

**MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT
COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

July 12, 2014

UNAPPROVED

Call to Order: Chris Demers called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.

Roll Call: Bob Long, Chris Demers, Jessica Brusseau

Residents in Attendance: Tony Salvucci, Antonetta Salvucci, Darlene Simboli, Mary Landers, Ed Rajsteter, Tom Eighmy, Beverly Eighmy, Ken King, Mike Bonanno, Dottie Long, Barbara Keating, Robert Roudebush, Peter Olander, David Martella, Travis Hanson, Jessica Hanson, Patricia Brady, Daniel Brady, Barbara Warren, Roger Warren, David Selent, Joe McQueeney, David Long, Raymond Flaherty, Heather Long, Shaun Porter, Leslie Porter, Grete D'Hondt, and Donna Tillmon.

Water Committee Update:

Lower Dam Spillway Project: Ed Rajsteter introduced Shaun Patenaude and Ryan Libby from DuBois & King. Shaun Patenaude explained the Mountain Lakes dam is classified as a high hazard dam and the state is mandating the replacement of the principal spillway system. Construction is planned for July-August of 2015; the level of the lower lake will drop 16-18 feet for 6-8 weeks and may see refill start at the end of August. The upper lake will not be affected. The cost will be approximately \$175,000 and the permitting process will start in October 2014 with several opportunities for public input. Shaun Patenaude will provide a FAQ sheet for homeowners seeking DES wetlands permits to repair their shoreline, docks, etc. during the project and more information about the Spillway project as a whole will be posted on the District website.

Water Source Development: Ed Rajsteter reported the state wants to shut down the current infiltration well and the Committee was looking at Woodsville Water & Light as the sole water source until Nobis Engineering suggested the possibility of gravel wells. The Committee recommended the commissioners approve \$7,100 for Phase 1 of the Nobis proposal to locate test drills. Bob Long made a motion to follow the Committee's recommendation, Jessica Brusseau seconded, and the motion was approved.

Bob Long noted Ed Rajsteter was stepping down as chairman of the Water Committee and thanked him for his outstanding work.

Approval of Minutes:

June 9 Meeting: Chris Demers moved to approve the minutes. Bob Long seconded and motion passed.

District Business:

Manifests: Chris Demers moved to approve the manifests for June 10, 2014 to July 7, 2014. Bob Long seconded and motion passed.

Financials: Financial reports for Water Dept. and District accounts for the period ending June 30, 2014 were reviewed and approved.

Water Bill Report: The commissioners reviewed a report provided by Kristi Garofalo, Administrative Assistant, showing outstanding water bills totaling over \$52,000 with approximately \$21,000 owed on payment plans. The commissioners approved the office recommendation of a disconnect notice and lien process for one customer.

Maintenance/Water Update: Don Drew, Water and Maintenance Supervisor, gave the following highlights from his monthly report: the tennis courts have been recoated, the pool is working well, buoys have been placed to mark swimming areas, new flooring has been installed in the O'Brien Room at the Lodge, the new swing set and horseshoe pit will be installed soon, new dry hydrant signs are up. Water highlights include: water usage is around 27,000 gpd this week but peaked at over 50,000 gpd over the holiday; the 2014 Consumer Confidence Report is available on the website or by mail; the water chambers have been cleaned and inspected; a leak on Hanover Drive was quickly repaired by the homeowner's contractor; the bedrock well source has a pump issue which is in the process of being evaluated and repaired.

Don Drew also noted the Volunteer Lake Assessment Program testing was done this week and thanked resident Tom Eighmy for all his work with the program. Results of the testing will be available later this year.

Planning Board Update: Chris Demers reported the Board is working on regulations and a permitting process for swimming pools within the District.

Forestry Update: Dave Long gave an overview of the Forestry Committee's plans to selectively remove trees and clean up District green spaces. The Committee received several quotes and recommended Harry Burgess, local forester and surveyor, who will work on a percentage basis and no upfront cost to the District. Bob Long made a motion to give approval for Harry Burgess to start work on the 174 acres up near the power lines. Chris Demers seconded and motion was passed.

Bob Long reported Harry Burgess and the state forester are continuing to investigate the possible timber cutting violation in the Skiway area. Dave Long said the Forestry Committee will meet on the fourth Thursday each month and the next meeting is July 24.

Recreation Update: Grete D'Hondt reported there were a record number of kids on the beach over July 4th weekend and the activities were very well received. The Luau will be August 2 and a moonlight kayaking activity is planned for August 9. Jessica and Travis Hanson reminded everyone of the s'mores and campfires on the beach every other Friday night. Heather Long reported the Rec. Committee is starting a Teen Rec. Committee for ages 12-18 and any teens interested in planning activities are asked to contact her.

Action Items Review:

Bob Long: meeting with District accountant Amy Baker regarding funds transfers; Killer Hill is on today's agenda; info sent to District attorney re: spillway issue; rafts are in.

Jessica Brusseau: fire danger signs are in; quote to inspect Lodge appliances was high, investigating replacing them altogether.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Killer Hill/Lakeside Drive Intersection: Bob Long reported he talked to Haverhill's road agent and police chief regarding options for Killer Hill. Shaun Porter suggested speed bumps; Bob Long said that would cause a problem with runoff and road grading. Barbara Warren suggested a speed "dip"; ***Don Drew to talk to road agent to see if that would be a possibility.*** Grete D'Hondt suggested making the road a dead end with emergency access for EMS vehicles. Tom Eighmy suggested gated opening with cards or pressure plate to trigger the gate. Tony Salvucci suggested security cameras to catch those who run the intersection. Bob Long said the District can't enforce, but maybe the information could be given to the town for enforcement. It was agreed ***Don Drew would contact the police chief for more information and also work with Ken King to research cameras for the area***

Harrington Letter – Unused playground Equipment: Ed Harrington offered to buy the unused monkey bars sitting in the corner of the south beach because they had sentimental value to his family. After discussion, Don Drew recommended working to install the monkey bars and if it can't be done, he will let the commissioners know. The commissioners agreed.

Address Numbers: Mike Bonanno reported visible address numbers are critical for emergency vehicles and Haverhill may levy fines if numbers can't be seen from the road. ***Kristi Garofalo will send out a mass email reminding residents to make sure their numbers are visible.***

Chris Demers moved to adjourn and Jessica Brusseau seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristi Garofalo