

**MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT
COMMISSIONERS MEETING
February 9, 2015
*UNAPPROVED***

Call to Order: Chris Demers called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call: Bob Long, Chris Demers, Jessica Brusseau

In Attendance: Dan Brady, Dottie Long, Grete D'Hondt, Ken King, Fred Garofalo, Chief Byron Charles (Haverhill Police Department), Sgt. Wallace Trott (Haverhill Police Department), and Amy Baker (District Accountant).

Special Presentation: Chief Charles opened his presentation by asking what the community needed from the Police Department. Bob Long thanked him for his help with the Lakeside Drive stop sign issue and summer drive-thru patrols in the District. Dan Brady said patrols do get noticed and seem to be a deterrent. Chief Charles said the department sees an increase in break-ins when houses are unoccupied in winter and suggested that if property owners are going to be absent for an extended time, they should check into using the RSVP program where trained volunteers check unoccupied homes on a weekly basis as needed.

Chief Charles also presented information showing that from January to October of last year, Haverhill Police Department completed 43 felony investigations and turned them over to Grafton County for prosecution. This number was 29% of cases Grafton County received in that time frame and is more than Plymouth, Littleton, and other towns in our area. Chief Charles said he believes it is in the town's best interest to hire an additional officer and promote an existing officer to detective to work solely on felony investigations. He said for eighteen years there has been no increase in department personnel and creating the detective position would free up other officers to do patrols instead of investigative work. His proposal is part of the Haverhill town budget and he asked for voter support.

Approval of Minutes:

January 12 meeting: Chris Demers moved to approve; Bob Long seconded. Motion passed.

District Business:

Manifests: Chris Demers moved to approve the manifests for January 13 to February 9, 2015. Bob Long seconded and motion passed.

Financials: Financial reports for Water Department and District accounts for the period ending January 31, 2015 were reviewed and approved with the notation that the budget numbers used for the financials are subject to approval by voters at the annual meeting.

Water Bill Report: The commissioners reviewed a report from Kristi Garofalo, Administrative Assistant, showing outstanding water bills totaling over \$23,000.

50th Anniversary Committee: The commissioners agreed to provide a signup sheet at the annual meeting for residents interested in volunteering for the 50th Anniversary Committee. They also agreed a 50th anniversary cake at the annual meeting would be a nice way to kick off anniversary celebrations in 2015. *Jessica Brusseau will contact Riverbend Technical Institute and JAG to see if they are interested in creating an anniversary cake.*

Maintenance/Water Update: The commissioners reviewed the monthly report from Don Drew, Water and Maintenance Supervisor. Maintenance highlights included: repairs, cleanup and organization in the office basement; Lodge stairlift had to be repaired due to misuse during a rental; the Lodge attendant

will be on duty during the school holiday Feb. 23rd-27th plus weekends; and getting ready for Winter Fest on Feb. 28.

Water department highlights included: the water system is running well and usage is about 25,000 gallons per day; a blow off valve was activated on Milford Drive, but it was found early and the hydrant is now locked to prevent similar vandalism; meeting with Nobis Engineering and Eastern Analytical on Feb. 13 to do field studies regarding the sites found to have water quality issues.

Water Committee Update: Bob Long reviewed an agreement in which Nobis Engineering will work on the MtBE issues with the NH DES on behalf of the District and they will receive payment direct from the state. Bob Long made a motion to sign the agreement, Chris Demers seconded and motion passed.

Planning Board Update: Chris Demers reported there were no new permits or zoning incidents and the Board will begin creating a work plan for updating the master plan at their next meeting. Chris Demers said the Board requested Laura Sjolander's appointment be changed from alternate member to regular member to cover the remainder of Jessica Brusseau's term which would have expired in March 2016. Chris Demers made the motion in favor of the changes, Bob Long seconded and motion passed.

Forestry Update: Bob Long said an agreement has been signed with Tom Harris (logger), Harry Burgess (forester) and the District for the logging work in the 175-acre District-owned green space near the electrical towers. The logging process will start in the next couple of weeks.

Recreation Update: Grete D'Hondt reported the next event is Winter Fest which will be held Feb. 28. They are also planning a Blue Moon canoe/kayak event on July 31 in conjunction with Haverhill Recreation plus other regular events for this coming summer.

Action Items Review:

Bob Long: Sent out a District email asking for feedback about District roads not maintained by the town. He received three responses and will discuss them with Haverhill road agent Stuart McDanolds.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- **ZBA Appointments:** Bob Long discussed the following changes and renewal of appointments to be made to the ZBA:
 - **Karen Rajsteter:** previously re-appointed and needs to be re-sworn in at the annual meeting.
 - **Peter Olander:** Bob Long made a motion to re-appoint him for a three year term. Chris Demers seconded and motion passed.
 - **Don Dubrule:** Bob Long made a motion to re-appoint him for a three year term. Jessica Brusseau seconded and motion passed.
 - **Rosie Farr:** Bob Long made a motion to re-appoint her for a three year term. Jessica Brusseau seconded and motion passed.
 - **Erin Chasse:** She moved from the District and can no longer serve on the ZBA.
 - **Philip Mirchin:** He remains an alternate member; his term expires March 2016.

Chris Demers moved to adjourn and Jessica Brusseau seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristi Garofalo