

**MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT
COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, November 8, 2008
District Office 9:30 A.M.**

Call To Order – Commissioner Schmid called the meeting to order at 9:32 A.M.

Roll Call – Karl Schmid (Commissioner), Chris Demers (Commissioner), and Beverly Jacobs (Commissioner).

Visitors – Sandy Schmid, Mike Bonanno, Ken King, Joel and Annemarie Godston, Ed Westman, and Don Hasbrouck.

Minutes of Previous Meetings (10.11.08) – Sandy Schmid moved to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Annemarie Godston. Motion passed.

Old Business

1) Water Committee Update

- a) **Water Usage** – Commissioner Schmid reported that the water usage for October 2008 averaged 43,000 GPD compared to October 2007 at 41,000 GPD.
- b) **Water Report** – Commissioner Schmid stated that Don Drew is still working on the leak detection survey.
- c) **Water Tariff** – Commissioner Schmid stated that we need to update the water tariff. There are places in the district that are too high in elevation to get adequate water pressure. In cases like this our water tariff says to install a pump, however that would be in violation of DES rules. Woodsville has the same situation in their water tariff. An example of this issue is the Martin property on Hilltop View. With DES we can establish a boundary of where we get adequate pressure. Joel Godston suggested the Water Committee update the water tariff and make a proposal.
- d) **DES Meeting** - Commissioner Schmid stated that a meeting with DES is being arranged regarding water source improvement, either a new well or recondition the existing gravel well.

Maintenance and Water Department Report submitted by Don Drew:

Maintenance:

Not a lot to report for the maintenance department for the month. We have been continuing to get ready for winter, cleaning the area putting outdoor items away and winterizing the plumbing and fixtures that will be affected by freezing temperatures. An item of note would not be a maintenance item but it is the district getting budgets ready for 2009 and any input, questions, and or concerns for some of the maintenance items for next year would be welcome.

Water Dept:

We are continuing our work with Dubois & King Engineering and NH. D.E.S. to go forward with our source improvement. Our leak detection survey is ongoing with Granite State Rural Water, we have to date done 1/3rd of the homes and have found a couple of leaks totaling 2-3 gpm. We have one tap to report on Windsor Lane.

WATER CONSERVATION TIP

A little something to try to check for a leaking toilet is to put some dark colored food coloring in the tank, (a few drops should do it) let the toilet sit overnight or during the work day and see if the water in the bowl has changed color in a few hours, if it has water is being wasted and your toilet valve may need to be checked. THIS IS ONE OF THE BIGGEST CONTRIBUTORS TO WATER LOSS

If anyone has questions or needs, a hand getting ready for winter please call the office and maybe we can help.

For any questions or comments, please call the office 787-6180

Don Drew, Maintenance and Water Dept.

- 2) **Recreation Update** – Commissioner Jacobs stated that a Recreation Committee meeting was held this morning, consisting of herself and Bonanno, and please be patient as the committee tries to get everyone who is interested to attend the meetings.

Bonanno initiated a discussion regarding opening some events to the Town of Haverhill in an effort to get better attendance. Commissioner Schmid said that the criteria for deciding which events can be open to the public would be if the activities are self funded or Mountain Lakes funded. If Mountain Lakes funds the activity then it wouldn't be open to the Town of Haverhill. Also, property owners have expressed that they do not want to open up beach activities to the public, which would leave just the lodge for consideration. The Recreation Committee could charge for food and beverages to raise funds. Sandy Schmid cautioned that adequate supervision would have to be provided and suggested meeting with Glen Hatch. Bonanno stated that he spoke with Glen Hatch last week and he like the idea. Commissioner Schmid stated that the Commissioners are in favor of this idea, however there is a possibility that the ski hill may be unusable because it hasn't been cut and there is a very large puddle at the base.

- a) **Oktoberfest** – Bonanno reported that Oktoberfest went well, the potluck was good and had a few people attend.
- b) **Halloween Party** – Bonanno reported that eleven people attended the Halloween party even though the event was advertised and emails had been sent out.
- c) **Holiday Party** – Bonanno reported that the Adult Holiday Party scheduled for December 27th has been canceled and will be replaced by a Children's Holiday Party, however a date has not been set as yet.

3) **Planning Board Update**

- a) **Zoning Officer Report** - Commissioner Demers summarized the Zoning Officer report: David Long will be attending the annual meeting and will request an easement. The contour concerns on the Dufficy property were addressed with a site review. Bazzell is considering building an apartment and running a water line to their garage but Commissioner Schmid stated that they would need a building permit and the garage would need to meet minimum square foot requirements.
- b) **Master Plan** - Demers stated that the Committee is working well.
- c) **Zoning Permit** – James and Lauren Dufficy’s application to build a house was approved and Todd Danis was approved for a nine month extension.

4) **District**

- a) **Financials** – Commissioner Schmid summarized the District report, pointing out that the lodge roof is half way completed however all of the supplies to complete the project have been purchased already. Regarding maintenance, Commissioner Schmid reported that the pool light cost \$650.00 because the whole fixture needed to be replaced and Don Drew got a \$4,000.00 estimate to resurface the multi-use court. The court has gotten more use as a basketball and skateboard court than it ever did as a tennis court.

Financial Report submitted by Renee Cota:

I have positive news concerning the Water budget. We indeed will be coming in over budget this year and the commissioners had approved a supplemental water be to account for the \$13,400 projected overrun. We are not going to have to issue the supplemental water bill because we have been given permission to pay for the expenditures with funds from our unreserved fund balance. This is great news.

New Business

Bonanno reminded everyone that we are in hunting season so be careful. Commissioner Schmid stated that we have district property that is not posted and can be hunted.

Sandy Schmid would like to have money budgeted for signs on French Pond Rd that says Mountain Lakes. Commissioner Schmid stated that the water bill will have to go up to \$425.00 next year. The next budget meeting is on the 14th.

Sandy Schmid moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Annemarie Godston. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle G. Chamberlain