

MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS MEETING
At the District Office with Zoom Access
September 13, 2022
UNAPPROVED

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

Roll Call:

- **Board Members:** Bob Long, Mike Roberts and Mark Johanson present
- **Public Present In-Person:** Courtney Lantz, Mike Bonanno, Bill Clark, Robert Roudebush, Brian Loutrel, Randy Berenson, Ken Huard, Mary Houde and Lisa Mora.
- **Public Present via Zoom:** Dottie Long (6:30pm)

Approval of Minutes:

- **Aug. 8 Regular Meeting:** Mark Johanson moved to approve; Mike Roberts seconded and motion passed.
- **Aug. 18 Special Meeting:** Mike Roberts moved to approve; Mark Johanson seconded and motion passed.

District Business:

- **Manifests:** Mark Johanson moved to approve manifests from Aug. 8 to Sept. 13, 2022. Mike Roberts seconded and motion passed.
- **Financials & Water Bill Report:** Bob Long spoke of the recent passing of District Treasurer Laraine King and all her contributions over the years to the Mountain Lakes community, then led those present in a moment of silence in Laraine King's memory. The Commissioners reviewed the monthly financial reports and the water bill collection report showing \$192,929.24 in water payments received since April 1, 2022. Mary Houde asked about umbrellas for the beach tables and was told sturdier alternatives are being investigated. In discussion, it was noted the Budget Committee would soon begin their annual work and the suggestion was made the Committee meet in the evening for greater participation; it was agreed to bring the suggestion to the Budget Committee for their consideration.
- **Acting Treasurer Appointment:** Bob Long made a motion to appoint Assistant Treasurer Robert Roudebush as Acting Treasurer starting August 22, 2022 until the March annual meeting elections. Mark Johanson seconded, Robert Roudebush agreed to accept the appointment, and the motion passed.
- **Lodge Rental Rates Survey:** The Commissioners reviewed rental rate information presented by Kristi Garofalo. After discussion of utility rate increases and non-resident use of the Lodge, the Commissioners agreed to consider rental rate changes and discuss the issue further at their next meeting.
- **Appointment to Pool Access Key Card Ad Hoc Committee:** Mark Johanson made a motion to appoint Brian Loutrel, Polly Bonanno, Mike Bonanno, Kevin Owens, Mike Bukowski to the Committee and himself as ex-officio. Bob Long seconded and the motion passed. Mark Johanson reported the Committee had their first meeting on Sept. 8 and Mike Bonanno was elected chairperson. They discussed the pool's condition, security and access options, and changes and equipment needed for the project. Members were given assignments to research for the next meeting on Oct. 19. Discussion was raised about the basketball court access; Courtney Lantz reported no one was using the court at 9:00pm when she went to lock it and asked if it still needed to be locked up at night. After a lengthy discussion about non-residents using MLD facilities, it was agreed **Bob Long will investigate the cost and other details of hiring a security service.**

Maintenance Update: Bob Long shared updates on the following projects:

- **Beach E Coli Testing for 2023:** Bob Long said DIY testing materials were purchased and used, but it was found it takes 24-48 hours for results which then have to be confirmed by a professional lab. The initial professional testing results showed the Lakes were well within state limits with very low levels of E Coli. Bob Long made a motion to test professionally once a week from Memorial Day to Oct.1 of the 2023 season; Mike Roberts seconded and the motion passed.
- **Beach Bugs:** Pest control treatments for the beach and lawns are done and feedback was that when both areas are treated, it seemed to work better than when only the beaches are treated. After discussion about the treatment costs, it was agreed **Bob Long will ask John Mitchell to get additional quotes for 2023 treatment.**
- **Asset Management:** Project is in process.
- **Pool:** The pool is closed and has been winterized for the winter season.
- **Painting:** Priority project is to power wash and paint the office building; looking for a contractor to do the job.
- **Cable Upgrade Project:** New meters are up and running at the pump house.
- **Chambers Access Hatches:** Project is complete.
- **Upper Lake Dock:** Project is complete.
- **Cluster Mailbox:** Project is complete.

- **In Process:** Lodge swing set installation, Lodge/Office tech upgrade projects, water connections mapping, and tree removal quotes for pool area.

