

**MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT  
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 12, 2016  
\*\*Amended and Approved\*\***

Moderator Robert Roudebush opened the Annual Meeting at 10:33 AM. He introduced the District Commissioners Christopher Demers, Laraine King and Robert Long, then introduced the Treasurer, Daniel Brady, District Clerk Karen Rajsteter, District Administrative Assistant Kristi Garofalo **\*AS AMENDED, and District Accountant Amy Baker.\***

**Article 01: Appropriate Funds for General Operations**

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thirty Seven Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Four Dollars (\$237,494) for general municipal operations. The Commissioners recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

Moderator Roudebush opened the floor for discussion on Article 1. Peter Olander questioned why the Recreation Program Director's salary was being raised from \$2500 to \$4000. Commissioner King responded that the position was empty during the month of August last year since the Program Director had an accident and could not work. The increased amount would also cover the Director to be responsible for recreation activities year round and not just the summer. Amy Baker, the District's accountant suggested the budgets for the Lodge and Recreation be combined. There being no further discussion a vote was taken.

**MOTION MADE BY:** Patricia Brady

**SECONDED BY:** Dan Brady

**VOTED:** YES

**ARTICLE 1:** PASSED

**Article 02: Appropriate Funds for Water Dept. Operations**

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Seven Thousand One Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$157,130) for the operation of the Mountain Lakes Water Department, with said funds to come from Water User Fees. The Commissioners recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

**MOTION MADE BY:** Mike Bonanno

**SECONDED BY:** Dan Brady

**VOTED:** YES

**ARTICLE 2:** PASSED

**Article 03: Appropriate Funds for Land Purchase**

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000) for the purpose of purchasing land for the Lower Dam Emergency Spillway; to accept the property as deeded for the purchase price of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000); and further, to authorize the Board of Commissioners to act as agents in the land purchase and ownership transfer. The Commissioners recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

Commissioner Chris Demers encouraged the passing of Article 3 to avoid any legal issues with the owner of the land by the spillway.

**MOTION MADE BY:** Peter Olander

**SECONDED BY:** Charles Edson



come from the General Operating Fund Unassigned Fund Balance to be placed in this fund; and further, to name the Board of Commissioners as agents to expend from said fund. No additional amount to come from taxation. The Commissioners recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required)

**MOTION MADE BY:** Dan Brady

**SECONDED BY:** Charles Edson

**VOTE:** YES

**ARTICLE 7:** PASSED

### **Article 08: Transfer from Water Dept. & General Operations Fund Balance for Debt Payments**

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixteen Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$16,250) for the purpose of making the 2016 loan payments for the Lower Dam Repair Project. This sum is to be funded by Eight Thousand One Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$8,125) to come from the Water Department Unassigned Fund Balance and by Eight Thousand One Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$8,125) to come from the General Operating Unassigned Fund Balance. No additional amount to be raised from taxation. The Commissioners recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

**MOTION MADE BY:** Mike Bonanno

**SECONDED BY:** Tom Eighmy

**VOTE:** YES

**ARTICLE 8:** PASSED

### **Article 09: Change Purpose of Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the District will vote to change the purpose of the Mountain Lakes Facility Improvement Capital Reserve Fund to the Mountain Lakes Maintenance, Improvement and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund; and to authorize the Board of Commissioners as agents to expend this fund. The Commissioners recommend this article. (2/3 vote required).

**MOTION MADE BY:** Don Dubrule

**SECONDED BY:** Chris Roberts

**VOTED:** YES

**ARTICLE 9:** PASSED by 2/3 VOTE

### **Article 10: Allow rental of the Lodge by non-residents**

To see if the District will vote to allow rental of the District Lodge facilities by those who do not reside, rent or own property in the District. Rules and regulations for such rentals shall be established by the Commissioners. The Commissioners recommend this article. (Majority vote required.)

**MOTION MADE BY:** Mike Bonanno

**SECONDED BY:** Dot Long

The moderator opened the floor for discussion of Article 10. After a lengthy discussion, Patricia Brady made a motion to amend Article 10.

**Article 10 amended to read as follows:**

#### ***“Article 10: Allow rental of the Lodge by non-residents***

*To see if the District will vote to allow rental of the District Lodge facilities by those who do not reside, rent or own property in the District for a trial period of three years, after which the program will be re-evaluated. Rules and regulations for such rentals shall be established by the Commissioners. The Commissioners recommend this article. (Majority vote required.)”*

**MOTION TO AMEND MADE BY:** Patricia Brady **SECONDED BY:** Mike Roberts

**VOTED:** YES

**MOTION MADE BY:** Mike Bonanno

**SECONDED BY:** Dot Long

**VOTED WITH AMENDMENT:** YES

**ARTICLE 10:** PASSED

### **Article 11: Elect District Officers**

To elect the following District officers:

1) A Commissioner for a term of one (1) year.

