

MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT  
COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
DECEMBER 14,2009  
DISTRICT OFFICE 6:00 PM

Call to Order: Commissioner Christopher Demers called the meeting to order at 6:00 P M.

Roll Call: Beverly Jacobs, Commissioner; and Christopher Demers, Commissioner.

Residents in Attendance: Ed Rajsteter, Joel Godston, Rosalie Farr, Fred Harris, Karen Rajsteter, Charles Edson, and Don Hasbrouck.

Guest: Don Perlee

Minutes of Previous Meeting (11/09/2009)

Donald Hasbrouck made a motion to accept the minutes as written.

Charles Edson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**1. District**

**a. Resignation of District Clerk**

Commissioner Christopher Demers stated that Michelle Chamberlain submitted a letter of resignation to the Commissioners, due to the fact that she is no longer a resident of Mountain Lakes.

The Commissioners appointed Cynthia Harris as the District Clerk until the March Annual Meeting.

**b. Resignation of Moderator**

Commissioner Christopher Demers stated that Peter Olander submitted a letter of resignation to the Commissioners, due to the fact that he will be out of town at that time.

The Commissioners appointed Annemarie Godston as Moderator.

**c. Resignation of Commissioner**

Commissioner Christopher Demers stated that Rosalie Farr submitted a letter of resignation to the Commissioners for family reasons.

The Commissioners appointed Edward Rajsteter as Commissioner until the March Annual Meeting, at which time two positions will be open.

**d. Maintenance Report – Submitted by Don Drew**

Winter Equipment is checked and ready for use. Sand buckets are placed at the District Office and at the Lodge, please use them for the walkways, stairs if they are icy, and not cigarette butts. We will be clearing the skating area and will start to build the ice for the rink the week of the 14<sup>th</sup> weather permitting; we are shooting for Christmas break to have good ice.

PLEASE NOTE: THE ICE ON THE LAKES IS **VERY VERY VERY** THIN AND WITH THE SNOW COULD LOOK INVITING, BUT PLEASE STAY OFF THE LAKES FOR NOW! IT IS NOT SAFE.

**e. District Report:** Submitted by Renee Cota

We are ending the year in great shape concerning both the operating and water budgets. The 2010 budget process is underway. The budget committees have submitted their budget to the Commissioners. DES verified receipt of the application for the beach sand and the process can possibly take 75 days. The septic tank pumping has a 94.4% compliance rate. That rate is the best we have had over the past three years with the majority that are out of compliance are homes that have been vacant for a number of years.

**f. Financials:** Submitted by Renee Cota

In the water dept. we have 8% of the year left and 27% of the budget. Payments for the 2009-2010 water bills have slowed so we still have 10,750 of receivables to collect. This consists of 13 homes with a range of past due amounts from \$62 to \$3,622. They are homes in both Bath and Haverhill sections. We have 6 liens and 7 payment plans. The economy has been rather tough this year and many of these homes are vacant and have been vacant for an extended period of time. However, we are working diligently to collect all overdue water bills; unfortunately, it will take some time.

Note: Please take notice of the new charts showing the percentage rate of homes in Mountain Lakes complying with the maintenance of their septic systems.

Also the Mountain Lakes District Receivables for the Water Department.

**g. Sign:**

Joel Godston asked if the recreation sign that used to be located at the parking lot by beach was still in existence. The sign has been located in storage at the lodge. It was knocked over several years ago and is in poor condition.

**h. Parking Lot & Killer Hill:**

The run-off from Killer Hill onto the parking lot has created several problems. The District has plans to re-grade Killer Hill so that the run-off does not create a ditch through the middle of the road and across the parking lot. The drainage will be directed elsewhere.

**i. Non- public Session:**

The parties requesting a non-public session with the Commissioners must also request that the minutes from the meeting be sealed.

**2. Planning Board Update:**

**a. Zoning Officer Report:**

Zoning Permit Applications – New – None

Zoning Officer Stan Borkowski provided members with a detailed list of zoning permits and their progress to date as follows:

1. Barrington – garage – 204 – 027 T&C Way – variance given – permit issued – driveway graded - no new work to date
2. Lampert – house – 201 – 079 93 Vernon Drive – septic recently completed – not inspected for operation yet – no water has been turned of at this time.
3. Martin – house – 204 – 036 Hilltop View – project complete – water issue between builder and home owner. This project can be signed off if the water department accepts the current system.
4. Steiger-Brown – house - 201 - 303 Rogers Road – no change – property for sale as is.
5. Dufficy – house – 203 – 195 - Swiftwater Circle – house complete – project complete.
6. Batchelder – house – 204 – 030 - T&C Way – project complete.
7. Long – house – 204 – 034 - T&C Way – nearing completion – water service installed – Exterior of house is essentially complete.
8. Harris – porch addition – 202 – 025 - Adams - no work to date – letter has been sent.
9. Bayer – shed – 204 – 163 - French Pond Road – no work to date – letter has been sent.
10. Borkowski – garage – 204 – 086 - Wildcat - site work complete, foundation is in, framing is about 50 % complete.
11. Marro – addition – 203 – 302 - Gateway Drive – site checked – framing just started. This addition is essentially complete.
12. Brady – garden shed & wood shed – 204 – 302 - Kearsarge Drive – Wood shed is up, project about 40% complete. The garden shed addition is wrapped and windows installed.
13. White – house – 204 – 042 -Hilltop View and Haverhill Lane – permit on hold
14. Civit – handicap ramp – 202 – 013 French Pond Road – project complete
15. Chasse – shed – 203 – 168 – Valley Road – base is in and partial framing is in place. Tarp has been placed over framing to protect from the weather.

