

MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT
COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING
September 22, 2020
UNAPPROVED

Call to Order: Chair Bob Long called the meeting to order at 10:01 am. 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 (alone), Mike Roberts (alone), and Mark Johanson (alone).

Public Present: Ken Huard, Laraine King, Bill Clark, Dave Long, Randy Berenson, Dave S., Ana Aguilar and Don Drew (Water/Maintenance Manager).

District Meetings During COVID-19: Bob Long shared an email from Cordell Johnston of the NH Municipal Association in response to questions he sent in about the latest guidelines for meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Commissioners reviewed the NHMA response and noted in-person meetings are allowed with social distancing protocols in place. They agreed that, for the District, meetings would need to be held at the Lodge due to the space needed and they would have a maximum capacity of 37 people (50% of the actual Lodge capacity of 75) for meetings. If more than 37 people were present, the meeting would have to be adjourned and rescheduled according to the NHMA email.

The Commissioners discussed the possibility of "hybrid" meetings – in-person meetings following social distancing guidelines along with Zoom or other remote access available for the public (hybrid meetings were also allowed according to the NHMA email). Bob Long said he checked the Lodge internet connection and band width that morning and felt it may be insufficient to support remote access. He will ask Don Drew to contact Consolidated (the current telephone/internet supplier) to see if the band width can be increased, and also to check to see if Spectrum internet service is available at the Lodge location.

After further discussion, Bob Long made a motion to hold District meetings via the hybrid method starting with the Water Committee meeting on Oct. 1, that all such meetings would be at the Lodge with a maximum capacity of 37, and provided the Lodge internet service could support remote access. Mark Johanson seconded. Roll Call Vote: Bob Long – Aye; Mike Roberts – Aye; Mark Johanson – Aye; motion passed.

Bob Long moved to adjourn; Mark Johanson seconded. Roll Call Vote: Bob Long – Aye; Mike Roberts – Aye; Mark Johanson – Aye; motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:21 am.

Respectfully submitted by,
Kristi Garofalo