

# MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS MEETING DECEMBER 10, 2012

**Call to Order:** Chris called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm

**Roll Call:** Bob Long, Beverly Jacobs, Chris Demers

**Attendance:** Mike Bonano, Laraine King, Ken King, Grete D'Hondt, Dottie Long, Daniel Brady, Francine Bowman.

## **1. District:**

Administrative Assistant Kimberly Chase started today. Loraine King suggested we send out an introduction to Kimberly, and stated she will be doing the minutes for future meetings.

Vouchers were reviewed, correction made to change "August" to "November" on agenda. November minutes need to include "motion approved" for the Projector purchase.

Dan Brady suggested in the future we should look at state wide purchasing for most District purchases, and that most states have a municipal purchasing association. Dan will get a name and number for a contact person. Bob Long will follow up with Kimberley and have her look into a process for this.

## **2. Financials:**

Amy has been sick. Bob provided the financial report up to and including 12/10/12. We will continue using Peachtree accounting at this time.

**Lodge:** We will encumber funds for \$800. to pay for a cleaning service for the lodge for 2013. Motion was approved by Beverly. Seconded by Chris Demers and approved by a unanimous vote.

Discussion about a lodge attendant for the winter: Beverly will follow up on hiring someone, the hours, and the wages to be paid. Laraine mentioned that she believed the wage to be at "minimum" wage.

## **3. Homeowners Requests:**

A request from a homeowner to reduce the amount of the commissioner's compensation was discussed. This request will go to the budget committee to follow up and be presented at the annual meeting.

## **4. Water Committee Update:**

Bob reported that negotiations with Woodsville Water and Light continue. We are waiting to hear who will be assigned to us for assistance. WWL is NOT going to raise our rates at this time.

Discussion was had that the water bill for ML residents will increase to \$475 per year. Laraine suggested the Budget committee take a look at the Capital Reserve Fund, and discuss how this increased cost may be offset to the homeowner.

Laraine asked if the MLD may mail flyers out, inserted with the mailing of water bills. We will ask Amy Baker about the legality of doing so.

Mike made a motion to approve flyer to protect our lakes, to be sent out with water bill, upon approval of Amy Baker. Motion was seconded by Beverly.

## **5. Planning Board Update:**

Mike Bonanno reported that at the meeting last Thursday, there was no report from Stan Borkowski or follow up information regarding outstanding incident reports. A suggestion was made that Stan send out letters with a \$10 per day fine, for noncompliance of previous zoning violations. Commissioners want to see documentation before we fine residents. Chris Demers will follow up with Stan to find out who continues to be in violation. It was discussed that we should request Stan to provide documentation for the last 45 days of infractions and we should put it at the top of the agenda for the next month's commissioner meeting in January, 2013.

Dan Brady mentioned a pile of brush at the top of Killer Hill which also needs attention.

Discussion about residence on Windsor Lane; A resident has cleared brush on his property and has left a large pile of brush at this time. The resident had previously come into the district office and asked permission to clear the paths of downed trees near and around his property. He intended to clean up and to only remove brush and trees that had grown and/or fallen on walking paths. Mike Bonanno strongly requested that Stan Borkowski go out and check the property lines and pins, or call the Fire Ranger and have him visit the homeowner to investigate. Commissioners want to handle it in a polite and courteous way with a phone call to the resident to inquire about the brush pile. Dan Brady said that the commissioners should use their judgment whether or not to consult with Stan (zoning officer), after a call is made to the homeowner. Bob agreed to follow up with the resident once he has more information about the situation.

Bob had a question to the Zoning Board regarding the building process, and “what is the rule” concerning the time frame allowed from start to completion of approved applications. The rule is unclear and we need to check the building process to clarify.

**6. Recreation Update:**

Beverly reported that the adult holiday party at the lodge was small but fun. Dan suggested we start a phone tree to communicate about recreational functions at the lodge. Grete D'Hondt was highly commended for the great job she did in decorating the lodge for the holiday season.

Chris made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm. Motion was seconded by Bob.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Francine Bowman