

**MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT
COMMISSIONERS MEETING
May 12, 2014
*UNAPPROVED***

Call to Order: Chris Demers called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Roll Call: Bob Long, Chris Demers, Jessica Brusseau

Residents in Attendance: Daniel Brady, Fred Garofalo, Grete D'Hondt, Kirsten Bielarski, Robert Rodebush, and Dottie Long.

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

District Business:

Manifests: Chris Demers moved to approve the District manifests for April 29, 2014 to May 12, 2014. Jessica Brusseau seconded and motion passed. Chris Demers moved to approve the Water Dept. manifests for April 29, 2014 to May 12, 2014. Bob Long seconded and motion passed.

Financials: Financial reports for Water Dept. and District accounts ending April 30, 2014 were reviewed and approved. *Bob Long will talk to District accountant Amy Baker about transferring funds from the Water Dept. surplus into the Capital Reserve accounts.*

Water Bill Report: The commissioners reviewed a report provided by Kristi Garofalo, Administrative Assistant, showing outstanding water bills totaling over \$74,000. The commissioners also reviewed statements for past due accounts and approved a list of customers to be given disconnect notices. Dan Brady asked if the commissioners could hold private sessions for water bill matters to ensure confidentiality and make better use of the public's time. *Bob Long will contact the NHMA to find out if water bill discussion can be done in a non-public session.*

Mountain Lakes Scholarship: Jessica Brusseau reported four Mountain Lakes seniors are graduating this year. Three are going to college and one is going into the service. *Dan Brady volunteered to research scholarship processes used by other groups.* Jessica Brusseau suggested awarding a \$375 scholarship to each senior and presenting the student going into the service with a flag flown at Mountain Lakes. Dan Brady suggested giving a gift certificate with the flag. Bob Long made a motion to raise the scholarship line to \$1225 for three \$375 scholarships and a \$100 gift certificate to go with the Mountain Lakes flag. Chris Demers seconded and motion passed.

Zoning Board Appointments: Bob Long stated the appointments of Karen Rajsteter and Erin Chasse to the Zoning Board of Appeal have expired; and he made a motion to re-appoint both of them for another three year term. Chris Demers seconded and the motion passed.

Maintenance/Water Update: The commissioners reviewed the monthly report from Don Drew. Maintenance highlights: Docks are in; rafts and beach areas will be ready by the end of May; the new swing set will be here soon; the office basement is being cleaned and foundation cracks are being repaired; and Don is assisting Robert Roudebush with Wildlife and Beautification projects.

Water Department highlights included: Water usage is just under 20,000 gpd; the Water Committee is continuing exploratory efforts to look for gravel deposits with a possible water source; and they are also planning a public meeting in July to discuss the dam outlet rehab project in July/August of 2015. Bob Long reported plans are to start lowering the lake in July 2015 so construction can be done during the driest part of the season and the public meeting is being held to hear residents' questions about the project.

Planning Board Update: Chris Demers reported the Board toured several properties at their last meeting, including that of James Cole on Windsor Lane. Mr. Cole requested permission from the District to cut down several trees on District land adjoining the Cole property because the trees could damage his home if they fell. Chris Demers reported that after touring Mr. Cole's property, the Board recommended approving his plan for

cutting down the trees provided: a) the trees are removed completely b) the area is cleaned up and debris removed and c) proof of insurance coverage is provided. The Commissioners agreed to approve Mr. Cole's request with those conditions and **Bob Long will draft a letter to send to Mr. Cole giving him a six month deadline to complete the project.**

The Board investigated other properties in disrepair and is sending correspondence to the owners. **Kristi Garofalo will provide Bob Long with a copy of the letters to be sent.**

Forestry Committee Update: Chris Demers reported the group met with Harry Burgess, surveyor and forester. Mr. Burgess reported signs of timber harvesting on District land near Skiway. Bob Long presented information showing roughly nine acres of District land was clear cut and 15 acres were select cut sometime between 2003 and 2011. **Bob Long will call a state hotline to report the timber cutting.** Bob Long made a motion to recommend the Forestry Committee hold off on forestry work in the Skiway area and concentrate on the 172 acres off T & C Way until the Skiway matter is investigated. Chris Demers seconded the motion and it passed.

Recreation Update: Grete D'Hondt reported the Committee put together a list of projects for the Lodge and **Jessica Brusseau will talk to Don Drew to get his ideas.** The Recreation Committee will meet monthly on the fourth Wednesday at 7:00 pm at the Lodge except for July and August when they will meet the same Saturday as the summer Commissioners meeting. The Memorial Day Potluck will be on May 24 and Jessica and Travis Hanson will host the "S'mores on the Beach" events every other Friday night starting on June 20. **Jessica Brusseau will get fire permits for the beach and Lodge.** Opening Day will be June 21 and the Block Party will be on August 29. Plans for a moonlight kayak event co-sponsored by the North Haverhill Recreation Department are also being discussed.

Action Items Review:

Bob Long: sent information about a settlement proposal regarding the Connole property/spillway area to the attorney for advice, but has not heard anything back yet.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Fire Dept. Training: Local Fire Departments requested use of District property for training on May 19. Bob Long moved to approve the request, Jessica Brusseau seconded and motion passed.

Restorative Justice: Robert Roudebush spoke about the Restorative Justice program for youth offenders who have committed non-violent/non-drug related/non-sexual offenses. He asked if the District would be willing to let the young people serve community service hours in the District with Robert Roudebush or another trained adult program member providing supervision. After discussion, Bob Long made a motion to approve the request, Chris Demers seconded and motion passed.

Killer Hill Speed/Signage: Bob Long reported he spoke to the Haverhill police chief regarding a resident's email about drivers speeding through the stop sign at the Vernon Drive/Lakeside Drive intersection and down Killer Hill. The chief recommended making Killer Hill a one-way road going the opposite way or putting a stop sign at the top of the hill. The chief also said he would increase police presence in the area. Grete D'Hondt suggested allowing foot traffic only on Killer Hill and Jessica Brusseau raised concerns about fire support access if the road were closed to vehicle traffic. Concerns were also raised about road maintenance if the road were made a one-way in the opposite direction or if it were abandoned. Fred Garofalo suggested posting the road with removable barriers for emergency and maintenance vehicles. **Bob Long will discuss various options with Don Drew and report at the next meeting.**

Chris Demers moved to adjourn and Bob Long seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristi Garofalo