

**MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT
COMMISSIONERS MEETING
August 8, 2015
*UNAPPROVED***

Call to Order: Chris Demers called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

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

In Attendance: Ken King, Laraine King, Robert Roudebush, Joe McQueeney, David Martella, Tom Eighmy, Randy Berenson, Bill Clark, Charlotte Clark, Mary Smith, Tom O'Connor, Darlene Simboli and Dottie Long.

Commissioner Resignation and New Appointment: Chris Demers read a letter of resignation from Jessica Brusseau effective August 7, 2015. Bob Long made a motion to accept the resignation, Chris Demers seconded and the motion passed. A brief discussion was held about term length for a commissioner appointment since roughly one and a half years remained in Jessica Brusseau's term, but according to state statute, appointments to vacancies are good only until the next annual meeting. **Bob Long said he would get clarification of the term length.** Bob Long made a motion to appoint Laraine King as commissioner for a term to last at least until the next annual District meeting. Chris Demers seconded and the motion passed. District Moderator Robert Roudebush administered the oath of office to Laraine King and she was seated at the commissioners' table.

Approval of Minutes:

July 30: Chris Demers moved to approve; Bob Long seconded and motion passed.

District Business:

Manifests: Chris Demers moved to approve manifests from July 7, 2015 to August 3, 2015. Bob Long seconded; motion passed.

Financials: Financial reports for the period ending July 31, 2015 were reviewed and approved.

Water Bill Report: The commissioners reviewed a report from Kristi Garofalo, Administrative Assistant, showing more than \$138,800 in water payments received and outstanding water bills totaling over \$48,000. Bob Long made a motion to send disconnect notices to five customers noted on the report as seriously past due; Chris Demers seconded and motion passed.

Maintenance/Water Update: There was no written report from Maintenance/Water Dept. Supervisor Don Drew.

Water Committee Update: Bob Long reported the Water Committee worked with the engineering firm Dubois & King and the contractor CCS Constructors regarding the recent change order. He said that after several meetings & discussions, the District expressed their expectation that CCS would honor the construction contract and CCS agreed. On future change orders the District will ask D & K for the standard industry price, then hold CCS accountable. CCS plans to start excavation and pre-construction in two weeks and the pre-cast riser and outlet barrel unit should be delivered by Sept. 6. Construction should be finished about two weeks later and then the lake refilling process should begin. The water sourcing project is on hold and the state is working on the MtBE issue. The water system is running normally with usage at 25,000-30,000 gpd. Randy Berenson asked if there was a potential change coming in which engineering firm the District hires. Bob Long said the Water Committee will talk to several different firms when the next project comes up.

Discussion was held about ways to communicate beach rules to residents and guests and the suggestion was made that written rules be handed out when parking passes are issued, or the rules could even be printed on the back of the passes themselves. **Laraine King will check into the possibilities.** Tom O'Connor raised concerns about the amount of goose droppings around the bench on the hill, the grass around the parking lot and the grassy area near the playground. Bob Long said additional maintenance hours (7-10 per week) were devoted to clean-up this season and many compliments have been received so far this year. **Bob Long will talk to Don Drew about improving clean-up on the causeway.**

Planning Board Update: Chris Demers reported the Board reviewed four permit applications and two will go before the ZBA for variance requests. Discussion was held about the need for surveys to be required by the Board if all pins can't be found on a lot; **Chris Demers will communicate those concerns to the Board.**

Forestry Update: Chris Demers reported the Committee's meeting on July 23 was a walk-through the logging area. He said some trees have been bumped by the equipment and will have to be removed, but the landing area is holding up well. The first payment to the District of \$5580 has been deposited into the Forestry Capital Reserve account and there is more to come. Darlene Simboli asked if the Forestry Fund Committee was established yet; **Bob Long said he will contact the residents who volunteered to be on the committee to set a date for the first meeting.**

Recreation Update: Laraine King said there will be a Luau at the pool and a community yard sale on August 22, and the Block Party on the beach is set for September 5 from 4-8 with the annual fireworks display following after dark.

Action Items Review:

Chris Demers: left a message with Don Hammond (NHFD) regarding using a slash pile for training.
Bob Long: contacted North Country Council about assistance with updating the master plan and will help set time for the representative to meet with the Planning Board; other items are pending.
Laraine King: will take over Jessica Brusseau's action items

Old Business:

- **Lodge Revenue and Policies** – Tabled

New Business:

- Concerns were raised about the safety of children selling lemonade in the area near the mailbox cluster, particularly reports they were waving down cars on French Pond Road. **Bob Long said he will talk to their parents.**

Chris Demers moved to adjourn and Bob Long seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 10:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristi Garofalo