

**MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT
COMMISSIONERS MEETING
April 12, 2010**

Call to Order: Commissioner Christopher Demers called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

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

Residents in Attendance: Fred Harris, Lesa Lakeman-McDonald, Mike Bonanno, Joel Godston, and Pauline Bonanno.

Guests: None.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting (2/16/10)

Edward Rajsteter made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Christopher Demers seconded the motion. Mike Bonanno called attention to page three, Recreation Report, paragraph 3, first sentence. Mike Bonanno suggested that the Woodsville Ambulance be at the Lodge during [Winterfest for training for use of the defibulator](#). (Words highlighted in blue needed to be added). The motion passed with the change highlighted in blue.

1. Recreation Update:

a. Hiking Trails:

Beverly Jacobs reported that Bruce Starer has planned a Spring Trail Building Day for April 24, 2010. All who are willing to “work” are to meet at the lodge at 10:00 A.M.

A Wine and Cheese Tasting Party is scheduled for April 23, 2010 between 7 – 9 P.M. at the Lodge.

Leslie Porter has scheduled a CPR Training Class April 21, 2010 at the Community Building in the evening. The class is limited to 10 and at this time is completely full. Joel Godston said that this training should be available for all. Beverly Jacobs said that perhaps future classes could be scheduled.

Beverly Jacobs reported that the District has all the lifeguards needed. Three from last year and two new lifeguards. Mike Bonanno asked if there would be a waterfront supervisor? Beverly Jacobs said no. Mike Bonanno asked about the line item in the budget for waterfront supervisor and Beverly Jacobs said that line item will not be used for that position, but may be used elsewhere.

Pauline Bonanno asked if the planning of hiking trails should be presented to the Planning Board before any trails are cleared as a resident at the March Annual Meeting

filed a complaint. Christopher Demers said that the existing trails are in the Mountain Lakes Greenbelt area and that area was set aside for use for the entire District.

2. Planning Board Update:

a. Planning Board Appointments:

Christopher Demers said that at the last meeting of the Planning Board, members had approved extending the term of Pauline Bonanno as Chairman until March 2013. The Commissioners approved the appointment unanimously.

b. Zoning Officer Report:

Pauline Bonanno reported that due to health reasons, Zoning Officer Stan Borkowski could not update the Zoning Report. However, the Planning Board approved unanimously a Zoning Permit submitted for a second bathroom dormer addition over an existing first floor for property located at 28 Lakeside Drive, Map 201, Lot 244.

There were two incident reports of

1. A oil tank and possible asbestos shingles on Swiftwater Circle, Map 203, Lot 181 which will be reported to the proper authorities.
 2. Lot 057, Lot 204, Wildcat Drive (the unfinished garage, which has been removed) still has rubbish remaining on the lot. Again this will be followed up as it is in direct violation of Zoning Ordinance 406.7
- c. Christopher Demers said that until further notice, all violations should be reported to the office.
- d. The remainder of the meeting was devoted to writing a new Zoning Ordinance dealing with clear cutting of lots in the District. Part of the Ordinance will require that a basal area of 30% as well as a buffer zone of 30% . The Planning Board does not have to wait until the March Annual Meeting, but will hold a special meeting for approval by the residents of the District.
- e. The Planning Board plans to schedule a meeting with the North Country Council after July 1. Joel Godston suggested that this might be of interest to all residents.
- f. Beverly Jacobs reported that there have been complaints regarding barking dogs and unleashed dogs roaming the District. All complaints should be reported to the Dog Warden.

3. ZBA appointments:

Christopher Demers made a motion to appoint Karen Rajsteter and Erin Chasse to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Edward Rajsteter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- a. Karen Rajsteter term ending March 2013.
- b. Erin Chasse term ending March 2013.

4. Water Committee Update:

Edward Rajsteter reported that water usage for the month of March was:

a. Water Usage:	Artesian Well	5,155 gallons
	Gravel Well	15,200 gallons
	WW & L	2,871 gallons
March Usage	Total	23,226 gallons

- b. A 2-inch water main break was repaired on Kinsman Road, which only took one day.
- c. The Water Committee needs new members. If you are interested in being part of an advisory board to the Commissioners or improvements that needs to be done on the water supply or the lake, please contact Edward Rajsteter, Don Drew or Renee Cota at the Mountain Lakes District office.
- d. The Water Committee is working closely with Scott Clang of NE Rural Water regarding re-drilling well #4 to a deeper level with the objective being more gpm as well as other options for an additional water supply.

5. Water Department Report submitted by Don Drew:

We are still going forward on some pretty big items with the water department. Our source improvement is coming along and we should have some straightforward guidelines and information for the next commissioners meeting.

An extensive clean up around the pump house and grounds has begun and will look much nicer for all that enjoy the walk on the dam and roads.

Water usage is still running around 20,000 to 25,000 gpd. We had a 2-inch water main break on Kinsman on the 18th of March and an electric issue at the pump house (PSNH problem) on the 6th of April.

We have had a few reports from homeowners for possible water breaks along the roads and found it to be ground water. If you see water running and you are not sure if it is a leak or ground water, please call the office (they can be hard to tell sometimes), we will check all calls. Thanks for the calls and help.

6. District Report submitted by Renee Cota:

- a. The annual meeting went really well. As a result, of the budgets passing at the annual meeting, we have sent out the water bills, and sent out the invitations to the Bath water customers for recreation permits. We have already received \$33,600 toward current and past due water bills.
- b. Financials: We are within our overall budgets at this time. The lifeguards have all been hired for the summer program. We are excited now that the snow is gone and soon the beach goers will be enjoying the lakes.
- c. Correspondence: (anonymous e-mail)

An anonymous e-mail was received by the office regarding the condition at the “Farm House” on the corner of French Pond Road and White Mountain Road. It appears to be rented to multiple families. Is the septic system equipped to handle multiple families? What is the condition of the septic system and when was the last time it was inspected, since the “Farm House” is grandfathered and not controlled by the Zoning Ordinances of Mountain Lakes? Do the residents of the “Farm House” also enjoy the same recreation privileges as the residents of Mountain Lakes?

The Commissioners will look into this and attempt to resolve the issue to the satisfaction of everyone.

7. New Business:

- a. Mike Bonanno asked if the original Covenants and Easements could be re-written without the name of the original developers “Town and Country Homes” within the copy.

Christopher Demers said that the original covenants and easements go with each deed and are recorded at the registry of deeds. The District has the Zoning Ordinances, which can be made “tighter” and should cover any changes in the future.
- b. Mike Bonanno also announced that the Fire Department would be conducting exercises on Monday. He also reminds residents that a fire permit is required for burning of brush etc. A new one must be obtained for each use, as the permit is only good for one time. A permit may be obtained from the Fire Department or Mike Bonanno. A fine can be levied for burning without a permit and it cannot be stressed enough that since there is a great deal of brush from the storms this year, burning is a serious and possible threat to all.
- c. The Commissioners announced that the Haverhill Police Department has rescheduled their meeting with Mountain Lakes to discuss the “Crime Watch Program” at the next Commissioners Meeting May 10, 2010.

- d. Joel Godston asked if additional gravel would be placed on Killer Hill as it was washed out over the winter. Christopher Demers said that Steve Robbins does not have equipment strong enough to create a proper crown and he will request that Don Drew discuss the issue with Kevin Horne.
- e. Joel Godston asked if the sign that was once located at the parking lot at the Community Building was located. Beverly Jacobs said that it was and it is in terrible condition and cannot be repaired. A request for a new sign would require additional funding.

Christopher Demers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Edward Rajsteter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Harris