

MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT
COMMISSIONERS MEETING

August 10, 2009
District Office 6:00 PM

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

Roll Call: Chris Demers (Commissioner), Rosalie Farr (Commissioner), and Beverly Jacobs (Commissioner).

Residents in Attendance: Edward Rajsteter, Fred Harris, Charles Herdman, Annemarie Godston, Joel Godston, and Bruce Starer.

Guest: none.

Minutes of Previous Meeting (07:13.09): Chris Demers made a motion to accept the minutes as written with the correction on page 3 under Maintenance Report Line 1: between the and month should read passed instead of past. Charles Herdman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

1. District

- a. Property exchange: The District of Mountain Lakes and Joseph and Laurie Drenzo adjusted the property line located on Map 203, Lot 236, Section SW. 377 Skiway Terrace. A equal amount of land was exchanged with all survey and legal fees paid by Joseph and Laurie Drenzo.

- b. District Report: Submitted by Renee Cota

The water budget is currently at 47% left in the total budget, which is 5% under budget. Water rental is at 45%, which is 3% under budget. This is great! We have had two of our new homes recently hook up to the system and another one is scheduled for this week.

Payment for the water 2009-2010 water bills has steadily increased, but we still have \$16,900 to collect. We are getting there.

We are under budget in the summer program for salaries for our summer program. The rain and cold weather has made poor beach weather. The sun has finally come out and we hope that it stays.

Note: Joel Godston asked if letters were sent to property owners that have not paid their water bills. Chris Demers said that the office has sent letters, placed liens on the property or as last resort turned their water off. The office has on occasion set a payment schedule due to emergency circumstances.

The office has received a draft of the audit report. The final one should be in next month.

c. Maintenance Report: Submitted by Don Drew

For the most part things are going very smooth. We have had our NH safety inspection on the pool and we are in compliance with both the state and federal regulations. We have a few minor items to address for next year.

We have made the solar pool cover usable for one person to put it on and take it off, with this and the pool heater, the water temperature has been 80 degrees.

We have contacted a mowing contractor to do some road side clean up which includes Killer Hill along with the annual mowing we do at the lodge. We have not received the estimate which includes insurance, cost, and schedule.

Note: Joel Godston requested that the minor issues with the pool be identified at the next meeting.

d. Water Department Report submitted by Don Drew

One very important piece of news is that we have completed and passed all six of the Investigative Monitoring tests that the State of New Hampshire required on the ground water wells. We are waiting to hear follow up information.

The District has had two new taps to the water system. One is located on Swiftwater Circle and the other is on King Drive.

Things are quiet in both departments, so we are able to continue working on the project lists and usual summer routine.

2. Recreation Update:

Beverly Jacobs reported that the Recreation Committee met August 7, 2009. New members include: Bruce Starer, Chairman; Sarah Dynia and Karen Rajsteter.

Sundaes on the Beach was held July 19, 2009 and enjoyed by all, kids and adults both.

- a. **Labor Day Weekend:** September 5 – A potluck on the beach (rain location at the lodge) at 5:00 PM and fireworks at 9:00 PM (rain date September 6).
- b. **September 6, 2009:** Pancake breakfast 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The Committee needs

volunteers to help with the event. If you're available, please call Beverly Jacobs. A **“Walk Off Your Breakfast”** will be conducted by Bruce and Sarah to introduce the new trails developed by the lodge to residents and guests of Mountain Lakes.

October 10, 2009 – Oktoberfest 12:00 PM-12:00 AM Windy Ridge Apple Picking, Pumpkin Carving Contest (Lodge), Face Painting – Pot Luck at 4:PM.

Future consideration be given to the following events for the future include:

Movies on the beach and Movies at the lodge for Fall/Winter

Ice Fishing Derby – Two groups – Adults and Children

Wine Tasting Party for Adults

Adventure Day – all ages – a team event

to include a: Hike on trails by the lodge, Bike ride to the lake, kayak/canoe on the lake.

- c. Bruce Starer announced that he had received a grant for a Community Service Involvement from Public Service of New Hampshire. He will discuss with District Accountant Renee Cota the best way to keep a strict accounting of monies spent, as PSNH will require a report.
- d. Bruce Starer said that he would like to develop an educational program about trails, native plant life, etc. He would like to see if Brian Gaffney would be interested in helping out with the nature side of the program and Joel Godston with the history of the area since both have extreme knowledge in each area.
- e. Bruce also met with the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department to discuss the need to protect the wetland areas. The NH F& G gave Bruce signs to post in the designated wetland areas and will be periodically patrolling to stop motor vehicle use in and around the designated wetlands. Once caught, there will be costly fines. This is being done to prevent damage to the lakes.
- f. Note: Additional discussion involved:

Bruce Starer met with Game Warden Greg Jellison and he will also be patrolling the area. The signs clearly state that NO motorized vehicles of any kind are permitted. The fines can be as high as \$10,000 and the vehicle will be confiscated.

