

MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

May 12, 2007

(Not approved)

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 AM. Commissioners present were Commissioner Demers, Commissioner Schmid and Commissioner Farr.

Residents in attendance were Mike Bonanno, Edward Westman and Ken King, Beverly Jacobs, June Soule, Rick Gavin, Don Hasbrouck, Joel Godston, Ann & Charlie Edson & Mike Avery.

The motion was made by Charlie Edson and seconded by Ann Edson to accept the minutes.

The minutes of the April 14, 2007 Commissioners Meeting were accepted.

Chris Demers stated that Ann Edson is our person of the year. She accepted the award graciously. Chris stated that the award was granted to her for all of the volunteer work that Ann does over the years.

Water Update:

Commissioner Schmid stated that the water committee did not have a meeting in April.

The water report informed us that we went 3 days without power at the chambers but this didn't affect and homeowners because Mr. Drew ran the pumps manually so no one would go without water.

Commissioner Schmid stated that we are now purchasing our chorine from Woodsville, Water & Light (WW&L). By doing this we are using less because it is fresh and we have reduced the danger level by not having so much sitting at the pump house for a year at a time. It looks like in the long run we will be saving money by using less chlorine.

Also there were two new taps this month and they went well.

On the monthly water usage chart there was an upward trend and now it has gone down. The usage is back to normal.

The Dam Update:

Commissioner Schmid stated the trash racks are still on hold. We were waiting for Jeff Blainy from DES to approve them. We have approval as of May 11, 2007 so we will be ordering the materials next week. Another obstacle to completing the project was the road ban so we have been waiting for it to be lifted. We will be replacing one trash rack now instead of two. The second one still has several more years of life expectancy.

Commissioner Schmid stated that Scott Paganelli was here last month and since then has spoken to Melvin Murrel of Poling Aquaculture, Inc and Melvin will be coming on May 23rd to do the survey. We will get the results quickly and make a decision just as quickly. The sub committee will propose to the Commissioners what to do. Mr. Paganelli requested that the Commissioners set an up to dollar figure in which the Fish Committee could not exceed for the fish purchase. Mr. Godston asked if fish & game will stock the lakes. Commissioner Schmid replied that they will not because we are private. Mr. Edson stated that the state of New Hampshire only stocks public lakes and ponds not private ones. Mr. Godston replied that in the past

the State of New Hampshire did stock Mountain Lakes with trout. Mr. Edson replied that was many years ago. Commissioners Schmid stated that the survey will give Mountain Lakes a data point for our lakes, which includes the health and vitality of our fish. Mrs. Jacobs asked if any of the fish survived the draining of the lakes. Mr. Edson said yes, that he has seen fish. Commissioners Schmid stated that Scott Paganelli asked if we would declare Mountain Lakes catch release lakes until further notice for all species of fish. The Commissioners unanimously agreed to declare Mountain Lakes catch release lakes until further notice.

Recreation Update:

Commissioner Farr stated that the committee had their first meeting on May 9, 2007. The committee is planning to have a great opening Day called "Shake Your Cabin Fever". The committee is planning a lot of fun activities. Also Bob Long's son is selling kayaks and would like to do a demonstration on the opening day. We are also planning on getting the lifeguards more involved in the cleanup of the beaches this year. The committee is also planning a walking group and stretching classes. The walking group would be on a volunteer basis, and the stretching classes would be headed up by Mrs. Bazzell and paid for by attendees to Mrs. Bazzell. Commissioner Farr stated that advertising is important to be sure that we have a bigger turnout for activities so we are working on this with Glenn Hatch of the town of Haverhill.

Commissioner Farr stated that we have hired two new lifeguards this past week, including Luke Teschner at Stefanie Sugrue.

The committee is still talking about having a bon fire on Memorial Day weekend Saturday the 26th in the afternoon. It has not been finalized as of yet. Mr. Bonanno stated that to have a bonfire we would need a class 3 or class 4 fire permit from Haverhill and that he would need a letter from the commissioners to get that permit.

Mrs. Jacobs said that people are already swimming in the lakes, and we need to get them cleaned up soon.

Planning Board Update:

Commissioners Demers stated that they had their meeting on Thursday, May 10 at 7 p.m. The planning board spent a considerable amount of time going over to zoning permits. The Bigelow permit was approved. The Simmons permit on Haverhill Lane is not approved yet, because there was not enough information provided.

The planning board suggests that the commissioners sent a letter to Mrs. Faughnan to have her take down the garage that she is building a Wildcat Dr.

The town of Haverhill has started selling lots again. We are looking at the lots with the possibility of purchasing one to extend the green belt area. Commissioners Schmid stated that the list that we have has 11 lots for sale and bidding closes on Monday. The only lots that we would be interested in our 185 186 or 187 on Hanover Dr., because this would give us better access to our existing green space. The town of Haverhill did not send us a list and when we requested a full list said that what was not available.

Financial Update:

Office Manager Mrs. Cota stated that we are on target with our finances and that nothing surprising has happened so far. We are in a very good position as we enter the summer season.

Chris Demers read Don's maintenance report which stated that on the maintenance end of things we are still going strong in preparing for the summertime. Things are in the works for both the district office and the Lodge. We are waiting for some more items to come in that we have ordered like the docks and the diving

board along with miscellaneous things for the pool. We have had Steve Robbins scheduled and on-site two times, and we got rained out both times. If we can't work in new times with Steve I have contacted Foggs in Woodsville, and they have the equipment we can rent. On a side note, I have been trying to work with Charlie Edson on finding geese to no prevail he has some helpful ideas for the district.

In addition the ceiling of the Lodge is completed and many new outlets have been installed in the O'Brien room. Soon tile will be picked out for the floor of the O'Brien room

New Business:

Mr. Edson stated that he has seen from one to seven geese here in Mountain Lakes since he has returned from Florida. Recently he has seen 4 coming and going. Mr. Edson handed out some suggestions for geese control when include:

1. Notify everyone who owns property on the lakes to walk their shoreline for nesting geese or have someone do it for them to notify when this was done to the office.
2. Ask those homeowners who have shoreline property to discourage geese from going on their property, particularly those who have grassy lawns all the way to the water. It is one of the reasons they come to Mountain Lakes in the first place. There is a spray you can purchase that will make the grass taste bad to the geese, and they will keep off the property as a result. Bear's don't work
3. Pay someone to walk the shores looking for nesting geese.
4. If you should find a nest do not do anything to disturb it and cause the adult to leave. They will only find another location to nest. Call Charlie Edson, Don Drew, a Commissioner or the office with the information.
5. Charlie Edson and Don Drew are the only ones licensed by the federal and state government to addle the eggs.
6. Everyone can look for them and harass the adults when they see geese anywhere except on the nest.

Commissioner Schmid asked about what we can do to harass the geese. Mr. Edson replied that he is still trying to get more information from someone in the state government. Commissioners Schmid asked about an electric air cannon and would that work. Mr. Edson stated that we really need to be proactive and find the nest to addle the eggs. Doing many of these other things is being re-active and will not solve our problem. Mr. Bonanno asked if the district could purchase coyote targets and that maybe they would deter the geese. Mr. Edson stated that the bottom line is right now we need to walk the shoreline with as many volunteers as possible to find the nest.

Mr. Godston asked if the as built drawing has been done yet for the direct waterline. Commissioner Schmid said yes and we have added to it and sent it back for those changes to be added to the final copy.

Don Hasbrouck made a motion to adjourn and Charlie Edson seconded it. The meeting adjourned at 11:05a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee L Cota
Office Manager