

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

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

Roll Call: Chris Demers and Jessica Brusseau. Bob Long was absent.

In Attendance: Dan Brady, Grete D'Hondt, Ken King and Fred Garofalo.

Scholarship Program: Dan Brady recently met with a guidance counselor at Woodsville High School regarding the District scholarship. The school can create a list of Mountain Lakes seniors and they would like a commissioner or other representative to present the award at Class Night each year. The school would like to provide the District with student names and short bios and then the District would choose the recipient. Ken King recommended the school choose the recipient because otherwise it could leave to problems and hard feelings. Jessica Brusseau said the Fire Association scholarship program uses a point system to avoid bias and award scholarships. *She will bring in information from the Fire Association program to see if it can be used to create a similar Mountain Lakes program.* The commissioners agreed to table the issue until the next meeting.

Special Guest – Sherri Sargent, Haverhill Recreation: Sherri Sargent said she appreciated the opportunities to cooperate with the District on the Moonlight Kayak event and Winter Fest and wants to continue working together on events. She said the Haverhill Rec Committee came up with the idea to hold a Cold Turkey Plunge (similar to a Polar Bear Plunge) in November. She asked if the commissioners would be open to the idea of using the District beaches and lakes for the event. Jessica Brusseau asked if rescue teams would be available in case they were needed. Sherri Sargent said they will definitely make safety arrangements, but they wanted to find out if Mountain Lakes wanted to be part of the event first. Chris Demers made a motion to allow the idea for the use of the beach and lakes to move forward. Jessica Brusseau seconded and the motion passed.

Grete D'Hondt will take the Cold Turkey Plunge idea to the Mountain Lakes Recreation Committee so they can discuss and coordinate with Haverhill Recreation. Sherri Sargent will send a letter regarding use of the Lakes to the commissioners for their approval and she will work with the Mountain Lakes Recreation Committee.

Approval of Minutes:

Budget Hearing Feb. 9: Chris Demers moved to approve; Jessica Brusseau seconded. Motion passed.

Commissioners Meeting Feb. 9: Chris Demers moved to approve; Jessica Brusseau seconded. Motion passed.

District Business:

Manifests: Chris Demers moved to approve the manifests for February 10, 2015 to March 9, 2015. Jessica Brusseau seconded and motion passed.

Financials: Financial reports for Water Department and District accounts for the period ending February 28, 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 just over \$22,000.

Maintenance/Water Update: The commissioners reviewed the monthly report from Don Drew, Water and Maintenance Supervisor. Maintenance highlights included: lots of shoveling, clearing roofs, etc.; a cleaning service has been hired to do quarterly cleaning at the Lodge; and will soon put out bids for mowing and brush hog work for summer.

Water department highlights included: the water system is a little high at 30,000 gallons per day; did have some reports of frozen pipes, but very little water leakage; latest copper and lead testing showed the need for follow up tests and notifications; and the Lower Dam Project is moving forward.

Water Committee Update: Ken King reported they have been working with Nobis Engineering on further drilling to test for the MtBE issues. He said it will take some time to get the results, but the State is taking care of expenses and they are paying Nobis Engineering directly.

Planning Board Update: Chris Demers reported there were no new permits or zoning incidents. He said the Board is getting ready to update the master plan and they will be looking for input from District committees. The Board is looking for volunteers for the master plan committee and will have a signup sheet at the annual meeting.

Forestry Update: Chris Demers said TH Logging will be getting the log landing ready during mud season and the actual logging will begin when the roads re-open.

Recreation Update: Grete D'Hondt reported they had over 100 people attend the Winter Fest and they will plan for 150 people next year. The committee is also planning a Blue Moon canoe/kayak event on July 31 in conjunction with Haverhill Recreation, plus other regular events for this coming summer. The Committee would like to have the new swing set installed this spring and may ask Don Drew to attend a Rec Committee meeting to discuss options.

Action Items Review:

Jessica Brusseau: Ordered 50th anniversary cake for annual meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- **Planning Board Appointment:** Chris Demers noted that Don Dubrule's term on the Planning Board expires this month and made a motion to re-appoint him to the Planning Board for three years. Jessica Brusseau seconded and motion passed.
- **Exhaust Hood:** Grete D'Hondt asked if the exhaust hood in the snack bar could be removed since it hasn't been used in years. *Jessica Brusseau said she would send an email to Don Drew asking that it be removed.*
- **Snowmobiles on the Lakes:** Chris Demers said several snowmobiles have been reported driving across the Lakes; he has personally reported the traffic to the police and they are keeping a close eye on the Lakes.

Chris Demers moved to adjourn and Jessica Brusseau seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 6:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristi Garofalo