

**MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT
COMMISSIONERS MEETING
October 13, 2014
*APPROVED***

Call to Order: Chris Demers called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

Roll Call: Bob Long, Chris Demers, Jessica Brusseau

Residents in Attendance: Ken King, Laraine King, David Martella, Fred Harris, Barbara Warren, Roger Warren, Janice Neubauer, Fred Garofalo, Charlie Edson, Ann Edson, Dottie Long, Peter Olander, Robert Roudebush, Peter Roudebush, Joe McQueeney, Marilyn Grunthal, Melvyn Grunthal, David Selent and Marcia Selent.

Special Business: Bob Long read a letter recognizing Charlie and Ann Edson for their years of service to the District including founding the Wildlife and Beautification committee. In recognition of their ongoing dedication and commitment to the District, Bob Long made a motion “to dedicate and name the park area behind the mailboxes as of this date October 13, 2014, and in perpetuity, the park shall be known as Edson Park.” Chris Demers seconded and the motion passed unanimously. A brief recess followed while the Edsons were congratulated and shown the stone marker with the inscription “Edson Park - October 13, 2014 - with thanks to Charlie and Ann” which will be installed in the park garden. After the recess, Charlie Edson thanked everyone for the honor and praised the hard work of Robert Roudebush for his beautification efforts with the help of Peter Olander.

Approval of Minutes:

September 8 Meeting: Chris Demers moved to approve; Bob Long seconded. Motion passed.

District Business:

Manifests: Chris Demers moved to approve the manifests for September 29, 2014 to October 13, 2014. Bob Long seconded and motion passed.

Financials: Financial reports for Water Dept. and District accounts for the period ending September 30, 2014 were reviewed and approved. Bob Long noted the financials look good with approximately 25% left with three months to go.

Water Bill Report: The commissioners reviewed a report from Kristi Garofalo, Administrative Assistant, showing outstanding water bills totaling just over \$31,000.

Administrative Assistant hours: Bob Long made a motion to increase the administrative assistant’s hours from 20 hours to 25 hours per week due to Kristi Garofalo taking over more work from the district accountant. Jessica Brusseau seconded and motion passed.

Maintenance/Water Update: The commissioners reviewed the report from Don Drew, Water and Maintenance Supervisor. Maintenance highlights include: the pool is winterized; rafts, docks, buoys are out of the water; seasonal mowing and brush hogging is in process; trees are scheduled to be removed near the pool house and the south beach; the door at the Lodge has been replaced; and preparations are being made for spring beach improvement projects. Water highlights: The water system is currently using 20,000 to 24,000 gpd; water service for new owner of the home across from the Lodge entrance has been inspected and approved; will meet with engineering representative Jim Vernon and drilling contractor on Oct. 16 or 18 to walk possible well sites for test drilling by the end of the month.

Water Committee Update: Bob Long reported the committee continues to work with Nobis Engineering to identify areas of aquifers in the District. Phase 2 of the water sourcing project is test

drilling to see if the needed yields are possible and the cost will be \$33,800. Bob Long made a motion to move forward with Phase 2 of the water sourcing project. Chris Demers seconded and motion passed.

Planning Board Update: Chris Demers reported the Board reviewed the zoning permit and zoning incident tracking reports and continued work on mapping changes and swimming pool definitions. They also approved changes to the Building Process Flowchart and the FAQs (both will be made available on the website soon) and made recommendations for the 2015 budget to the Budget Committee.

Forestry Update: Bob Long reported Harry Burgess, surveyor and forester, is providing an agreement for selective cutting on District land near the power lines which should be available by the next commissioners meeting. The committee also agreed to let Harry Burgess decide which logger to use.

Barbara Warren asked if residents can work together to get discounts for tree maintenance on private lots. The commissioners agreed an email could be sent to gauge interest and Barbara Warren volunteered to help coordinate such projects. The commissioners also agreed the District Office would continue to coordinate “septic parties” where residents can schedule their septic cleanings at a reduced cost. *Kristi Garofalo and Barbara Warren will work on tree care and septic cleaning projects.*

Recreation Update: Jessica Brusseau reported the OktoberFest was very successful with children enjoying events like Dress the Scarecrow and Donuts on a String. The next Rec Committee event is Trunk or Treat on Nov. 1. Volunteers are needed to dress up, decorate their car trunks, and pass out candy for children – those interested can call the office or contact the Rec Committee on Facebook.

Action Items Review:

Bob Long: Sent a District email encouraging budget process participation. Discussed traffic flow issue at Lakeside/Vernon intersection with Don Drew and town officials; consensus was the best resolution is a stop sign on Lakeside just before Vernon Drive. Bob Long made a motion to request the town place a stop sign at that location; Jessica Brusseau seconded and motion passed. *Bob Long will draft a letter to the Haverhill road agent, town manager and police chief requesting the stop sign installation.*

Chris Demers: Working with Lynn Wheeler to research town road ownership. Time constraints at the Planning Board meeting prevented discussion of ways to inform residents of zoning changes.

Old Business:

- Mountain Lakes roads: Bob Long reported about 20 residents attended the Sept. 22 Haverhill selectboard meeting to present concerns about District roads and the board seemed open to District ideas. He also reported he attended the Oct. 6 meeting and board member Lynn Wheeler did a great job of researching our roads. He said Glenn English has asked the UNH group to look at Haverhill’s gravel roads and the commissioners will continue monitoring to ensure the project moves forward.

New Business:

- Bob Long reported Erin Chasse, ZBA member, has moved out of the District and resigned from the Board. *Kristi Garofalo will contact ZBA chair Karen Rajsteter for a recommendation on a new appointment to present to the commissioners.*

Chris Demers moved to adjourn and Jessica Brusseau seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristi Garofalo