

**MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT  
COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES  
Saturday, February 14, 2009  
District Office 9:30 A.M.**

**Call To Order** – Commissioner Schmid called the meeting to order at 9:35 A.M.

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

**Visitors** – Edward Westman, Margaret McGovern, Sandy Schmid, Joel and Annemarie Godston, Rosie Farr, Mike Bonanno, L. Porter, and Tom Eighmy.

**Minutes of Previous Meetings (01.10.09)** – Sandy Schmid moved to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Annemarie Godston. Motion passed.

**Old Business**

- 1) **Recreation Update** – Jacobs reported that the Recreation Committee has a new member named Scott Rutherford and he may know other people who may want to join the committee. He has all of the equipment necessary for having pig roasts on the beach. Bonanno stated that there is a skating party at the lodge today from 1 pm to 3 pm. Joel Godston offered his plans from the last boat rack. Bonanno asked if there would be any objection to moving the grill from the lodge to the beach. Annemarie Godston suggested buying a new grill for the beach because the one at the lodge gets used. Commissioner Jacobs said a new grill costs about \$700.00. Annemarie Godston recommended doing a fundraiser and Rosie Farr suggested asking for donations opening day of the beach.
  - a) **Winterfest** - Winterfest is scheduled for February 28<sup>th</sup> with a potluck at 4:00 P.M. Glenn Hatch will get high intensity snow bikes. Hatch will be taking care of the outside obstacle course, skating, sledding and iceskating. The Recreation Committee will be taking care of the inside games, board games, face painting and refreshments.

**Recreation Committee Report submitted by Mike Bonanno:**

On Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. the Recreation Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mike Bonanno.

Attendees : Beverly Jacobs, Mike Bonanno and Scott Rutherford (New Member)

Mike Bonanno made a recommendation to approve the minutes of the January 8 meeting with the exception of the recreation committee will sponsor the Labor Day Fireworks providing the price stay at \$1,500.00. Beverly Jacobs seconded the motion.

Mike made a motion that Scott Rutherford be appointed to the recreation committee and Beverly seconded the motion.

The recreation committee discussed the Skating Party for this Saturday at the Lodge from 1:00p.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Mike talked with Glen Hatch, Haverhill Recreation Director and firmed up plans for the Winterfest to take place at the Lodge on Feb 28, 2009.

Scott will do some research on the possibility of having a pig roast on the beach during the summer.

Beverly made the motion to change the recreation meeting to the first Sunday of the month to take place at 10:00 a.m. at the office. Mike seconded the motion and Scott agreed.

Scott mentioned that he will try to get more people involved in the rec. committee.

Next meeting for the rec. committee will be the first Sunday of March, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

Mike made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:35 p.m. Beverly seconded and Scott agreed.

## 2) Planning Board Update

- a) **Zoning Officer Report** - Sandy Schmid stated there were not any significant new items on the Zoning Application Status Report or the Incident Report, however copies are available at the office and will be included with the Commissioner's Meeting minutes. We did receive a special use permit for a driveway but was unable to consider it since the property owners did not first apply with the Town of Haverhill. The Faughnan garage caved in and will have to be cleaned up. The Zoning Officer will notify her. Also, Faughnan will have to resubmit a Zoning Application and will not be allowed to build a garage without a house. The Town of Haverhill is sending out a new round of letters to the new owners of Moorehead's property which is in violation of their wetlands ordinance and our abandoned property ordinance. Commissioner Schmid suggested that Mike Bonanno can get an updated status on this issue now that he is the newest member of the Town of Haverhill Planning Board.
- b) **Wetlands Survey** – We contracted with Watershed to Wildlife to inventory our wetlands at a cost of \$3,400.00, which was in last years budget. They made there presentation to the Planning Board this last Thursday. Our goal is to use the wetlands map and data with our tax map which will be used by the Planning Board to ensure there are not wetland issues. Commissioner Schmid stated that Cartographic has the Arc-view software for overlaying maps and out next step is to get a quote from them.
- c) **Snowmobile Usage** – Sandy Schmid stated that she was unaware of a petition being circulated that referred to Snowmobiles and the Master Plan. Commissioner Schmid explained that a copy of the Watershed recommendations was included in the appendix of the Master Plan. These recommendations are from Granite State, not from Mountain Lakes. Sandy Schmid stated that the only reference we made in the Master Plan was a recommendation to readdress snowmobile use. Mountain Lakes doesn't have the authority to disallow snowmobiles using the roads to gain access to the major corridors.

## 3) Water Committee Update

- a) **Water Usage** – Commissioner Schmid reported the water usage for January 2009 averaged over 55,000 GPD.
- b) **Water Report** – Commissioner Schmid stated that we had two water main breaks, one of which the leak was found but not where it's broken because the road is frozen.
- c) **Freeze Ups** – Commissioner Schmid reported that we had three houses with frozen pipes in the last week. One was a new home where the pipe had not been dug deep enough. Don Drew was able to thaw the pipe with a tool that puts hot water down the pipe.

d) **Carr Well & Pump** – Eighmy stated that the gravel well looks like it goes down in the winter but it looks worse than ever. Are we losing capacity or is it just a winter thing? Commissioner Schmid replied yes to both. Part of the Water Committee’s responsibilities is to upgrade our water supply so we aren’t spending so much to buy water. The Water Committee had a meeting with Carr Well & Pump and requested they quote on drilling a new well at an as yet, unknown location in addition to quoting on cap tests for existing wells. The quote for drilling new well, putting it in service with about 35 GPM is \$19,000.00. This does not include extra site work, road, engineering, etc. Drilling an existing well deeper to increase capacity was also discussed. One of the locations being discussed for a new well is near the lodge. The issue with that location is that a well had been drilled there but could not be kept from collapsing. Jamie Carr will be coming in the spring to identify 2 to 3 potential areas.

**Maintenance and Water Department Report unavailable at this time.**

4) **District**

a) **District Report** – Commissioner Schmid stated that we have already spent our whole proposed budget amount for Kevin Horne already and will have to increase that line item in the budget.

b) **Financials** – Commissioner Schmid stated that it’s all about the water issues.

**District Report submitted by Renee Cota:**

We have begun a new year. We have already had one major water break and have located another one but we are unable to repair it until possibly spring. The frost is quite deep this year. This week alone we have had three homes freeze up. The expense that these items have has been significant toward our new 2009 budget. We have spent 20% of our contract labor and water purchase Jan budget requested amounts. This does not leave much room for additional repairs and water purchase for the remainder of the year especially since we already have another repair for slated for the spring. Hopefully, spring will come soon and the breaks will end.

The District budget is currently healthy. We are able to stay in budget at this point without any surprises. The budget process has been full of good debate and many great ideas have come out of them. Our goal for 2009 is to accomplish all of our goals while keeping the tax rate the same as 2008. We understand the frustration with the

**New Business – Joel Godston announced Airport Awareness day is June 6<sup>th</sup>. A flyer will be posted at the office and the lodge.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle G. Chamberlain