

# MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

**December 8, 2007**

(Not approved)

The meeting was called to order at 9:36 AM. Commissioners present were Commissioner Schmid, and Commissioner Farr. Commissioner Demers was excused.

Residents in attendance were Sandy Schmid, Karen Rajsteter, Mike Bonanno, Janice Neubauer and Ed Westman.

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

Mr. Bonanno asked that to be included in the residents in attendance.

The minutes of the November 10, 2007 Commissioners Meeting were accepted as amended.

## **Planning Board Update:**

Mrs. Schmid stated that 91 letters went out concerning septic tanks to be pumped. It was a stronger letter than we have sent in the past. We are concerned that the Town of Haverhill Select Board will repeal the Health Regulation on pumping before we can have our Annual Meeting where we can add a Zoning Ordinance to handle this problem ourselves. We are scrambling to write an ordinance right now. There will be two public hearings on this issue and any other Zoning amendments on Jan 19, 2008 and Feb 2, 2008. If the Town of Haverhill does not repeal the Health Regulation Mountain Lakes will still be having these meetings for minor additions to the Zoning Ordinances. There were no Zoning applications this month. Fifteen of the 91 homeowners that received letters concerning their need to pump their septic tanks have notified the office. An additional fifteen have scheduled the pumping and three have asked to wait until spring 2008. That means that there are 60 left that still need to comply. We can not turn off their water for not complying. Commissioner Schmid stated that five full and part time residents have had their septic systems fail this year and all but two have taken care of the issue. Commissioner Schmid further stated that we will look into inspection of your system to determine whether or not your tank needs to be pumped. Ms. Neubauer stated that Haverhill needs to handle the Health issues as it pertains to garbage and septic systems in Mountain Lakes.

## **Recreation Update:**

Mr. Bonanno stated that we did not have a meeting this week. Commissioner Farr and Mrs. Rajsteter have been working hard on next year's budget. Mr. Bonanno asked about the skating rink. Commissioner Schmid stated that Mr. Robbins was supposed to come this morning to plow the skating rink and other places. We would like to have it going for Christmas.

## **Water Update:**

We have not had any major problems to report this month, There were 2 seasonal shut offs and 1 tap was performed. Frost in the surrounding ground area is having an effect on the gravel pack well yield. As a result we have increased the flow rate from Woodsville Water and Light to meet water demand. The Water Committee is collecting old and new information pertaining to our ability to increase the yield from our existing sources. Our Lead and Copper testing has come back and we are now in compliance with New Hampshire DES for the 2007 season. Thanks again for all that

have helped in getting this done. The water usage peaked in July. It is higher than in previous years but we have more homes. The gravel pack well seems to decrease as the ground freezes and it seems to be normal. We are looking to expand that yield. We found the original drawings from 1973. We will pursue it to either do maintenance or potentially expand.

**District:**

Commissioner Schmid stated that we received a letter from the PUC this week. This was in response to two Bath homeowners contacting them. The letter defiantly has the facts correct. The PUC will call a hearing of the PUC to discuss our issues pertaining to water service and payment for the Bath residents of Mountain Lakes. They are saying that independent of the political district that the bath residents are in the water district. Mr. Naylor said that it seems that it's not fair that the Bath residents are not paying their fair share and that we can raise the Bath rate to cover the debt service and administrative costs in administering the water system.

**New Business:**

Mr. Bonanno wanted to go on record to say that he feels that Mountain Lakes should fire Steve Robbins. Commissioner Schmid replied stating that Mr. Robbins is our Health Officer, Zoning Officer, as well he plows and mows our lawns. In Steve's defense the office used to have a secretary that typed up all of his reports. Commissioner Farr stated that we don't really pay him that much to do that. Steve also replying very quickly to any issues we notice and call him concerning zoning violations and permits.

Mrs. Rajsteter made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Bonanno seconded it. The meeting adjourned at 10:29a.m. The next Commissioners meeting will be on January 12, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee L Cota  
District Manager