- **Dunster Correspondence:** The Commissioners discussed an email received from the Dunsters on Lakeside Drive regarding their concerns about weeds growing in the Lakes. After consideration of the Dunster's photos, reference material and possible identification of the plants in question, the Commissioners agreed **Mike Roberts will consult the state for identification help and recommendations, then report back to the Board.**
- **Water Conservation:** Bill Clark suggested educating residents about conserving water. Patricia Brady said conservation tips are included in the weekly DMAIL and information on repairing leaks to save water will be included in packets available at the "Living Well with Water Day" on July 23. Bob Long noted the Water Committee recently applied for a grant to install low-flow toilets to replace older models in MLD homes, and also for a grant to install meters in MLD homes. The pre-applications have been submitted and a response is expected in the next few months.
- **Pool Opening:** Ken Huard suggested that next year the pool opening should be scheduled a month before Opening Day so that problems are found and handled outside of the season. He also asked about opportunities to swim in the evening and asked about issuing keys to residents for pool use. After discussion of insurance requirements, it was agreed that **Bob Long will check with Primex, MLD's liability insurance provider, to clarify recommendations regarding having the pool open without a MLD representative present.**

Mike Roberts moved to adjourn; Bob Long seconded and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristi Garofalo