

**MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT
COMMISSIONERS MEETING
At the District Office with Zoom Access October 13, 2021
*UNAPPROVED***

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

Roll Call:

Board Members: Commissioners Bob Long, Mike Roberts and Mark Johanson

Public Present In-Person: Ken King, Laraine King, Robert Roudebush, Brian Loutrel, Mike Bonanno, Polly Bonanno, Dottie Long; Linda Johanson joined after the meeting started.

Public Present via Zoom: Linda Johanson, Mary Houde, and Chris Cox.

Approval of Minutes:

- **Sept. 14 Meeting:** Mike Roberts moved to approve; Mark Johanson seconded and motion passed.
- **Sept. 22 Special Meeting:** Mark Johanson moved to approve; Mike Roberts seconded and motion passed.

District Business:

- **Manifests:** Mike Roberts moved to approve manifests from Sept. 15 to Oct. 14, 2021. Mark Johanson seconded and motion passed.
- **Financials and Water Bill Report:** The Commissioners reviewed the financial reports and the water bill collection report showing \$191,696.40 in water payments received since April 1, 2021.
- **Safety Zone Signs:** Bob Long made a motion to remove "Safety Zone" signs that were recently put up in the District, noting the decision to post them was done outside of normal procedure. Mark Johanson seconded and the motion passed. The Commissioners noted the intent of the signs was not to change the law or create new ones; rather they were intended to let people know that, according to RSA 644:13, there were areas in the District where firearms should not be discharged. Concerns were shared about gunfire noise and a couple of near misses in populated areas. Bob Long suggested contacting NH Fish & Game to get their recommendation on the best way to handle the issue. After discussion, it was agreed ***Mark Johanson will contact NH Fish & Game for their input.***

Maintenance and Water Committee Update: Mark Johanson said most of the recent Water Committee meeting was devoted to discussion of finding a replacement for Water/Maintenance Project Manager Don Drew. Mark Johanson said the Committee agreed to pull back on planned projects until a replacement is hired. They also reviewed the job listing provided by Bob Long and agreed no changes were needed; and several Committee members volunteered to be on a search committee if one is formed. Water usage was reported to be between 22,00 to 25,000 gallons per day, with higher usage over the holiday weekend.

Planning Board Update: Mike Bonanno said the building boom is continuing and the Board will consider permits for one new home and one addition at their next meeting. He asked if there was an update on when the January house fire homeowners would start clean-up of their lot. Bob Long noted he spoke to the homeowner recently and was told cleanup will start soon. Bob Long said he talked to the surveyor concerned with a Lakeside lot boundary issue and was told the boundary pin is where it should be now. The Commissioners discussed the limited responses to the second zoning officer opening; Mike Roberts recommended running the ad again and all agreed. Bob Long said he did some research after speaking to a homeowner concerned about a new beaver dam and found a beaver dam does not affect the water flow volume and actually helps filter the water before it reaches the Lakes. An unsightly recently cleared lot on

Valley Road was brought up and Mike Bonanno noted the zoning ordinance prohibits changing the characteristics of the land. **Bob Long will look into the issue and the District's options.**

Recreation Committee Update: Linda Johanson said the Committee sponsored the District Yard Sale, Adult Social and Pancake Breakfast over Columbus Day weekend and all three were successful. She said receipts for expenses will be turned in to the Office by the end of the week and the Committee is working on 2022 budget requests. The Tailgate Trick or Treat will be on Oct. 23 and the Committee is sponsoring a tree-lighting ceremony on Dec. 4 at 7:00pm which is a new event. Their next meeting is Nov. 17 at 4:00 pm.

Action Items Review:

*Bob Long: finding a Lodge Attendant for winter is in process; he contacted Haverhill about the new permit procedure and that is in process; contacted the January fire homeowners and was told clean-up should start soon. **After discussion, it was agreed Bob Long will look for a cleaning person for the Lodge who could also handle trash disposal.***

Mark Johanson: working on bug remediation research for District beaches.

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

- **Search Committee:** Bob Long shared a draft of a job listing for the Facilities Maintenance Manager/Water Operator position and no changes were noted. **Bob Long will post the opening on Indeed.com and ZipRecruiter; Kristi Garofalo will post it on the NHMA website and NH JobWorks.** After discussion, the Commissioners agreed to wait for responses to the listings before placing newspaper ads. **Kristi Garofalo will update the Commissioners regarding the listing responses and further action will be decided at that point.** The Commissioners also discussed the need for a search committee to fill the position and decided a committee was not needed at this time.
- **Correspondence – Woodsville Water & Light:** The Commissioners reviewed a letter from WW&L notifying the District of a rate increase. Starting Jan.1, 2022, the base charge will increase from \$1,925 to \$1,950 and the per 1,000 gallon rate will increase from \$7.71 to \$7.96, which is a 3.25% increase.
- **Other:** Brian Loutrel asked if Killer Hill was open. After discussion, it was agreed **Bob Long will contact Road Agent Colton Grant to see if road is ready for two-way travel and Kristi Garofalo will put a note in the DMAIL next week if it is open.** Brian Loutrel asked if ATV travel on District roads was done for the year; the Commissioners said the select board's vote ended the trial period on Oct. 1 and the select board will review the past season to make decisions about the future. Brian Loutrel noted the ad hoc tech committee previously discussed the need for IT tech support services. He asked if the Commissioners wanted to pursue the subject and what services might be needed. After discussion, it was agreed **Brian Loutrel and Kristi Garofalo will meet to determine needed services and gather proposals from possible vendors.** A suggestion was made to put a note in the DMAIL with state hunting regulation info and reminding residents of the need for caution during hunting season. After discussion, it was agreed **Bob Long will put together information for Kristi Garofalo to include in the next DMAIL.**

Bob Long moved to adjourn; Mark Johanson seconded and motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristi Garofalo