Forestry Committee Meeting Minutes 9/24/2015 @ 6:00 PM

In Attendance: Bob Long, David Martella, Don Drew, Dave Long, Harry Burgess (forester), Tom Harris (logger)

Discussions at meeting revolved around the current land dispute between the town of Haverhill and Mountain Lakes District in regards to Map 405, Lot 32:

•An abutter raised a complaint that MLD is doing a logging operation on what he claimed was Town of Haverhill owned land

•Further research by the town has indicated that even though the tax card shows MLD as the property owner, the Town of Haverhill is the deeded owner of this land

•The Haverhill Selectboard has heard from the abutter and his lawyer, as well as from MLD through Bob Long (commissioner), Chris Demers (commissioner), Laraine King (commissioner) and Dave Long (Forestry Committee Chair).

•They have involved their own lawyer and have come up with three possible solutions to the issue:

◦Sell the land outright by sealed bid. This could be done without any town meeting approval

◦Sell the land to a specific entity (MLD). This would require the approval of the town's voters at a town meeting.

◦Retain the land for a specific purpose (ie: forestry). This would require the approval of the town's voters at a town meeting.

•No decision has been made at this time in regards to which direction they will go

•MLD has assured the Town of Haverhill Selectboard that the funds received from the logging operation are being held in an account that will not be used until a determination is made on what will happen with the land. This was done in person and by email correspondence.

Payments made from Harry Burgess to MLD:

Date Paid	Check Number	Total Amount Received by Harry Burgess	Harry's 20% Contracted Wage	Harry's 10% For Upfront Taxes Paid to town	MLD Revenue
7/23/15	1	$7,972.45	$1,594.49	$797.25	$5,580.72
8/27/15	2	$11,179.90	$2,235.98	$1,117.99	$7,825.93
9/24/15	3	$5,030.39	$1,006.08	$503.04	$3,521.27
Totals		**$24,182.74**	**$4,836.55**	**$2,418.27**	**$16,927.92**

Submitted,

Dave Long