

**MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT
COMMISSIONERS MEEETING
December 13, 2010**

Call to Order: Christopher Demers called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M.

Roll Call: Edward Rajsteter, Christopher Demers, and Beverly Jacobs

Residents in Attendance: Laraine King, Ken King, and Dan Brady

Minutes of the Previous Meeting (11/8/10): Ed Rajsteter made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Christopher Demers seconded the motion with the following corrections:

1. under Financials #2-C: change “Laraine King said that the lifeguards were given a fifty cent per hour bonus...” to Laraine King said that the lifeguards and snack bar staff were given a fifty cent per hour bonus...”
2. under Recreation #1: change “...the Rec. Committee was planning on having a Wine Tasting Event at the Lodge every two weeks throughout the winter...” to “...the Rec. Committee was planning on having a Wine Tasting Event at the Lodge every second weekend of the month throughout the winter...”

District:

1. District Report:

- a. The Budget Committee has finished meeting and have a preliminary budget that they've presented to the commissioners for review. The Budget Hearings will be held on January 10th and February 14th to review the budget.
- b. Marsha Luce has received the second half of the Haverhill tax payments and is doing well in funds.
- c. Marsha Luce is working on cleaning out 2010 files and packing them away. She may keep two years of files at the office, plus the current year of files.

2. Financials:

- a. Laraine King brought up line 4006-1 Lodge Fee. She asked where the extra fifty cents came from for the current month spending of \$412.50. Ed Rajsteter said they would bring it up to Marsha Luce.
- b. Laraine King also brought up line 5088-1 Security. She asked why the current month figure was \$500. Ed Rajsteter said it was a movement of the security funds to the general ledger.

3. Vouchers: Ed Rajsteter made a motion to accept the vouchers for November. Christopher Demers seconded the motion.

4. Preliminary Budget: Ed Rajsteter announced that the preliminary budget that was presented by the Budget Committee is currently on the web site.

- a. Laraine King asked if there would be an email sent out to the residents to let them know it's on the website. Ed Rajsteter said he'd remind Marsha Luce to do so.

Water Committee Update:

1. **Water Usage:** The water usage for the month of November was:

Artesian Well	5,556 gallons
Gravel Well	12,563 gallons
WW&L	17,083 gallons
Nov. 2010 Total	35,199 gallons

1. **Water Report:**

- b. Ed Rajsteter pointed out that that in the prior months there was a jump in the usage. This is due to minor leaks in the system and Don Drew is currently working on trying to find where these leaks are located. They have dug up a section of the line on Lakeside and Roudebush Circle, which is where the leak appears to be.
- c. The Committee has met with the state about their request to deepen Well #4 to a level of 1,100ft. In conversation with the state, they considered closing down the Artesian Well and draw more water from WW&L. However, before making a decision, they wanted to have the water tested from the Artesian Well. The results should be obtained about next week.
The state wants the district to have another source of water. The reason there is a request to dig Well #4 deeper is because it would be cheaper to dig deeper on an existing well rather than install another but that may change how they approach the situation.
- d. Dan Brady asked if we pay for electricity and water. Ed Rajsteter said we pay for the water. The reason the electricity usage is shown on the Water Department Pump Data is to show how much electricity is used for the wells and pump house.
- e. Dan Brady asked if they knew the premium that they pay for water from WW&L. Ed Rajsteter said they had a contract with WW&L that was renegotiated in 2005. The Water Committee and Commissioners will be having a meeting with WW&L to discuss options, depending on what approach they take on the decision of the Artesian Well.

Recreation Update:

1. There were not too many people at either the bird feeder making or the pot luck. There are extra bird feeders that can still be made which they'll keep for a summer activity.
2. Laraine King brought up from the Rec. Meeting Minutes that they would to have CHRI (Criminal History Record Information) background checks made a requirement for all summer employees. Ed Rajsteter said they had Corporal Trott left forms for that purpose. All they have to do is submit a name to the police and the police will let them know if there is a criminal record.
 - a. Dan Brady asked if the police would make them aware of the crimes if there was an individual with a criminal record. He was concerned that the record would include minor offenses such as a traffic violation. They are more concern about more serious offenses involving the safety of children. Laraine King assured Dan Brady that the background checks only included major offenses.

