

**BUDGET MEETING
MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT
DECEMBER 12, 2012**

IN ATTENDANCE:

BOB LONG, DAN BRADY, ROBERT ROUDEBUSH, FRANCINE BOWMAN, DON DREW, AND AMY BAKER.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

SALARIES OF COMMISSIONERS: CHANGE IN WAGES WAS DISCUSSED IN RESPONSE TO EMAILS RECEIVED FROM TWO INDIVIDUAL RESIDENTS. THE SALARIES WILL BECOME A WARRANT ARTICLE AND PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING BY THE MODERATOR FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION.

PLANNING FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS:

ANNUAL MEETING: SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2013 AT 10:30 AM AT THE LODGE

BUDGET MEETING: JANUARY 9TH, 2013, 9AM AT DISTRICT OFFICE.

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING MEETING: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH, FOLLOWING THE COMMISSIONERS MEETING AT 6PM

ONLY ONE BUDGET HEARING MEETING IS MANDATORY TO TAKE PLACE FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC BEFORE THE ANNUAL MEETING.

DON DREW SUGGESTED THAT WE ARE SURE TO SEND OUT MASTER EMAIL WITH A VERY SPECIFIC SUBJECT LINE TO ADVERTISE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE UPCOMING MEETING DATES AND THEIR PURPOSE. WE WILL ALSO NEED TO ADVERTISE IN THE NEWSPAPER WITHIN TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO SCHEDULED MEETINGS.

LODGE: AT THE COMMISSIONERS MEETING ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, IT WAS APPROVED TO ENCUMBER \$800 FOR CLEANING THE LODGE IN 2013. "ENCUMBERING" THE FUNDS IS A COMMON PROCESS USED TO RESERVE THE FUNDS FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR, SO THE FUNDS ARE STILL AVAILABLE TO USE FOR THE SAME PURPOSE.

WE REVIEWED THE LODGE BUDGET LINE BY LINE, DISCUSSED ITEMS SUCH AS CLEARING THE TREE LINE AT THE LODGE, AND POSSIBLY SAVING MONEY FOR THE FUTURE REPLACEMENT OF THE BOILER AT THE LODGE. DON NOTED THAT DEAD RIVER COMPANY INSPECTED THE BOILER AT THE LODGE AND THOUGHT IT WAS IN BETTER CONDITION THAN THE BOILER AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE COMMITTEE WILL REVISIT THESE ITEMS IN MORE DETAIL, AND THESE SUBJECTS WILL BECOME WARRANT ARTICLES FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING.

RECREATION DISCUSSION: HOURS OF SNACK BAR EMPLOYEES WILL BE REDUCED FOR THE 2013 SEASON, AND WE WILL INCREASE SOME OF THE PRICES IN THE SNACK

BAR IN AN EFFORT TO RAISE THE SNACK REVENUE 15 PERCENT.

WE REVIEWED THE COSTS OF KEEPING THE POOL OPEN AND HEATED FOR THE 3 WEEKS EXTRA THIS PAST SEPTEMBER. IT WAS COSTLY, AND DID NOT SEEM TO BE UTILIZED BY MANY RESIDENTS DURING THAT TIME.

2013 PROPOSED WARRANT ARTICLE DISCUSSION:

TRANSFER MONEY TO DISTRICT FACILITY IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND, THIS INCLUDES THE LODGE. \$20,000 IS PROPOSED TO "CATCH UP" ON FILLING THE FUND, THEN POSSIBLY \$5,000 PER YEAR FOLLOWING.

NEW DRY HYDRANTS: DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE REGARDING POSSIBLE FUTURE FIRE TAXES BY THE TOWN OF HAVERHILL. IT WAS AGREED THAT CHRIS DEMERS SHOULD ADDRESS THE TOWN OF HAVERHILL ABOUT THE COST OF THE DRY HYDRANTS BEING THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MOUNTAIN LAKES ALONE.

THREE WARRANT ITEMS WHICH NEED TO BE PRIORITIZED ARE (1) RESURFACING THE TENNIS COURTS, (2) IMPROVE THE BASKETBALL COURT, (3) RELOCATING THE PLAYGROUND. DUE TO TIME CONSTRAINTS, WE WILL REVISIT.

LIGHTING FOR MAILBOXES WILL BE PRESENTED AS A WARRANT ARTICLE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING AS WELL.

THE WATER RESERVE FUNDS WILL BE DISCUSSED AT OUR NEXT MEETING, WHEN THE WATER BUDGET IS READY, AND AFTER A MEETING WITH DUBOIS AND KING. THERE ARE 320 RESIDENTS ON OUR WATER DEPARTMENT AT THIS TIME.

Francine Bowman