

MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

February 10, 2007

(Not approved)

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 AM. Commissioners present were Commissioner Demers, Commissioner Schmid and Commissioner Farr.

Residents in attendance were Sandy Schmid, Mike Bonanno, Beverly Jacobs, June Soule, Peter Olander, Edward Westman and Florence Hartman.

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

The minutes of the January 13, 2007 Commissioners Meeting were accepted.

Planning Board Update:

Mrs. Schmid, the Planning Board Chairman presided over a public hearing on Saturday, February 3, 2007 for the proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinances. The Commissioners and the Planning Board as well as one member of the public Mrs. Hartman showed up for this meeting. The minutes to this meeting are posted on the Mountain Lakes website. The zoning amendments were voted on by the planning board and will be available at the annual meeting to be voted on by the public. These amendments are to protect the lakes and include new restrictions on building.

There will still be a watershed vote in the summer on the Watershed Protection Ordinance. There will be a meeting on February 14 at 5 p.m. at the District Office concerning this ordinance. After February 14 the watershed protection ordinance will be printed so that the public will be able to review it at the annual meeting.

The Zoning officer report is included in the booklet of items you received today. The planning board will be working on a zoning compliance checklist. The checklist required will vary when dealing with houses, garages and sheds etc. Another variable in the zoning compliance checklist will be whether or not the Town of Haverhill has given a driveway permit or Mountain Lakes has. The planning board will be putting it together over the next month.

Mr. Olander asked what the status of the garage on Wildcat Dr. is. Mr. Drew said that Steve Robbins called the owner directly and has spoke about the issue and they are working on it. Commissioner Farr asked Renée to get an update from Steve Robbins on this issue.

Mr. Olander asked what the status is with Mr. Morehead's foundation on Kearsarge Dr. was. Commissioners Schmid asked Glenn English the Town Manager of Haverhill, if Mr. Morehead's issue has gone to the Select board yet. Mr. English stated that it will be presented at the next select board meeting.

Water Update:

Mr. Drew stated that the water usage is normal now, but in the last couple of weeks we have dealt with a few breaks in semi-occupied homes. These breaks were the result of frozen pipes and one is from a frozen Sill Cock on the home. All of these breaks have been repaired except for one and the water is turned off to that home at the present time.

There have been calls about a high chlorine smell and the reason for that is that we are using so much water from Woodsville Water and Light at this time. The water from Woodsville Water and Light is coming in with higher chlorine residual. We have stopped using our own chlorine at this time. We have also asked Woodsville Water and Light to reduce the amount of chlorine they add to the water. Acceptable levels of chlorine are less than 4.0 and more than .4. Woodsville Water and Light tries to have their chlorine leave their system at 1.0, which is still an acceptable level, but in many cases, you can smell it.

All homeowners will be receiving a letter about lead and copper. In December, when we did annual lead in copper tests two homes were slightly elevated in lead. We were then required by New Hampshire DES to send out a form letter to all of our residents who are on the water system. The level is not at all alarming but the letter was required. We will also have to do extra testing because of this. Commissioners Schmid stated that the lead that was present is not in our system but was in those particular homeowners systems. Mr. Drew stated that there is nothing to be worried about, and now we will be testing the whole system.

Dam Project Update:

Commissioner Schmid stated that Bill Varney has been notified several times to finish the repair on the dam project. The second Lake has drained on its own about 3 to 4 feet at this time. The fact is that we cannot shut the valve at the Dam and it is now impacting both of our Lakes. Bill Varney is supposed to be here the week of the 23rd of February. We are still holding the final payment until the bell has been repaired.

Commissioners Schmid stated that the last time Bill Varney, CRS, were here they brought Green Mountain Pipeline Service to use their robotic camera to find where the leak was coming from. They have determined that it is either is coming from the valve or the flange on the valve. They will come back to do a pressure test to find the leak around February 23, 2007.

Recreation Update:

Commissioner Farr stated that our first Recreational Committee meeting was this morning. The meetings will be the Tuesday evening before the commissioners meeting at the office from 6:15 until 7:15 each month.

A Recreational Committee has been formed. The members include Commissioner Farr, Beverly Jacobs & Leslie Porter. Also Korina Bazzell and Charles Fifield are pending members. We are still actively looking for volunteers.

The Winterfest has been changed to March 3, 2007 due to a conflict with a Haverhill basketball tournament. Mountain Lakes will be providing the inside activities for the Winterfest which will include baking, beads, face painting and games.

Going forward we will look into Bumper Bowling for groups of children at the Woodsville bowling alley, a field trip to Clark's trading post, snowmobile, and a walking club. We hope to get Kyle Wheeler to organize the fishing tournament this summer.

This was a very positive first meeting and we are excited to plan more activities for Mountain Lakes District. At the next meeting we will vote someone to take monthly minutes.

Next meeting will be February 20, 2007 at the District Office from 6:15 to 7:15pm and then a regular monthly meeting on March 6, 2007 from 6:15 to 7:15pm.

Commissioner Farr also stated that Glenn Hatch the recreational director of the Town of Haverhill will be helping us out with a lot of our ideas.

Financial Update:

Commissioner Schmid stated that we have started the year and nothing is out of normal operations.

Respectfully submitted,

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