

**MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT
COMMISSIONERS MEETING
At the District Office with Zoom Access
November 15, 2021
*UNAPPROVED***

Call to Order: Chair Bob Long called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm.

Roll Call:

Board Members: Bob Long and Mark Johanson, Mike Roberts (alone) was present via Zoom.

Public Present In-Person: Robert Roudebush, Brian Loutrel, Patricia Brady, Mike Bonanno

Public Present via Zoom: Ken Huard and Dottie Long

Approval of Minutes:

- **Oct. 13 Meeting:** Mark Johanson moved to approve; Mike Roberts seconded. Roll Call Vote: Bob Long-Aye, Mike Roberts-Aye, Mark Johanson-Aye; motion passed.
- **Oct. 27 Special Meeting:** Mark Johanson moved to approve; Mike Roberts seconded. Roll Call Vote: Bob Long-Aye, Mike Roberts-Aye, Mark Johanson-Aye; motion passed.

District Business:

- **Manifests:** Mark Johanson moved to approve manifests from Oct. 14 to Nov. 15, 2021. Mike Roberts seconded. Roll Call Vote: Bob Long-Aye, Mike Roberts-Aye, Mark Johanson-Aye; motion passed.
- **Financials and Water Bill Report:** The Commissioners reviewed the financial reports and the water bill collection report showing \$194,795.43 in water payments received since April 1, 2021.

Maintenance and Water Committee Update: No Maintenance Update. Patricia Brady reported the Water Committee did not meet in November and water usage was in the low 20,000s gallons per day until the double water breaks today which were repaired quickly and service restored. The Committee will meet next on Dec. 2 and Nobis Engineering representatives will be present to wrap up the French Pond Road project and look at next steps in the water sourcing project. Bob Long reported NH DES recently did a “sanitary survey”, which is a water system inspection for compliance with drinking water program regulations done every three years, and MLD received no deficiencies. He also reported he is working with Jim Weber from the NH Dam Bureau and engineering firm DuBois & King to finalize paperwork for the Lower Dam spillway project. The Commissioners noted the causeway slope project (adding rip-rap to the slopes to protect against erosion) is planned for 2022.

Planning Board Update: Mike Bonanno said the Board is meeting Nov. 18 and they have another new home permit application on the agenda. He said there will also be discussion on three properties which have raised concerns/complaints about their upkeep. After discussion about clean up of a property where the home burned down almost a year ago, it was agreed **Bob Long will draft a second letter to the homeowners and send it to legal counsel for review.**

Recreation Committee Update: Mark Johanson said the Committee meets next on Nov. 17 at 4:00 pm and their last event for 2021 is the tree-lighting ceremony on Dec. 4 at 7:00 pm at the beach. Dottie Long reported the Committee is working on 2022 budget requests and aiming at level funding for 2022 events and activities.

Action Items Review:

Mark Johanson: contacted Greg Jellison of NH Fish & Game regarding hunting issues and was advised to spread the word to report any illegal hunting concerns directly to Fish & Game for follow-up; received information on products and application methods for bug remediation for District beaches from NH DES and will continue research.

Old Business:

- **Candidate Search Update:** Bob Long reported a promising candidate for the vacant Facilities and Water Manager position was interviewed, but withdrew their application because of another opportunity and the search is back to square one. Kristi Garofalo reported a new application was received that morning. After discussion, it was agreed ***Kristi Garofalo will post the job description on the MLD website, order employment ads in local papers to run for two weeks, and put both the Facilities and Water Manager and the second Zoning Officer openings in the DMAIL again.***

New Business:

- **In-House Plowing:** Ken Huard suggested investigating costs of the new Facilities and Water Manager also plowing MLD sites instead of hiring the job out. After discussion of the equipment and skills needed, the Commissioners agreed to research the possibility of in-house plowing when the new employee is hired.
- **ATVs:** Kristi Garofalo shared an email asking whether ATVs were no longer allowed on MLD roads. Bob Long said permission for ATVs to be on the roads expired Oct. 1 and if ATVs are seen, the Haverhill police department should be notified. Bob Long also shared the Haverhill select board decision to give permission for ATVs to be on MLD roads in the future from May 1 to Oct. 31 (1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset).
- **Tree Cutting/Lot Clearing:** A resident asked who should be notified when tree cutting and/or lot clearing is observed. After discussion about changes in the MLD zoning ordinance that only allow restrictions on tree cutting when building or affecting wetlands, it was agreed concerns about tree cutting should be referred to the MLD Zoning Officer for investigation and action if needed.

Mark Johanson moved to adjourn; Mike Roberts seconded. Roll Call Vote: Bob Long-Aye; Mike Roberts-Aye; Mark Johanson-Aye. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristi Garofalo