

MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

April 14, 2007

(Not approved)

The meeting was called to order at 9:37 AM. Commissioners present were Commissioner Demers, Commissioner Schmid and Commissioner Farr.

Residents in attendance were Sandy Schmid, Mike Bonanno, Scott Paganelli, Edward Westman and Margaret McGovern.

The motion was made by Sandy Schmid and seconded by Mike Bonanno to accept the minutes.

The minutes of the February 10, 2007 Commissioners Meeting were accepted.

Water Update:

Commissioner Schmid stated that the water committee met on March 27, 2007, and now Mike Bonanno and Ed Rajsteter are on the committee. The minutes are published on the web.

Commissioner Schmid reviewed the monthly water usage report stating that usage is reasonable, but we feel it is still slightly elevated in the month of March. Our assumption that homeowners left their water running starting in the month of November could be contributing to the higher levels. In March we had several days that spiked between 60,000 and 70,000 gallons per day. After the leak on to Pawtuckaway was found the totals went back down to 35 gallons per day. A big issue is homeowners with sellers that are not heated when we have 10° or below whether. Unfortunately a small leak in a home produces a 10,000 to 15,000 gallon per day week for the system. At this point we are pondering the possibility that we may still have a small leak out there at this time because her average daily amount is above 30,000 gallons per day. The break on Bear road that we experienced was found around 7 a.m. and by 7:15 a.m. the road agent Sam Clough had notified the district of the leak. We were able to have personnel on the issue by 8:00 a.m. and the leak was repaired by late afternoon.

The water department report stated that we are now using a minimum amount of water from Woodsville. The gravel pack well is up and running at pre- dam project rates. We also installed a backflow preventer at the Lodge. Mr. Paganelli asked if four leaks in one month was an average number of leaks we have every month. Commissioner Schmid stated that this seems to be a record number of leaks and we don't normally have leaks every month.

The Dam Update:

Commissioner Schmid stated that the Lake is filling up nicely. The upper Lake is full and the lower Lake is about 6 inches from being full. Kevin Horne came yesterday to take much of the debris out of the lake. It has made a great big pile on the beach.

Commissioner Schmid stated Aquaculture is the only warm water fish hatchery in New Hampshire. They are the experts on the issue of replacing fish in our lakes. They are going to come up to do a survey and then give us a report on the appropriate fish to stock our lakes with and how many. The survey costs \$75.00 and will take one day to complete. They feel at this time that Bass, Horn Pout, Perch, Sunfish as well as Brook Trout and Minnows will be appropriate fish for our lakes. The price

of fish for an 8 to 12 inch bass is \$3-\$4 per fish and other fish would be less. Commissioner Schmid stated that at this time, we don't know how many fish are left and we may find that it is an unreasonable cost to restock both lakes, but that is why we're having survey done.

Mr. Paganelli asked if we know how much water was left in the upper Lake. Commissioner Schmid stated that we don't know for sure, but a nice Fishman told him that one spot looked like it had six to 8 feet of water and he caught a fish from a whole. Mr. Paganelli asked if we have money to buy fish. Commissioner Schmid stated that there was money voted in for the Dam project and the Commissioners feel that is where the money should come from to purchase any fish necessary. Mr. Paganelli suggested that we promote catch and release this year and asked how we should get that information to the public. Commissioner Schmid stated that we should start a committee with interested persons and put up signs. Also that our lakes are not rated for consumption of fish they are too small and fragile. Commissioner Farr stated that the Fish Committee should be a subcommittee of the recreation committee. Mr. Paganelli stated that he would like to be on this new committee. This committee should also meet with the aquaculture person about the fish.

Commissioner Schmid stated that he thought that anyone fishing in Mountain Lakes needed a fishing license. Commissioner Demers stated that he had a conversation with fish and game and because Mountain Lakes are private lakes anyone fishing here does not need a fishing license. Mr. Paganelli asked if we should have a community fishing license, a small fee to help pay to restock the fish. Commissioner Schmid stated that nonresidents are not allowed to fish at Mountain Lakes and having those costs come out of the general budget would promote less administrative costs.

Commissioner Schmid and Don Drew went to Randolph for a meeting with Dubois and King to discuss the issue of the Trash Racks. Plastic trash racks will not work here with our issue with ice. We are looking at metal ones now and have picked one out and are waiting on approval from DES.

Recreation Update:

Commissioner Farr stated that the first annual winter fest went off without a hitch. This was the first function that Mountain Lakes worked with the Town of Haverhill. The experience was so positive that we would like to do it again next year.

Unfortunately our Recreation Committee is having a difficult defining a time to meet that works for everyone. We are working on this issue. We are also still looking for new members for the Recreational Committee. Glenn Hatch has stated that he is going to try and come to some of our meetings when we can nail down a date.

However we do have new parking rules for the summer season. We will be enforcing them diligently and guests will not be allowed at the beach or pool with out their host. We are also doing early bird pickup for parking permits. The dates are May 26 and June 16 at the district office from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m.

