

MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS MEETING

May 13, 2013

APPROVED

Call to Order: Chris Demers called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

Roll Call: Bob Long, Beverly Jacobs, Chris Demers

Residents in Attendance: David Martella, Ed Rajsteter, Grete D'Hondt, Ken King, Cindy Williams, Dottie Long, Roger Warren, Barbara Warren, David Long, Heather Long and Tom Eighmy

Approval of Minutes: Chris Demers moved to approve the minutes, Bob Long seconded.

District Business:

- **Manifests from 5/7 to 5/13:** Chris Demers moved to approve the manifest, Bob Long seconded and motion passed.
- **Financials:** Financial reports from Amy Baker, district accountant, were reviewed. Bob Long noted the bank charges line showed a deficit and said Amy Baker will move interest charges to the correct lines after she gets information from the bank next month..

Water Committee Update:

- **Water/Maintenance Report:** Chris Demers read the report from maintenance/water supervisor Donald Drew. Highlights include: Mailbox lighting project is 99% done and excavating should start next week for playground and dry hydrants projects. The multi-use court resealing and the Lodge tree line clearing projects are both done. A new Lodge sign has been received; audio and video security systems should also be completed soon. Water usage is around 23,000 gallons per day and most seasonal homeowners have had their water turned back on. A boat washing area will be set up next to the office to cleanse all floating devices before going in the lakes.
- **Water Bills:** 2013 water bills went out last month and about 30% have been paid. The commissioners reviewed correspondence from a water customer regarding finance charges. Chris Demers said we would send correspondence to the customer explaining the finance charges billed are for balances left unpaid from last year as stated in the tariff. *Kristi Garofalo will work with Bob Long to respond to the customer's concerns.*

Planning Board Update:

- **Yard Sale Signs:** Chris Demers stated the Planning Board reviewed the covenants and easements and could not find anything against yard sale signs. Chris Demers said the Planning Board will do a survey to gather residents' opinions and set rules for yard sales.
- **Lake Quality Report:** Tom Eighmy presented information from the 2012 VLAP assessment showing chlorophyll and phosphorus levels of the upper (south) lake were elevated and at the highest measured levels since monitoring began. Mr. Eighmy recommended a boat washing facility be set up for the summer months with washed boats being marked with a sticker. He also recommended a community education effort to strongly encourage lakeside vegetative buffers to curb surface runoff.

Recreation Update:

- **Scholarship:** Beverly Jacobs said two potential recipients were named by WHS guidance office for the MLD scholarship. Bob Long recommended splitting the scholarship, Chris Demers and Beverly Jacobs agreed. *Beverly Jacobs will call WHS to notify them of the decision.*
- **Summer staff:** Heather Long read a letter from Francine Bowman, summer program director, regarding plans to have lifeguards staff the snack bar on a rotating basis and their shifts will run from 11:30 to 6:00 daily.
- **Recreation Committee Meetings:** Heather Long said the Committee will be meeting on Thursday nights at the Lodge and have a “Game Night” for kids while their parents attend the meeting. Discussion was held that we need licensing to show movies at Recreation events. Bob Long said *Francine Bowman is researching license options.*
- **Ropes Course:** Ed Rajsteter suggested a possible partnership with the Upper Valley Stewardship Center in Pike for events with their new ropes course. After discussion, the commissioners agreed Ed Rajsteter would let the Stewardship Center know MLD is interested and find out when the next meeting will be held.

Review – Commissioners Action Item List:

- **Bob Long:** Fire permit requirement has been added to Lodge guidelines – Letter has been sent re: slash pile on Killer Hill – Bob Long is checking into possibly MLD taking ownership of Kearsarge Drive lot with foundation and has asked for price to knock down existing foundation

Background check information for summer employees: Bob Long said background checks can be done under 18 although juvenile records will be sealed. The commissioners agreed at last month’s meeting to require checks on employees 18 and over. Bob Long made a new motion to do background checks on all new hires and rehires age 16 and older. Chris Demers seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- **Chris Demers:** Several responses have been received to the call for volunteers to serve on the Planning and Forestry Committee. *Chris Demers will interview those interested to build the new committee.*

New Business:

- **Fire Danger Signs:** Don Drew ordered 2 “Fire Danger” signs to be installed on French Pond Road. Mike Bonanno will update signs as needed with Don Drew as backup.
- **Haverhill Civic Forum:** Plymouth State University Center for Rural Partnerships asked if MLD would be interested in holding Civic Forums about the quality of life in our area. The meetings would last about two hours and they would like approximately 20 residents to participate. *Bob Long will send out an email asking for interested participants.*
- **Monahan Lot Donation:** Robert and Linda Monahan have offered to donate 1.278 acres on Skiway Terrace to MLD. Bob Long made a motion to accept donation and accept Monahan’s offer to pay the legal fees associated with the transfer. Chris Demers seconded and motion passed. *Bob Long will contact the Monahans to move forward in accepting the donation.*

Chris Demers moved to adjourn and Beverly Jacobs seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristi Garofalo