A motion was made by Ken King and seconded by Patricia Brady to nominate Robert Roudebush. As there were no other nominations, a motion was made by Dan Brady and seconded by Mike Bonanno to close the nominations and for the Clerk to cast 1 ballot for Robert Roudebush for Commissioner, for the term of 1 year.

2) A Commissioner for a term of three (3) years.

A motion was made by Ed Rajsteter and seconded by Chris Roberts to nominate Laraine King. As there were no other nominations, a motion was made by Patricia Brady and seconded by Dan Brady to close the nominations and for the Clerk to cast 1 ballot for Laraine King for Commissioner, for the term of **\*AS AMENDED 1 3 year years.** \*

3) A District Clerk for a term of one (1) year.

A motion was made by Dot Long and seconded by Charlie Edson to nominate Karen Rajsteter. As there were no other nominations, a motion was made by Patricia Brady and seconded by Dan Brady to close the nominations and for the Clerk to cast 1 ballot for Karen Rajsteter for District Clerk for the term of 1 year.

4) A Treasurer for a term of one (1) year.

A motion was made by Charlie Edson and seconded by Patricia Brady to nominate Daniel J. Brady Jr. for Treasurer. As there were no other nominations, a motion was made by Mike Bonanno and seconded by Chris Roberts to close the nominations and for the Clerk to cast 1 ballot for Daniel J. Brady Jr. for Treasurer for the term of 1 year.

5) A Moderator for a term of (2) years.

A motion was made by Patricia Brady and seconded by Dan Brady to nominate Chris Demers for Moderator. As there were no other nominations, a motion was made by Dan Brady and seconded by Charlie Edson to close the nominations and for the Clerk to cast 1 ballot for Chris Demers for Moderator for the term of **\*AS AMENDED 1 2 year years.** \*

### **Article 12: Any Other Legal Business**

To transact any other business that may legally be brought before the District Meeting.

- Peter Olander encouraged everyone to attend the Haverhill School Budget Meeting on March 19, 2016.

- Mike Bonanno, Fire Warden for our District, informed everyone he had burn permits. If anyone wanted to apply for a permit, please see him after the meeting. Mike was congratulated on being elected to serve on the Haverhill Select Board.
- Dave Long reported the Forestry Committee had a tough year. The Committee had identified three (3) properties for the logger to take down trees. The District had contracted with a logger to take down trees. It was discovered the land was not owned by Mountain Lakes, but it was legally owned by the Town of Haverhill. A question was asked if the District had deeds for the other two properties. A comment was made that once an area is identified for logging a title search should be done. It was suggested a new map of Mountain Lakes should be done. A question was raised as to who would be reviewing the Mountain Lakes Map.
- Dave Long also reported the ball field will be reconditioned to allow an 8-10 year old Little League team to practice and play games. Volunteers will be used to scrape down the field. The Little League Association would have to sign off that the grounds are in playable condition according to their specifications. A question was asked if the insurance policy was covered by the Little League Association. Dave would have to check with the Association.

Coventry Log Homes will be donating the dug-out and it is anticipated Home Depot will be donating the chain link fence. The only additional cost is a \$118 monthly charge for a two month period to cover the rental of a port-a-potty. It should be noted there are currently 14 kids who reside in Mountain Lakes and are members of the Little League team.

- Commissioner Chris Demers presented Tom Eighmy with the Person of the Year Award for his many years of service on the Planning Board and his dedication to the yearly Voluntary Lake Assessment Program (VLAP).
- Commissioner Bob Long recognized Kristi Garofalo for all her hard work throughout the year and for putting together of this year's Annual Meeting booklet. He thanked all the Boards and Committees for their commitment to the District. He also recognized Chris Demers for his 12 years of service as a Commissioner and 14 years as a Planning Board member.

It should be noted that 34 ballots were give out to registered voters. There are currently 263 registered voters in the District.

There being no further business to transact, a motion was made by Patricia Brady and seconded by Dan Brady to adjourn the meeting at 12:12 PM..

Respectfully submitted by:

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Karen Rajsteter, District Clerk