It was also suggested that perhaps an advertisement be placed in the local paper, Bridgeview, for the Labor Day and Oktoberfest functions. Bruce inquired if a mailer could be sent out to residents, but was told that the cost would be too high.

Annemarie Godston asked if there were any rules regarding night swims? the Commissioners said that other than the signs that are posted “No Lifeguard on Duty” there is no way to prevent anyone from swimming at night. It is at their own risk.

The State of New Hampshire has provided signs that remind residents and visitors to wash down their canoes and kayaks with bleach if they have used them anywhere other than Mountain Lakes. Bleach is also available upon request at the snack bar.

3. Planning Board Update:

Chris Demers reported that the Planning Board received a Zoning Permit Application for a single story addition to an existing home from property owner Lisa and John Marro located on Map 203, Lot 302, 114 Gateway Drive. The Planning Board reviewed the construction questionnaire as well as the plot plan and building materials list. The setbacks were well within the minimum required for the Section known as Gateway. The Board voted to approve the permit application unanimously.

The Town of Haverhill provided the Planning Board with copies of two new driveway applications which the Road Commissioner, Sam Clough, has approved. The driveways are both located on Swiftwater Circle, one being Map 202, Lot 211 and the other Map 203, lot 181.

The monthly report from Zoning Officer, Stan Borkowski, was reviewed:

- a. Barrington – T&C Way – garage – variance given, site work started.
- b. Danis – King Drive – house – extension given – home sold – new septic plans – house 75% completed.
- c. Greet – Skiway – house - project complete
- d. Lampert – Vernon – house – started – no further progress.
- e. Martin – Hillview Drive – house = project is complete, but cannot sign off until water installation is satisfactory to the District.
- f. Porter – Lakeside – dock – project is complete.
- g. Steiger-Brown – Rogers Road – house- unfinished – building for sale as is.
- h. Robbins – Windsor Lane – house – project complete.
- i. Dufficy – Swiftwater Circle – house – 90% complete – still minor exterior work.
- j. Weber – White Mountain Drive – damage repair – minor exterior work.
- k. Batchelder – T&C Way – house – approximately 80% complete.
- l. Long – T&C Way – house – exterior framing up – enclosed – site work continues.
- m. Harris – Adams – porch addition – project not started.
- n. Fallon – White Mountain Drive – porch extension – project complete.
- o. Bayer – French Pond Road – shed – not started.
- p. Heart – Wildcat Drive – shed – project complete.
- q. Borkowski – Wildcat Drive – garage – variance granted, site work complete, no slab as yet.
- r. McGovern – Pawtuckaway – ramp – project not started.
- s. Marro – Gateway Drive – one story addition – permit just approved.

The Planning Board also reviewed the additional 16 lots that the Town of Haverhill has put up for bid. This is the second group to be offered. The Board will continue to make sure all lots obtained this way follow all Federal, State, Town, and District laws.

Note: The Board is still looking for additional members as well as a Chairman.

Joel Godston requested that the members of all committees be listed on the Mountain Lakes Web site.

4. Water Committee Update –

- a. **Water Usage** – Artesian Well – 4,229 gallons
Gravel Well – 27,855 gallons
WW&L - 2,377 gallons

Total for the month of July 2009 – 34,461 gallons

- b. Water Report – Chairman Ed Rajsteter reported that the Water Committee met Wednesday, August 5, 2009.
- c. Scott Clang from Granite State Rural Water provided the committee with information regarding: Data to comply with 1974 Federal Water Act, Water leak detection, Water audit, Facilitator to resolve Water System issues for 20 years, Verified the need to keep DES informed on any “work” on any wells, a typical conservation plan as a model for the District’s plan, discussed in some detail installing meters in all homes to monitor water usage, provided two documents “Strategic Planning & Asset Management” for committee members to review, and that the annual water bill of \$450 is median for communities the size of Mountain Lakes.
- d. Rosalie Farr said that the Commissioners have agreed to proceed with the proposal from Carr Inc. at a cost of \$550 to perform: “Water Flow Rate Test” on the existing deep rock well.

Note: Chris Demers asked if it would be necessary to install meters on each individual home or could a meter be installed in several locations to monitor water usage. Joel Godston replied that the system is set up in such a way as this would not provide the information they are looking for.

Note: The Commissioners went into executive session to meet with Horne Excavating to begin contract negotiations for the upcoming year.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Harris