Water Committee Update: Mark Johanson reported Ed Rajsteter was elected chair of the Committee after Patricia Brady stepped down. Mike Welch of the North Country Investment Council attended the last meeting to talk about how NCIC could help MLD in finding, applying, reporting, and using grants for MLD projects and the Committee is considering their next move. Mark Johanson said the Voluntary Lake Assessment Program results show the Lakes look good and more detailed results will come from the state later this year. He said none of the eight water projects submitted to the state were accepted for funding. After discussion and a brief presentation of the details and estimated costs of the eight projects, it was agreed **Bob Long will simplify the project information and send it to Kristi Garofalo to create a flyer to be sent out with the DMAIL.** Bob Long said one of the subjects to be considered at budget time is putting funds away for future water projects.

Planning Board Update: Mike Bonanno said the Board will meet next on Sept. 15 and planning consultant Tara Bamford will help the Board start work on two potential zoning ordinance revisions. He said they also have five or six permit applications to be considered and more applications were expected in the next several years based on comments made at the Meet-and-Greet in July. Discussion was held on the water system's ability to meet demand as building continues. Bob Long said the build-out for the water system has not been reached and the Water Committee watches daily usage to plan to meet future demand.

Recreation Committee Update: Discussion was held about the pool being closed over Labor Day weekend and Bob Long said that was due to staff shortage. Mark Johanson said Rec Committee met on Sept. 8 and the next events include the District Yard Sale and Adult Social on Oct. 8, and the Pancake Breakfast on Oct. 10. Randy Berenson noted the list of rules on the back of parking passes and suggested requiring people to sign an acknowledgement of the rules and agreement to abide by them before passes were issued.

Action Items Review:

Bob Long: working on larger, more explicit signs – draft was approved, working with supplier on final details; SCADA number discrepancies have been resolved with installation of the new pump house meters; Town removing tax sale signs in process.

Mike Roberts: found DIY test materials, took long time for results, commissioners decided on professional testing in 2023.

Mark Johanson: contacted NH Fish & Game re: goose dropping, water quality and options – F&G said MLD is doing all that is allowed – found a possible goose repellent and plans to work with John Mitchell to investigate it as an option.

New Business:

- **Lake Usage Request:** The Commissioners reviewed a request for middle school group to use the beaches on Sept. 16. After discussion, Bob Long made motion to allow beach/lake usage on Sept. 16 if an insurance binder is provided and a certified lifeguard required if swimming is allowed. Mike Roberts seconded and the motion passed. **Kristi Garofalo will notify the school representative of the Commissioners' decision.**
- **Profile Technology Quotes:** The Commissioners reviewed quotes from Profile Technologies for a desktop computer for John Mitchel and a laptop for Courtney Lantz. After discussion, the Commissioners agreed to give the unused water laptop to Courtney Lantz and move forward on purchasing the desktop unit for John Mitchell.
- **Other:** Bill Clark asked if the special parking area on the lawn was still needed since the season has ended; the Commissioner agreed **Bob Long will ask John Mitchell to remove the cones marking the special parking area.** Bill Clark asked about the status of the new electrical poles to be installed by the Lodge; Bob Long said he met with the representative and was told the company is moving forward with the project. Bill Clark asked about water consumption figures offered at the last meeting but not received; **Bob Long will email usage data to Bill Clark.**
Bill Clark asked about the status of an OIR report he filed Sept. 2 regarding a dog swimming in the beach areas; Bob Long said more information was needed to locate the owner and follow-up with them.

Bob Long moved to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3,II(a); Mike Roberts seconded. Roll Call Vote: Bob Long-Aye, Mike Robert-Aye, Mark Johanson-Aye. The Commissioners entered non-public session at 8:23pm.

Bob Long moved to leave non-public session and return to public session; Mike Roberts seconded and motion passed. The Commissioners reconvened public session at 8:42pm. Bob Long moved to seal the non-public minutes, Mark Johanson seconded. Roll Call Vote: Bob Long-Aye, Mike Robert-Aye, Mark Johanson-Aye.

Bob Long moved to adjourn; Mark Johanson seconded and motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristi Garofalo