

**MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT
COMMISSIONERS MEETING
July 13, 2013
*APPROVED***

Call to Order: Chris Demers called the meeting to order at 9:32 am.

Roll Call: Bob Long, Beverly Jacobs, Chris Demers

Residents in Attendance: Jessica Brusseau, Grete D'Hondt, Tom Eighmy, Beverly Eighmy, David Martella, Don Keating, Barbara Keating, Bill Clark, Charlotte Clark, David Long, Heather Long, Jessica Godbout, Charlie Herdman, Lois Keenan-Gavin, Ken King, Laraine King, Randy Berenson, Cindy Berenson, Rosie Farr, Dylan Farr, Deb Regen and Dottie Long

Approval of Minutes from July 13 meeting: Chris Demers moved to approve the minutes, Bob Long seconded and motion passed.

District Business:

- **Manifests:** Chris Demers made a motion to approve the District manifests from June 11, 2013 to July 9, 2013. Bob Long seconded and motion passed.
- **Financials:** Financial reports for Water Dept. and District accounts for the period ending June 30, 2013 were reviewed and approved.

Water Committee Update: Chris Demers read highlights from Water Committee minutes: Chuck Goodling of Dubois & King is still compiling pricing information on a new water system. Water usage is estimated to be 70,000 gpd when Mountain Lakes reaches its maximum of 450 homes (currently 320). Ken King stated current maximum usage is 50,000 gpd and Chris Demers said new system should be designed for maximum usage to avoid having to re-do the system as Mountain Lakes grows. Bob Long said a meeting was held with Dubois & King and NHDES last week. Two options are: 1) to redo the infiltration well (state has said if that is done, some form of filtration system would still have to be done) and 2) to draw directly from the lake and that would require some kind of filtration as well. A waiver to have a filtration system was denied on Friday and the committee will research the reasons.

Water /Maintenance Update: Chris Demers read the report from Don Drew, Water/Maintenance Supervisor. Highlights include: Nathan Smith joined the summer maintenance staff; VLAP tested the lakes on July 8; the boat washing area has been well-received; Forestry Committee will meet with the Grafton County Forester on July 22 to walk the green belts; dry hydrants have been installed and will be tested July 15; water usage was high during 4th of July week (47,000 gpd) but is back to normal at 25,000 gpd; cloudy/dirty water was reported in the French Pond area but no problems were found with the water system and problems have since cleared up; one home on Hill Top reported a low/no water issue, but their plumber fixed the problem in the house. The play set project has been started, but the water level needs to go down to continue the work. If not down soon, maintenance will manually lower the water level. The play set build will take about a week to complete if no problems are found.

- **Beach Sand:** Residents questioned whether the beach sand is raked daily and whether it can be reworked to get rid of bugs. It was also requested grass clippings from mowing along the beaches be bagged to avoid unsightly muck at the beach edge. *Bob Long will check with Francine to make sure entire beach is raked daily and that trash and buckets for cigarette butts are emptied regularly. He will also check with Don Drew to see if the sand can be reworked and if lawn clippings can be bagged.*
- **North Beach:** Deb Regen reported people from outside the district are using the north beach on White Mountain Drive. Chris Demers recommended getting license plate numbers and reporting to police. After discussion, it was decided to ask all residents to get involved by reporting (not confronting) people who are not from the district. *Beverly Jacobs also volunteered to help monitor the area regularly.*
- **Common Areas:** The flowers and landscaping in the Mountain Lakes common areas were complimented by residents and they applauded Robert Roudebush and Peter Olander's hard work on the Mountain Lakes landscaping projects.

VLAP Update: Tom Eighmy reported the Voluntary Lake Assessment Program has been going on for ten years now and a good database has been developed. The 2013 sampling was done on July 8 and will have results later this year. The 2012 report identified two principal threats to the quality of the lakes: 1) invasive species control and 2) groundwater runoff with associated peak chlorophyll and phosphorus levels. The new boat washing station is helping with the first issue and Tom Eighmy noted water toys are also carriers and should be cleaned before use in our lakes.

