

**MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT  
COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
November 9, 2015  
\*UNAPPROVED\***

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

**Roll Call:** Bob Long, Chris Demers and Laraine King

**In Attendance:** Dottie Long, Ken King and Fred Garofalo.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Commissioners Meeting – Oct. 12:** Laraine King moved to approve; Bob Long seconded. Motion passed.

**District Business:**

**Manifests:** Chris Demers moved to approve manifests from October 13, 2015 to November 9, 2015. Bob Long seconded; motion passed.

**Financials:** Financial reports ending October 31, 2015 were reviewed and approved.

**Water Bill Report:** The commissioners reviewed and approved a report from Kristi Garofalo, Administrative Assistant, showing a total of \$153,783 in water payments received this year with outstanding bills totaling over \$34,538. Two accounts were over the limit set by the commissioners and recommended for disconnect notices. Kristi Garofalo said one customer is a Bath customer so their amount owed is higher to start and they did make a payment recently. The commissioners agreed to wait on serving the notice for this homeowner. ***Bob Long said he would talk to the other homeowner in hopes of working something out.***

**Lower Dam Project Checking Account Authorization:** Kristi Garofalo said project expenses are paid by wire transfer from loan proceeds, but a checking account may be needed to reimburse the General Fund for project printing and advertising expenses. The commissioners agreed that if District Accountant Amy Baker approves, reimbursement could be made by wire transfer and no account need be opened. ***Kristi Garofalo will check with Amy Baker.***

**Budget Committee Update:**

**Fuel Account Credits:** Kristi Garofalo said the Budget Committee was requesting permission to use funds from this year's budget (\$250 from Rec and \$500-\$750 from Gen Op) to create a credit on the fuel accounts for next year. After discussion, the commissioners tabled the question until the December meeting to make sure of the amounts remaining in the accounts and the amounts they wished to use for credit.

**Scholarship Fund:** Kristi Garofalo reported the Budget Committee would like to know the commissioners plans for the fund. Bob Long said several part-time residents voiced complaints about their children not being eligible for the scholarship and explained that legally the scholarship could not be offered to those who didn't reside in the District full-time. After discussion, Bob Long moved to no longer fund the scholarship program. Chris Demers seconded and the motion passed.

**Lodge Policies:** Kristi Garofalo said the Budget Committee asked about the commissioners' plans for renting the Lodge to non-residents. Laraine King said she talked to several people in favor of renting to non-residents at a higher rate; \$100 per day for residents and \$250 per day plus an increased security deposit for non-residents was the most common suggestion. She said the Lodge should have some basic kitchen tools and items like hot pads available to renters and ***she will put some prices together for future discussion.*** Laraine King said she met with Don Drew who reported estimates for re-doing the annex floor range from \$8,500 to \$12,000. She suggested making upgrades to the upstairs first since it is the area most used for rentals. She said one idea is removing the dance floor and old carpeting to install laminate instead. Don Drew also suggested painting walls in the annex area to brighten it up. ***Laraine King will work with Don Drew to get prices and then report back.***

**Maintenance/Water Update:** The commissioners reviewed the monthly report from Don Drew, Water and Maintenance Supervisor. Maintenance highlights included: large raft is in for the winter; plans include electrical work at the Lodge for emergency generator hook-up, painting and upgrading plumbing in Lodge bathrooms; upgrading lights in the front office and adding sensors to the porch lights. Water Department highlights included: Water usage is around 20,000 gpd; will be doing a round of lead and copper testing in compliance with the action level received in our last round of testing-more information is available at the office; pump house will have sill work and siding work done; additional lighting will be added at the pump house and at the chambers; the MtBE site work is on hold pending state funding; the Lodge site will start soon once scheduling conflicts are cleared up.

**Water Committee Update:** Bob Long reported the Lower Dam Outlet project is complete, but the outlet barrel still has some weeping. Some change orders are being negotiated with contractors and funds are being held as retainage until approved for release. Project engineers DuBois & King are working with the state for final approval and are putting together the final paperwork this week. Once approved, filling the lake can start in earnest.

**Planning Board Update:** Chris Demers reported a permit was approved for enclosing a porch. The Master Plan Committee agreed to go to the North Country Council for help in facilitating the master plan update. Amy Baker is getting more information and **Bob Long will follow up with her.**

**Forestry Update:** Bob Long reported the Committee agreed to walk away from the land dispute. He said the Committee recommended that MLD take the funds received from timber sales to date and send them back to the town along with a request that 20% of the total be paid to MLD for time and effort. Bob Long moved to act according to the Committee's recommendation; Chris Demers seconded and the motion passed. **Bob Long will put together a letter to be sent to the town with the funds.**

**Recreation Update:** Haverhill Recreation is holding the Cold Turkey Plunge on Nov. 22; the snack bar area will be used for food and changing rooms for participants and tables will be set up in the front office upstairs. Laraine King reported the Wine and Martini Night went well with 20-30 people attending. The next event will be the Holiday Party on Dec. 5 starting at 3:00 pm with crafts for the kids led by Kirsten Bielarski and Lodge decorating, and then a potluck dinner for all at 5:30 pm. The New Year's Eve party is set for Dec. 31 – flyers are up and available at the mailboxes and tickets will be sold in advance at a cost of \$15 per person for a catered Chinese dinner. The event will be adults only and guests can bring their own champagne. Laraine King said two dates are being considered for WinterFest; the actual date will be decided at a later time.

#### **Action Items Review:**

Bob Long said Action Items weren't updated this month. Chris Demers reported the slash pile on Killer will be burned on Nov. 16 as a training exercise for the North Haverhill Fire Department.

#### **Old Business:**

- **Lodge Revenue and Policies – Tabled**

#### **New Business:**

- Bob Long reported the commissioners were working with a homeowner regarding the sale of property that includes the emergency spillway. The homeowner did not accept the first offer and the water Committee recommended raising the amount from \$5,000 to \$7,000 and if that amount was not accepted, then the commissioners should deal with the issue in another way. Bob Long made a motion to increase the amount offered from \$5,000 to \$7,000 and hold at that amount; Laraine King seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chris Demers moved to adjourn and Bob Long seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristi Garofalo