

MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT
INFORMATION MEETING FOR OPTIONAL ANNUAL MEETING PROCEDURE
MARCH 18, 2021
UNAPPROVED

Call to Order: Chair Bob Long called the Information Meeting to order at 6:02 pm. He read a statement that the Board was authorized to meet electronically due to the declared state of emergency (COVID-19), that the meeting had been properly noticed and information given to the public on how to join the meeting via Zoom Video Conferencing, and that all votes would be by roll call, in accordance with the provisions of the Governor's emergency order.

Roll Call: Bob Long (with Dottie Long), Mike Roberts (alone) and Mark Johanson (alone)

Public Present: District Moderator Chris Demers, Robert Roudebush, Laraine King, Karen Rajsteter, David Maddock, Fred Garofalo, Karen Cox, Patricia Brady, Marayssa Raimondo, Tom Cecere, John Pinkerton, Debbie Fisk, Joe McQueeney, Brian Loutrel, Barb Stanfield, Seth Stanfield, Priscilla Hoover, Scott Rutherford, Tom Mangels, Dave Gilbertson, Laura Gilbertson, Deb Regen, Dave Long and Heather Long. Participants identified as Hakola, McKean, Aldrich, and 1603348XXX were also present via Zoom along with District Legal Counsel Christine Fillmore, District Administrator Kristi Garofalo, and Water/Maintenance Manager Don Drew.

Opening Presentation: Bob Long explained the three-part Optional Meeting Procedure under HB 1129 passed by the NH legislature and approved by the Governor for 2021 annual meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He said the first meeting was for information only and no questions would be taken or public comments heard at this time, but the public could send questions and comments to the Commissioners via email, mail or phone message by 6:00pm on Friday, March 19, to be considered at the virtual Annual Meeting on Saturday, March 20. He noted the virtual annual meeting would be held in a manner as close to the traditional MLD annual meeting as possible, with questions also taken from the floor and input sought from both voters and non-voters. The third part will be Voting Day on Saturday, March 27 from 11:00 to 7:00 pm at the Lodge.

2021 Article 1: Moderator Chris Demers read the article. Bob Long explained that if Article 1 "Approve the Optional Annual Meeting Procedure" were to fail, the District would not have an approved operating budget for the Water Department and several long-term projects would be unfunded. He said that would leave the District with only one real option: to petition the Superior Court (at substantial cost and time delay) for permission to hold an emergency meeting to consider the 2021 operating budgets and associated warrant articles.

2021 Article 2 (General Operations Budget) and Article 3 (Water Dept. Operating Budget): Moderator Chris Demers read the articles; no discussion.

2021 Articles 4 to 10: Moderator Chris Demers read the articles; no discussion.

2021 Article 11: Moderator Chris Demers noted the funding language for this article was not in the annual booklet, but was included in the posted warrant and the one sent to the DRA. He read the article with the funding language; no discussion.

2021 Article 12: Moderator Chris Demers read the article; no discussion.

2021 Articles 13 to 16 (Zoning Ordinance Amendments): Moderator Chris Demers read the articles; no discussion.

2021 Articles 17 to 20 (Non-Monetary): Moderator Chris Demers read the articles; no discussion

Bob Long reminded those present that comments and questions should be sent to the Commissioners by 6:00pm on Friday, March 19, and they would be shared at the virtual Annual Meeting on Saturday, March 20. He also reminded participants that comments and questions would be taken from the floor at the Annual Meeting. He explained Voting Day procedures with either walk-thru or curbside voting available and the Supervisors of the Checklist present to check and accept voter registrations. Absentee ballots would also be made available this year due to the HB1129 procedure. Voting will be Saturday, March 27 from 11:00 to 7:00 pm at the Lodge and results posted by March 29 on the MLD website, in the DMAIL and MLD Facebook page, as well as in the District as required.

Bob Long moved to adjourn and Mark Johanson seconded. Roll Call Vote: Bob Long-Aye; Mike Roberts-Aye; Mark Johanson-Aye. The motion passed and the Information Meeting was adjourned at 6:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristi Garofalo