

MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT
COMMISSIONERS MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 2010
DISTRICT OFFICE 6:00 PM

Call to Order: Commissioner Christopher Demers called the meeting to order at 6:08 P M.

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

Residents in Attendance: Fred Harris, Michael Bonanno, Annemarie Godston, Pauline Bonanno, Charles Edson, and Elizabeth McCall.

Guest: None

Minutes of Previous Meeting (1/19/2010)

Mike Bonanno made a motion to accept the minutes as written.
Ed Rajsteter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Planning Board Update:

a. Zoning Officer Report: District

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 on as yet.
3. Martin – house – 204 – 036 Hilltop View – project complete except for water department acceptance of system. Remove from list.
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. Remove from list.
6. Batchelder – house – 204 – 030 - T&C Way – project complete. Remove from list.
7. Long – house – 204 – 034 - T&C Way – nearing completion – water service installed – Exterior of house is 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, project is about 50 % complete.
11. Marro – addition – 203 – 302 - Gateway Drive – This addition is essentially complete. Remove from list.
12. Brady – garden shed & wood shed – 204 – 302 - Kearsarge Drive – Wood shed is complete. Addition has been 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. Remove from list.
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.

Pauline Bonanno reported that the Planning Board discussed removing several of the above projects from the list.

The Planning Board has requested that Elizabeth McCall be considered as an Alternate Member of the Planning Board. Alternate Todd Chase has missed three meetings in a row, therefore he is ineligible to be a member. His resignation from the Planning Board will be requested.

The Commissioners unanimously approved Elizabeth McCall as an alternate.

Pauline Bonanno reported that due to the extensive logging in the area of T&C Way and Haverhill Lane, the Planning Board will again try to find a way to control the amount of logging in the District of Mountain Lakes. This will be the main focus of the Board for the upcoming year.

2. Water Committee Update:

a. Water Usage:	Artesian Well 4,219 gallons
	Gravel Well 13,019 gallons
	WW&L 8,261 gallons
January 2010	25,045 gallons

3. Water Report:

Ed Rajsteter reported that this months meeting was re-scheduled to Wednesday February 17, 2010. Ed Rajsteter requests that residents report any signs of water seeping from the ground or from homes. This is the time of year that the frost causes numerous problems for the Water Department and due to the lack of snow the frost is deeper than usual.

Report submitted by Don Drew:

We have been busy looking for water leaks caused by a combination of the windstorm and cold weather. A lot of homes either had the power service line damaged from the falling trees or limbs, or had issues with the heating system locking out because the power was out or surged.

To date in 2010 we have had 5 homes with frozen water lines and one with a mechanical issue in the pressure regulator. Our water usage is back down to around 20,000 to 24,000 gpd from 50,000 gpd plus. Thanks to Chris Demers and Danny Jock for responding to a 10:30 PM call on Goose Lane February 5, 2010.

3. Recreation Update:

Recreation Report:

Commissioner Beverly Jacobs reported that 14 residents attended the Wine and Cheese Tasting Party.

Beverly Jacobs said that the Winter Fest is scheduled for Saturday, February 20. The skating rink is in good condition, but snow is very scarce. Between Mountain Lakes and Haverhill Recreation, alternative events will be scheduled. The Pot Luck Supper will start at 4:00 PM.

Mike Bonanno suggested that the District request the Woodsville Ambulance be at the lodge. Mike Bonanno said that he received a telephone call inquiring why was the lodge closed at 1:00 PM on February 6. Beverly Jacobs replied that no one had been at the lodge for several hours, therefore she decided to close it early.

Pauline Bonanno asked if there has been a response to the advertisements for lifeguards and snack bar help. Beverly Jacobs replied that there had been several requests for applications and several from former lifeguards.

4. District:

a. Maintenance Report submitted by Don Drew:

This may be a weather report more than a maintenance report. We have had some of the craziest weather I have seen in my 5 plus years working for the District. The ice rink was gone (51 degrees and raining) but is back and it is AWESOME, the tree cleanup is ongoing (15 degrees with severe winds). This weather swing was all in a period of a few short weeks. The District has some issues that we are dealing with that were caused by the wind. We had to replace the glass in the front door of the office, replace a light globe, retrieve the canoe racks (the older one will need some repair) and we helped the town clear some trees on the roadways. A large pine tree fell over to the lodge, we had Lee Waterhouse from C&L Shavings to take the main part of the tree, and we have the braches piled for a bonfire at the Winter Fest.

We sent out a mass e-mail to the general public that are on the list, but if you are hearing this for the first time please make sure to check or have your home checked for damage.

b. District Report submitted by Renee Cota.

Financials: We are beginning the year in great shape concerning both the operating and water budgets. We are only spending what is necessary which included replacing the broken front

door. The windstorm shattered the glass. The 2010 budget process is underway. The budget is available on the MLD web site at www.mtlakesnh.net . The Annual Meeting is right around the corner on March 13th. The Town report will be available soon.

c. In the water dept., the five house leaks cost the water dept. \$960 in additional water purchase from Woodsville Water & Light in January. These leaks had the potential to cost the water department much more but they were located quickly at a significant savings.

d. Employee Handbook:

Hiring of Employee's family members:

Christopher Demers said that the Commissioners have made a change to the District of Mountain Lakes Employee Handbook.

Christopher Demers made a motion to accept the change as follows:

“It is the policy of the Mountain Lakes District not to hire immediate families of employees.”

Beverly Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mike Bonanno said that he believes that there is a NH State Law requiring all employees over the age of 18 that have contact with children have background checks
Ed Rajsteter said that the Commissioners would look into that.

e. Other:

Mike Bonanno requested that the Commissioners reschedule their meetings during July and August to a Saturday.

Christopher Demers made a motion to reschedule the July and August Commissioners Meetings to the second Saturday of each month at 10:00 AM. Ed Rajsteter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Christopher Demers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Charles Edson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Harris