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3. There are currently no events planned for the Christmas break. Beverly Jacobs has resigned as Lodge Attendant and a replacement is needed in order to have the lodge open. An ad needs to be put in the local newspaper for a replacement.
4. The Winterfest will be on Saturday, February 26th. A meeting will be scheduled in January to plan activities.
5. Laraine King brought up that a resident at the last Rec. Meeting had said that in the past, the District Office was relocated to the Lodge during the winter months and the Community Center was closed up for the winter. Ed Rajsteter said that was when the Lodge was open for skiing. They will not be doing that anymore.
6. It was recommended that the hours of rental for the Lodge end at midnight. This was brought up because loud parties have been going on until 4 A.M. sometimes. Also, there are many cases in which the Lodge key is picked up on Friday and returned Monday because the office is not open on the weekends to return it. Ed Rajsteter suggested that the Rec. Committee create guidelines for renting the lodge and have the guidelines be handed over to the renters along with the key.
7. At the Rec. Meeting, a suggestion was made that the District look into repair costs for the lodge fireplace and perhaps add a pellet stove to help with the heating costs for the building. Christopher Demers said it would cost a substantial amount of money to fix it or replace it.
8. At the Rec. Meeting, Brian Gaffey volunteered for a position regarding wildlife management for the District. There is a concern regarding wildlife preservation. He will compile all the details and present it in full to the commissioners.
9. Laraine King talked about the Summer Program. The Rec. Committee is looking into filling the position of Supervisor/Program Director for the upcoming summer. This person will be in charge of the lifeguards (schedules and timecards), scheduling beach activities, and the Snack Bar (employees and supplies). This employee must have up-to-date Lifeguard, CPR, and First Aid certification. They will be interviewing an employee from last year's program, whom they feel, fits the criteria of this position. Beverly Jacobs and Laraine King both felt she was great for the position. Barbara Keating and Karen Rajsteter will conduct the interview in early January.
 - a. Dan Brady said they should advertise the position and invite others to apply rather than reserve the position for one person. He felt it would be a more appropriate process.
 - b. Laraine King offered to write up an ad, send it to Marsha Luce and ask her to put it in the local newspaper.
 - c. Christopher Demers pointed out that they could also do that for the lifeguards.
 - d. Beverly Jacobs said that they always offer the position to responsible lifeguards from the previous year first.
 - e. Ken King said that that was fine as long as they had the qualifications.
 - f. Beverly Jacobs pointed out that they ask them to come back because they have demonstrated their skills well and are great employees. They've had one employee for two years now.
 - g. Ed Rajsteter reminded them that they do also advertise the position for lifeguard.
 - h. Laraine King brought up that there is a chance that the Woodsville Community Pool will not be open this year so there may be a bigger flood of applications and guests coming in to Mountain Lakes this year. They could get a lot of applicants

from dependable people that have worked at the Woodsville Community Pool. Beverly Jacobs added that the employee that have scheduled to interview for the position of Supervisor/Program Director used to run the Haverhill Area Recreation Program at the Woodsville Community Pool.

Planning Board Update:

1. Approved one new permit application for garden shed.
2. Stan Borkowski sent in a follow up letter concerning the asbestos shingles on John Start's property. They have since put it in plastic bags but it's still unacceptable. He has 30 days from when the letter was sent to remove them from his property.
3. The garage on Wildcat was taken down because of poor construction. Clean up still needs to be done.
4. Discussed the wording for the new Ordinance Proposal. There is a section about clearing a lot to build a house and a section about clearing a lot not for building purposes.
5. Christopher Demers said that there was no VLAP testing action at the last meeting.
6. Christopher Demers said that there are only three projects currently being worked on. Besides that, the rest have been completed and signed off of the list.
7. Laraine King asked if the Annual District Meeting and Budget Hearings would be located at the office. Christopher Demers said that the Budget Hearing will be held at the office, and the Annual District Meeting will be held at the Lodge.
8. Ken King asked if he (as an example) could take a tree down that is too close to his house for safety purposes. During wind storms, those trees in particular can be very dangerous. Christopher Demers said that currently he would be allowed to because there are no rules against it. Beverly Jacobs brought up that a Forestry Ranger had said that it's the big tree with large trunks that are the most dangerous and should be taken down if too close to a home.

New Business: Laraine King brought up a concern on behalf of the residents about the rules of hunting in Mountain Lakes. She asked if hunting was allowed on Mountain Lakes property. Christopher Demers said that in order for someone gets a hunting license, they must know the NHRSA for hunting. Plus, any property owned by Mountain Lakes District is considered a public area so there is no hunting allowed. Christopher Demers added that unless the property is an owned piece of property, a hunter cannot fire a gun within 300ft of a permanently occupied residence.

Ken King asked how they would know if it's a permanently occupied residence.

Christopher Demers said if they don't know, they can't shoot a gun there.

Laraine King requested that a sign but put up stating that there is to be no hunting on Mountain Lakes public property.

Dan Brady also suggested that they put a notice in the local newspaper once per year.

Ed Rajsteter said he will contact the police to find out what else they would recommend, knowing the State regulations.

Tina Lalmond asked if people were allowed to fire guns off to scare off the geese.

Christopher Demers said that Mountain Lakes has a permit that allows them to do so as long as no projectiles are being shot.

Brief discussion followed.

Ed Rajsteter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Christopher Demers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Faustina Lalmond