

**MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT
COMMISSIONERS MEETING
January 14, 2013**

Call to Order: Chris Demers called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

Roll Call: Bob Long, Beverly Jacobs, Chris Demers

Residents in Attendance: Laraine King, Ken King, Patricia Brady, Dan Brady, Dottie Long, Grete D'Hondt, Mike Bonanno, Barbara Keating, Don Keating

Approval of Minutes: Patricia Brady suggested when mentioning someone like Amy Baker for the first time, the person be identified with full name and title in the future for those who may not know her. Chris Demers made a motion to approve the minutes, Beverly Jacobs seconded and motion passed.

District Business:

1. **Manifest:** Chris Demers made motion to approve, Beverly Jacobs seconded. Motion passed.

2. **District 2013 Budget Review:**

a. **Lodge Budget**

Laraine King asked what countertops were being replaced since upstairs kitchen countertops are fairly new. Beverly Jacobs suggested a new stove/oven instead of countertops since current one doesn't work well or safely. Bob Long to check with Don Drew about the project.

b. **Recreation Budget**

Bob Long noted keeping pool open in September was expensive and Chris Demers said it was tried due to resident requests, but didn't work. Bob Long said Francine Bowman was planning to cut back hours for summer employees. Dan Brady said modest price increases in snack bar items are also planned.

c. **General Operations Budget**

Laraine King asked if Bath residents' charges will stay the same or be raised. Bob Long said their water charge would increase the same as other residents and he would check to see how calculation works out for their additional charges. Bob Long also explained Bath Fees Rev line is for Bath residents who pay to use MLD facilities. Several residents questioned total tax impact of \$247,173 shown on overview while handwritten note on General Operations budget worksheet said total tax impact would be \$239,678. Bob Long to check with Amy Baker regarding discrepancy in amounts. [*UPDATE: \$239,678 handwritten number was preliminary and should be disregarded per Amy Baker, District Accountant.*]

d. **Water Department Budget**

Dan Brady said Water Rental lines are being renamed as Water Consumption lines both in Revenues and Expenditures. Bob Long explained the proposed transfer of budget surplus from last year to a new capital reserve account with no restrictions will be used to offset the anticipated price increases from Woodsville Water & Light.

e. Warrant Articles

Mike Bonanno asked if we should ask the Town of Haverhill to kick in some of the cost of the dry hydrants since Mountain Lakes is paying an additional tax now. Dan Brady said that could be done after the budget cycle begins.

Water Committee Update:

Chris Demers said contracts have been signed for outside services – Harold Clough as consultant and Kevin Horne for maintenance projects. Bob Long said state is working with Woodsville Water & Light to determine what they should be charging and Mountain Lakes is working with consultants from North Carolina to explore options and find funding sources if Mountain Lakes decides to do something without Woodsville Water & Light. Bob Long said the community continues to use about 20,000 gallons a day.

Planning Board Update:

Mike Bonanno said number of incidents is down dramatically and the Board is only working on one incident at this time.

Recreation Update:

Winterfest is tentatively set for Saturday, March 2. The next Recreation Committee meeting is Saturday, January 19 at 4:00 pm followed by Movie Night at the Lodge.

Review – Commissioners Action Item List:

Bob Long – working on state wide purchasing with Kristi Garofalo (Dan Brady provided contact info) – checked with Amy Baker and flyers can be inserted with water bills – followed up with resident on Windsor Lane re: removal of brush and sent letter to confirm it was okay – sent district email welcoming Kristi Garofalo as new Administrative Assistant – prepared Clough and Horne contracts for commissioner approval – will send letter to owner of lot on Kearsarge Drive.

Chris Demers – Stan Borkowski looking at brush pile at Killer Hill to determine if action needed – followed up with resident with vehicle in violation of ordinance and vehicle has been removed.

Beverly Jacobs – Lodge attendant has been hired – locks on women’s bathroom doors have been changed at the Lodge.

New Business:

Fines: Bob Long reported a question came up at the Planning Board meeting regarding fining resident for non-compliance with zoning regulations. Mike Bonanno said his research showed fines cannot be charged without court involvement. Dan Brady suggested returning \$25 fine collected last year from resident. Bob Long made a motion the money for the fine be refunded, Chris Demers seconded and motion passed. Bob Long and Kristi Garofalo will look up the fine and prepare refund to the resident.

Chris Demers made a motion to adjourn and Bob Long seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristi Garofalo