Regarding groundwater runoff, Tom Eighmy said Mountain Lakes faces challenges: the lakes are relatively new (man-made, not glacier-formed), we have a lot of steep slopes, and we have a relatively dense unpaved road network. Bob Long stated Stuart McDanolds, road agent from the Town of Haverhill, is committed to retrenching our ditches to help with runoff. *Bob Long will follow up with him.*

Tom Eighmy said E coli levels are tested regularly and are low/good. Tom Eighmy said inlet testing results are relatively low so phosphorus is coming from runoff from properties. He recommended not using fertilizers and trying to keep a buffer zone of vegetation at the water edge. Residents applauded Tom Eighmy for his hard work.

Forestry Committee Update: The next meeting will be July 22 with Grafton County Forester, David Falkenham. Tom Eighmy expressed concern that a forestry program should not be focused on financial gain, but on the health of our wooded areas and lakes. Chris Demers said the main goals are the health of the forests and animals as well as fire protection, but if some profit can come from cleaning up blow-downs, etc. the district will be open to that.

Recreation Update: Beverly Jacobs thanked Francine Bowman and the Rec. Committee for their hard work this summer. Heather Long said Rec. Committee is in full swing, they are open to ideas from residents, and the next meeting will be July 18.

- **Responsible Adult Pool Program:** Bob Long talked with Carl Wagner, Health and Safety Advisor from the Local Government Center (LGC handles the district's liability insurance). Mr.

Wagner strongly recommended against the Responsible Adult Pool Program. Due to that recommendation and recent incidents when the pool has been left unlocked, Bob Long read a draft of a recommendation to eliminate the Responsible Adult Pool Program and work with Francine Bowman, Summer Program Director, to find ways to keep the pool open at least on Friday and Saturday evenings. After discussion, Bob Long made a motion to discontinue the program effective immediately, Chris Demers seconded and motion passed.

Review – Commissioners Action Items List:

Chris Demers/Bob Long:

- Land Donations/Purchases: Regarding Monahan donation, Chris Demers contacted Gary Wood, attorney for the Town of Haverhill, who suggested considering whether it is desirable to accept donated lots since they would be removed from tax rolls. Bob Long said the Town of Haverhill would take Kearsarge property back if foundation was removed. Bob Long also discussed an email regarding purchase of the land around the dam and spillway. *After discussion, it was decided Chris Demers would look into creating a trust for Mountain Lakes land. Bob Long will follow up on email re: land purchase.*

Bob Long:

- Speed bumps: the cost for speed bumps on the causeway would be about \$800 and we would also need signs at a cost of \$1000-1200. *Kristi Garofalo will bring issue up at budget time.* Beach party: The resident who asked for permission to hold a church event on the beach won't be using the beach after all.
- Video Surveillance Review Policy: As requested by several residents, Bob Long presented a draft of a video policy requiring two staff members/commissioners to review videos and only if needed because of an incident. Chris Demers made a motion to approve the policy as written, Beverly Jacobs seconded and motion passed.

Beverly Jacobs:

- Movies can be shown at Rec. Committee events if they are old enough to be in public domain. *Beverly Jacobs will follow up with Francine Bowman to make sure we check with LGC about their parameters for liability and reduced costs if communities band together for video licenses.*

New Business:

- **Non-smoking Areas:** Residents have complained about smoking on the beaches where children play. After attendees discussed several options, Bob Long made a motion to ban all smoking on the lower beach and around the pool effective immediately. Chris Demers seconded and motion passed.
- **Veteran Discount:** A resident recently asked if Mountain Lakes offers veteran's discounts. Mountain Lakes does not offer discounts on goods or services. Bob Long noted the Town of Haverhill does offer a veteran's discount on property taxes.

Chris Demers made a motion to adjourn and Beverly Jacobs seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 11:32 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristi Garofalo