

**MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT
COMMISSIONERS MEETING
May 11,2009
District Office 6:00 PM**

Call to Order – Commissioner Chris Demers called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

Roll Call – Chris Demers (Commissioner) and Rosalie Farr (Commissioner). Beverly Jacobs (Commissioner) was absent and excused.

Residents in Attendance – Edward Rajsteter, Fred Harris, Brad Farr, Pauline Bonanno, Mike Bonanno, Annemarie Godston, Joel Godston, Sarah Dynia, and Bruce Starer.

Minutes of Previous Meeting (04.11.09) – Mike Bonanno moved to approve the minutes as written with the following changes: Page 4 of 5 under **d**) change **rake to rack**, Annemarie Godston change Page 5 of 5 under **Maintenance** omit **in short**. Chris Demers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business –

1) Recreation Update:

Hiking Trail Project - Bruce Starer reported that 3 connector trails have been completed as far as trail work, but need to be marked and signs made. He recommends that signs be placed on a pole rather than nailed to a tree to prevent damage to the tree. He also requests that if possible, large boulders be placed at the trail entrance on Valley Road to prevent ATV's from damaging the trail. Bruce said that the three trails all meet back at the field by the lodge and are not difficult.

Joel Godston volunteered to work with Bruce in using a GPS system to map out the distance and design a map of the area to be placed near the lodge.

Bruce also said a suggestion was made that Mountain Lakes could also plan a grand opening of the trails in the future.

Bruce Starer would also like to start another more challenging trail from the tennis courts and continue up the ski slope.

Pancake Breakfast - Mike Bonanno announced that there would be a Pancake Breakfast May 24, 2009 at the lodge from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. A charge of \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children.

Memorial Day Weekend - Mike Bonanno said that at the last Recreation Meeting a request was made to have the beach ready with picnic tables etc. for

Memorial Day Weekend. Rosalie Farr said that Don Drew was working on it. Rosalie Farr also said that the second canoe rack was completed.

Catch & Release - Mike Bonanno asked if the “catch and release” rule for fishing was needed at this time since it has been two years since the lakes were restocked.

Several residents also had different opinions as to rather or not a fishing license was required at Mountain Lakes. Game Warden Greg Jellison will be contacted regarding both issues. Brad Farr also said that there are only certain times of the year that Bass may be taken.

2) **Planning Board Update –**

- a) **Building Permits** – Commissioner Chris Demers reported that the Planning Board reviewed four building permits, addition to an existing deck, a extending a porch across the front of a house, roof to cover a deck and a wheelchair ramp, and a shed. All were approved. except one which required a merging of two lots to meet the setbacks.
- b) **Zoning Ordinances** – Commissioner Demers also reported that since most of the members are new, the board would review the Zoning Ordinances during the next meeting.
- c) **Chairman** – Commissioner Demers also stated that a Chairman has not been appointed yet.

Note – Joel Godston requested that names, phone numbers and addresses of all committee members be posted on the web site. Chris Demers replied that the members are listed, but no phone numbers or addresses are. This would be up to the individual if they wanted their address and phone number posted.

3) **ZBA Update –**

A copy of the ZBA minutes of the April 28, 2009 meeting were attached to the minutes of the April 11, 2009 Commissioners Meeting. No discussion followed.

4) **Water Committee Update –**

- a) **Water Flow Rate Test** – Edward Rajsteter said that the Water Committee had received a proposal from Carr, Inc. to perform a water flow rate test on the existing deep rock well at a cost of \$500. Commissioners Rosalie Farr and Christopher Demers approved the proposal.
- b) **Possible New Sites** – Ed Rajsteter said that Jamie Carr, Carr, Inc. will identify sites where water possibly could be found. Brad Farr asked at what cost to the District?

Rosalie Farr replied that the District would take advantage of this resource as it is at no cost to the District.

- c) **Carr Road Project** – Ed Rajsteter said that the water usage is down from the approximate 40,000 gpd to between 20,000 to 25,000 gpd since the leak was found and repaired.
- d) **Proposal From Kevin Horne** – No decision has been made on the proposal to refurbish the filtration system on the existing gravel sand water supply well.
- e) **Water Committee Date & Time** – The next water committee meeting will be June 13, 2009 at 6:00 PM at the Community Building.

Water Department Report submitted by Don Drew

Water usage is still down to about 22,000 gpd and we are only using about 400 gpd from WW&L... We are turning on service lines pretty steady now for returning residents (free of charge) and have no problems to report on them. Things are going very well.

5) Tariff Changes –

Christopher Demers reported that the recommended changes to the Water Tariff have been completed. The outside district boundaries rate has been determined to be equal to the district rate.