Planning Board Update:

Planning board chairman Mrs. Schmid stated that we have a new building process and paperwork. The Planning Board has worked on the Zoning Permit, Construction Questionnaire and the Zoning Compliance Checklist as well as of Mountain Lakes building process flow chart. Now if you want to occupy your new home to have to have the Zoning Compliance Checklist (ZCC) completed and signed off on or you will not be able to occupy your new home.

Ms. McGovern stated that we have identified areas to research, change or work on to make sure that our watershed area is protected. Some of these areas include septic systems, storm water site clearing, roadway work, ATVs, zoning regulations and enforcement. The water shed plan deals with all aspects of the watershed. Basically there are recommendations through out the 80 plus page booklet. Some of the recommend actions in include:

1. Install security fence barrier around wellhead
2. Develop inventory map of all water structures, roads, salt run off, culverts drainage, etc.
3. Ownership to establish greenbelt and parkways areas

Granite State Rural Water is working on a grant for the security fence around the wellhead protection area. We are submitting these recommendations to the Commissioners today and asking for the Commissioners to accept them. Our final recommendation is to find a way to communicate this information to the residents of Mountain Lakes and also to extend the life of the committee to oversee the process.

The Commissioners unanimously accept their work and recommendations.

Mr. Westman mentioned snowmobiles in the watershed and what are we doing about it. Mrs. McGovern stated that are supposed to stay off the lakes and stay on certain trails that are away from the wellheads.

Mrs. Schmid stated that the Planning Board has discussed the Zoning Officer report for the month of March, and has given their recommendations to Commissioner Demers to give to Steve Robbins the Zoning Officer in response to his questions.

Mrs. Schmid stated that Mrs. Neubauer would like to be on the Planning Board for another term, her current term has ended in March 2007. The Commissioners unanimously approved her appointment for a three-year term ending in March 2010.

Mrs. Schmid stated that we approved the Zoning Ordinance Amendments in March and now we need a new ordinance to implement the recommendations of the watershed plan. We will be bringing these recommendations to the public the fall of 2007. The Planning Board of Mountain Lakes is also hoping to have our wetlands inventoried as part of the Haverhill grant this summer.

Financial Update:

Office manager Mrs. Cota stated that the budget is in line and water bills are out and due May 1, 2007. The budget looks very good. We have had no unforeseen expenditures at this time.

Mr. Godston asked in a letter why was Article 2 vote for \$312,585.00 and not for \$334,785.00 as identified on page 11 of the booklet, "Mountain Lake District Annual Meeting March 10, 2007"? Commissioner Schmid stated that a mistake was made but is easily remedied. The explanation is as follows:

\$334,785.00 District Budget
\$(20,000.00) Article 4
\$(10,000.00) Article 5
\$304,785.00 this is what the warrant article should have read.

\$312,585.00 warrant Article #2
\$(304,785.00) what it should have been
\$(7,800.00) Error (extra in budget now)

The Dept of Revenue called on April 11, 2007 to inform Renee Cota that we have to add this amount to the budget because it was in the warrant article, but we can add corresponding revenue on the MS-34 to make it disappear. That way it doesn't affect the tax rate.

Mr. Westman asked about the Bath Precinct Tax issue. Commissioner Schmid replied that he has had discussions and we are continuing to discuss the issue. When we have a proposal we will present it to the Bath and Haverhill residents. It is only fair that every resident of Mountain Lakes pay their fair share.

Commissioner Schmid referred to Don Drew's maintenance report which said: Basically we are getting ready for the summer program and checking items off our maintenance list. We have started by getting ready for a major cleanup effort; Horne will be coming with his excavator to retrieve the large debris from the lake and to do some groundwork to. We are also time to get the work done on the spillways and lagoon with Horne but to do a ban on the roads we cannot get materials or his machine here.

We have ordered the new Docks for the beaches scheduled tennis court work; the pool gel coat will get some attention from Larry Pettit to smooth some rough spots. The bathrooms at the District Office are ongoing and the materials are on site and one bathroom is dismantled. The Lodge ceiling is done and looks very nice and bright about 90% of the electrical is done. We are going to focus some pretty good man-hours to keep the Lodge going forward the spring and summer.

New Business:

Mr. Bonanno asked what docks are being purchased. Commissioner Schmid replied that they are boat docks.

Office Manager Renée Cota stated that we have had a wonderful volunteer here in the District Office over that past month. Karen Rajsteter has helped with general office filing, closet organization, and most of all she tediously went through the Haverhill property owners list to check to see if it's up to date and makes corrections. I thought that it would be a simple job but it turned into a very time consuming project. Because of her time and effort I am almost ready to import the data into Peachtree which will be very helpful to maintaining the files in the long term.

Mr. Bonanno asked about the Bath Fire Department and the proposed dry Hydrant. Commissioner Demers spoke to the representative of the Fire Department at Wal-Mart the other day and it looks like a dry hydrant, won't happen because of a cost issue.

Mike Bonanno made a motion to adjourn and Sandy Schmid seconded it. The meeting adjourned at 11:04a.m.

Office Manager

Respectfully submitted,

Renee L Cota
Office Manager