

**MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT**  
**SPECIAL PLANNING BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING**  
**October 8, 2020**  
**\*UNAPPROVED\***

Chair Mike Bonanno read a statement that the Board was authorized to meet electronically due to the state of emergency (COVID-19), that the meeting had been properly noticed and information given to the public on how to join the meeting via Zoom Video Conferencing, and that all votes would be by roll call, in accordance with the provisions of the Governor's emergency order.

**Call to Order:** Chair Mike Bonanno called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

**Roll Call:** Mike Bonanno and Polly Bonanno, Don Dubrule (with Gail Dubrule), Mike Roberts (with Chris Roberts), John Hakola (alone) and alternate member David Martella (alone) were present via Zoom and Mike Bonanno declared a quorum present. Zoning Officer "Finn" Finnegan was also present via Zoom.

**Public Present:** Randy Berenson, Bill Clark, and Barbara Stanfield were present via Zoom.

**Approval of Agenda:** Mike Roberts moved to approve the agenda; Polly Bonanno seconded. Roll Call Vote: Mike Bonanno – Aye; Polly Bonanno – Aye; Mike Roberts – Aye; Don Dubrule – Aye; John Hakola – Aye; motion passed.

**Work Session: Potential Zoning Ordinance Revision – Personal Swimming Pools:** Mike Bonanno reported he and Mike Roberts talked with Planning Consultant Tara Bamford on Oct. 7 via Zoom; he sent out her notes from the conversation to the Board and all confirmed they received them. The Board discussed her email, noting her advice that the zoning ordinance can't enforce building code-type requirements. Mike Bonanno also reported he spoke to NHDES and they didn't seem concerned with damage done by draining pools in or near natural water bodies.

The Board shared the results of their "homework" assignments:

- Polly Bonanno – found a good pool definition in RSA 485-A; 26; the Board agreed to add "24-inch depth or more" to the definition. Mike Bonanno moved to not allow inground pools in the District; Mike Roberts seconded. After further discussion about existing setbacks discouraging inground pools, Mike Bonanno withdrew his motion. Polly Bonanno reported two sources to fill and drain pools – Mountain Milk Co. (No. Haverhill) and R.E. Hinkley Co. (Claremont).
- Mike Roberts – his research into pool barriers showed the BOCA Pool Barrier Code (May 1999) to be a good reference and he suggested a phrase in the proposed amendment "in accord with ..." to reference the BOCA code.
- Don Dubrule – shared research on setbacks, particularly pertaining to steep slope and wetlands areas. **He will send his research to the Board members.**
- John Hakola – his research into pool building codes led him to suggest the Board not "get into the weeds", but have a "most current version of {specific code reference}" in the amendment instead of a list of code-like requirements.
- ZO Finnegan – sent an email to Board members with MLD specific questions, such as whether a pool permit should be annual. The Board discussion was in favor of a yearly permit or yearly renewal to aid in tracking.

The Board discussed bringing the requirement that pools be filled and drained by an outside source to the Water Committee for input. **Mike Roberts will take the question to the Commissioners.**

**Homework:** Where should changes go in the existing zoning ordinance?

**Comments of the Public, Zoning Officer and Board:** NONE

**Next Meeting Dates:** Next meeting to be Thursday, October 15 at 6:30 pm via Zoom.

**Adjournment:** Don Dubrule moved to adjourn; Mike Bonanno seconded. Roll Call Vote: Mike Bonanno – Aye; Polly Bonanno – Aye; Mike Roberts – Aye; Don Dubrule – Aye; John Hakola – Aye; motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristi Garofalo