

**MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT  
COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
December 9, 2019  
\*UNAPPROVED\***

**Call to Order:** Mike Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**Roll Call:** Commissioners Mike Roberts and Mark Johanson were present; Bob Long was absent and excused.

**Residents in Attendance:** Robert Roudebush, Ken King, Laraine King, Mike Bonanno, Patricia Brady and Dottie Long.

**Approval of Minutes:**

- **Nov. 18, 2019:** Mark Johanson moved to approve, Mike Roberts seconded and motion passed.

**District Business:**

- **Manifests:** Mike Roberts moved to approve manifests from Nov. 19 to Dec. 9, 2019. Mark Johanson seconded and the motion passed.
- **Financials:** The Commissioners reviewed financial reports for months ending Nov. 30, 2019.
- **Water Bill Report:** The Commissioners reviewed District Administrator Kristi Garofalo's report showing \$184,466.23 in water payments received since April 1 and outstanding bills at \$41,349.98. Kristi Garofalo asked for direction on a service disconnection – the owner has not paid, the renters are worried they will be shut off but are willing to pay if needed, and Kristi Garofalo cannot discuss the account with the renters due to confidentiality restrictions. After discussion of various options, the commissioners agreed ***Kristi Garofalo will check with the Town of Haverhill to verify the owner's address, and contact the District's attorney to see if service can legally be shut off this time of year if children are in the home. She will bring responses to the January commissioners meeting and the shutoff will be postponed until then.***
- **Credit/Debit Card Acceptance:** Mike Roberts said the commissioners had an online meeting the previous week with a representative from Interware Development to learn more about their card payment software "EB2Gov". He said Bob Long was researching another company as well and when all the information is in, the commissioners will consider the best course of action for the community.

**Maintenance/Water Update:** The Commissioners reviewed the monthly report from Don Drew, District Project Manager. Maintenance highlights included: summer items have been brought in and put away; working on Lodge projects and getting quotes and budgets ready for more improvements in 2020; working on the ice rink set-up and hope to have it ready for Christmas vacation, weather permitting. Water Department highlights included: the system is running well with average usage about 22,000 gpd; the recent Lakeside Drive water break was quickly repaired with only a few homes without water for a few hours; the Lower Dam spillway berm project is complete and engineering firm DuBois & King and the NH DES Dam Safety Bureau have inspected it and will sign off; the Bear Road project is on hold until spring—we are on the excavator's schedule as soon as the road bans are off and the site is frost free; the Water Committee met with D & K to review the steps and estimated costs for developing a new well and will be reviewing information from both engineering firms (Nobis and D & K) to determine the direction needed for the water system.

**Water Committee Update:** Ken King said he had nothing further to add.

**Planning Board Update:** Mike Bonanno reported he was elected as chair at the Board's last meeting and Don Dubrule continues as vice chair. Town of Haverhill employees Connie Sleath and Jennifer Boucher came to the meeting to ask for help in educating residents about the need for Haverhill building permits in addition to the MLD zoning permits. They asked if the Haverhill permit application could be attached or included in the MLD application package. The Board will continue discussions on the subject to work out details.

**Forestry Update:** *Committee suspended 2/11/19*

**Recreation Update:** Dottie Long said the Children's Ornament Party had disappointing attendance, but Santa and Mrs. Claus made a much-appreciated appearance. Laraine King asked when the Lodge Attendant would start and what hours the Lodge would be open, noting it would be good to get the information out in the DMAIL. Kristi Garofalo said Beth Lalmond would start as Lodge Attendant during Christmas week according to Bob Long, but she is unsure of the planned schedule and a lot depended on weather. After discussion, it was decided ***Kristi Garofalo will check with Bob Long for Lodge hours and information to put in the DMAIL.*** Mark Johanson said Don Drew is planning to get the ice rink ready for Christmas vacation, depending on whether the weather cooperates.

**Monteau Rope Tow Committee:** *Committee suspended 2/11/19.*

**Action Items Review:** No report available.

Mark Johanson said his action item concerned taking proposed changes in the Water Tariff to the Water Committee for approval; namely that the sentence: "Payments can be made by cash, check, credit card, debit card, or Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)" be added to section 22; and that Section 23 be revised to read "One and 1.5 percent (1.5%) interest will be charged per month on all accounts unpaid after thirty (30) days from the date of the receipt of the bill." The Water Committee approved those changes.

After discussion, the commissioners agreed the phrase "thirty (30) days from the date of the receipt of the bill" should be changed to "thirty (30) days from invoice date" and felt the Water Committee would agree with that change. Mike Roberts moved to accept all three changes providing the credit/debit/EFT acceptance is worked out. Mark Johanson seconded and the motion passed. ***Mark Johanson will send the revised wording to Kristi Garofalo to be put before the MLD voters in warrant article(s) at the annual meeting.***

Mike Roberts said he is working on his action item/keystone predator theory to keep lake plant growth down by stocking the Lakes with large-mouth bass. He said the nearest bass hatchery is in NY and the hatchery would have to be certified by NH so he sent them documents to complete and is waiting to hear back on numbers and prices, but plans to ask that funds to stock the Lakes be included in the 2020 budget. He asked ***Kristi Garofalo to include the link to the PBS program about keystone predators in the meeting minutes.*** The link is: <https://www.pbs.org/wnet/nature/the-serengeti-rules-41dfu/20105/> for those who are interested in knowing more.

**Old Business: NONE**

**New Business:**

- Mike Bonanno said there were empty fireworks containers next to the dumpster at the Lodge. ***Mike Roberts will ask Don Drew to remove them.***
- Mike Bonanno said he was aware of several visiting nurses looking for three to six-month rentals and asked if a notice could be put in the DMAIL asking interested landlords to list their properties with the District Office. ***Kristi Garofalo will put a note in the next DMAIL.***

Mike Roberts moved to adjourn; Mark Johanson seconded, and motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristi Garofalo