Commissioner Christopher Demers made a motion to approve the changes to the Water Tariff. Commissioner Rosalie Farr seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

6) Dam Deficiency Report –

Commissioners Rosalie Farr, Beverly Jacobs, and Christopher Demers were informed by Water Dept. Operator Donald Drew that the District had received a letter from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. An emergency meeting was held April 29, 2009 at the District Office.

The letter is an annual update on deficiencies concerning the Lower and Upper Dams in the Mountain Lakes District. Due to time constraints, the Commissioners had to sign the letter that accompanied the report to acknowledge its receipt and what the District was prepared to do.

- a) Prepare and submit an Operations, Maintenance, and Response Plan (OMR).
- b) Under the direction of a licensed land surveyor and/or licensed professional civil engineer submit an existing conditions plan of the dam. Particular items of concern include; slopes of the embankment, shelving the embankments at the normal water lines, dam crest elevation, crest width, auxiliary spillway elevation, length and width of auxiliary spillway, boulder locations and elevations in the auxiliary spillway as

well as the location and elevation of the playground equipment located on the spillway floor. (DuBois & King and Pending outcome of Engineer Scheduling and budget constraints.)

- c) Remove the minor brush from the upstream slope of the entire dam.
- d) Re-grade, loam, and seed the low area on the dam crest located to the left of the pond drain.
- e) Submit a plan to DES to address deterioration of the primary spillway outlet pipe, riser, trash rack, apparent embankment deformation above the outlet pipe on the downstream slope, and the shelving of the upstream slope.
- f) Remove all trees and brush from the floor of the auxiliary spillway and left abutment.
- g) Conduct an updated breach analysis and update the Emergency Action Plan in accordance with Env-Wr505: and
- h) **On a Continuing Basis:** Monitor the seepage and wet areas along the entire length of the downstream toe of the dam.

7) District –

District Report Submitted by Renee Cota:

We are currently over budget in water purchase by a significant amount. Up until recently, we were purchasing a 35,000 gpd and it cost a pretty penny. Now that the leak on Carr Rd has been fixed, we have determined that this repair has saved us about 30,000 gpd. For April we have saved \$2,000 and for May we anticipate a savings of \$3,400. If we can sustain this savings each month, than we will be able to bring the budget into balance by the end of the summer. We are seeing the true savings from the repair of this leak, and it is substantial.

The lifeguards and snack bar help have been hired and they are a great bunch of young people.

Payment for the water bills has been steady but has dropped off since May 4th. We still have \$46,000 to collect.

I have already begun to receive proof of homeowners pumping their septic systems. The letter will go out in the middle of May for any home that are due in 2009 or were due prior to 2009.

Maintenance Report Submitted by Don Drew:

We are checking off items on or project list and working around whatever Mother Nature brings us to deal with. One large item is the snack area at the Community Center, it is all most ready for the snack area workers to clean and stock. The canoe rack is built and placed on the upper beach behind the volley ball area; I believe this is a first come first served rack. Please note that a few of the picnic table are in need of repair, they should be repaired and ready for paint by next week, so use with some caution.

- a) **Commissioners Meeting Change** - Joel Godston, Annemarie Godston, and Mike Bonanno questioned the changing of the meeting from Saturday to Monday evenings; that it makes it more difficult for part-time residents to participate in the meetings. Rosalie Farr, Commissioner, replied that she had

researched several communities with the same type of full-time and part-time residents and none of them held their meetings on a Saturday. Moving the meeting allowed the Commissioners to attend the majority of the meetings and still have the weekends free for family.

- b) **Financials** – Mike Bonanno questioned what was the expense listed in item 5068.2? Rosalie Farr replied that it was the luncheon that was held at the March Annual Meeting.

Annemarie Godston asked is the District had a Head Lifeguard (line item 5017.2). Christopher Demers replied that yes, it was Beverly Jacobs as she is supervisor of the lifeguards. Pauline Bonanno asked if Beverly was certified as life guard; Chris replied no, that it was just a title. There was further discussion.

- c) **Sand for the Beach** – Mike Bonanno asked if there would be additional sand for the beach. Chris Demers said that it was not in the budget and that you must get a permit from DES to add sand to the beach.
- d) **Septic Tanks** – Pauline Bonanno suggested that Mountain Lakes homeowners that are due to have their septic systems inspected and pumped find out if a discount can be arranged if several homes have it done by the same company at the same time. Could this be advertised on the Web-Site? Christopher Demers said that the District could not advertise a specific company, but residents could arrange to do this on their own.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Harris