The December Planning Board Meeting did not have a quorum but the members present discussed the agenda for the following meeting and the condition of the garage on Wildcat.

**b.** A letter was received from Robert White, owner of Lot 43 Map 204, Hilltop View Drive requesting a Ordinance change regarding signs, namely For Sale signs on Mountain Lakes properties. Nancy White attended the Planning Board Meeting but the Mountain Lakes

Zoning Ordinance is very clear regarding “For Sale” signs and any change would have to be done legally not just through the Planning Board.

**b. Wildcat Garage, map 204 – lot 57**

Zoning Officer Stan Borkowski provided the Planning Board with a written report on the status of the dismantling of the unfinished garage on Wildcat Drive, His report states that the property was inspected again on 12.07.09 as a follow-up. The items stored in the garage have been removed except for two mattresses. The loft area has been cut out and taken down. What remains are the four walls of the original structure. The owner was given until December 15, 2009 to comply with the order.

**3. Water Committee Update:**

**a. Water Usage:**   **Artesian Well 7,287 gallons**  
                              **Gravel Well 16,367 gallons**  
                              **WW&L           4,897 gallons**

**November 2009 total                   27.629 gallons**

**b. Water Report:**

Ed Rajsteter reported that this months meeting was re-scheduled to Wednesday December 16, 2009. There will be a discussion concerning the re-tooling or re-drilling our current wells with Jamie Carr and Granite State Rural Water. This is only at the discussion stage.

Report submitted by Don Drew:

We have had a couple of water breaks in the past few weeks, one on Carr Road and the other was a service line on Haverhill Lane, both problems have been repaired and only a few homes were affected.

With the cold weather here, please make sure your homes are ready for the cold and all plumbing fixtures are ready as well. We have a thawing machine that can be hired out, but the best answer is prevention of the problem. **DO NOT LEAVE WATER RUNNING IN A FAUCET**, this could damage your septic system and is costly for the District. If a home is found to be doing this (and we check), your service could be shut off immediately.

Please call the office if you have brown or discolored water, change in water pressure, a smell or taste in the water, and or any thing that seems out of the normal with it. When we do have a break or an interruption, we try to notify all that could be affected as soon as we can so they can be ready, and we are sorry for any inconvenience you might have. Call the District Office with all questions and/or comments.

#### 4. Recreation Update:

##### **Recreation Report:**

Commissioner Beverly Jacobs reported that the Recreation Committee met December 7, 2009

A preliminary list of events for 2010 was discussed:

**January** – Wine & Cheese Party

**February** – Valentine Day's Skate with Your Sweetheart

**February/or March** – The Annual Winter Fest – Beverly Jacobs is in discussion with Glenn Hatch (Haverhill Recreation) and Diane Rappa (YMCA) to schedule a date.

**April** – Spring Trail Building (Bruce Starer and Sarah Dynia will be supervising volunteers)  
Wine and Cheese Party

**May** - Annual Pancake Breakfast and the 2010 Opening of the Walking Trails

**July 4<sup>th</sup>** – Fishing Derby for all ages and Potluck at the lake

**August** - Hot Fudge Sundae

Wine/Beer & Hors d'oeuvres

**September** – Fireworks Spectacular at the lake

- Pancake Breakfast and Canoe/Kayak Race

**October** – Pumpkin Fest (kids)

- Oktoberfest (adults)

Due to inclement weather, the committee decided to adjourn and finalize the above at the next meeting.

##### **Snowmobiles:**

Christopher Demers reported that Snowmobile Trail Signs have been put up on approved trails including Town roads for access to trails. Speed limits on roads are set at 15 miles per hour. Speeds on trails can be 45 miles per hour.

#### 5. Comments from the Public:

Joel Godston requested that all committee members be listed on the Mountain Lakes Web Site. Christopher Demers said that the members are listed on the information board on the porch of the Community Building.

6. **Adjourn Meeting:** Donald Hasbrouck made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Fred Harris and carried unanimously. Commissioner Christopher Demers adjourned the meeting at 6:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Harris