

**MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT
COMMISSIONERS MEETING
September 13, 2010**

Call to Order: Christopher Demers called the meeting to order at 6:07 P.M.

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

Residents in Attendance: Laraine King, Ken King, Brian King, Pauline Bonanno, Mike Bonanno, Cynthia Harris, Fred Harris, Joel Godston, Berry McCall, Elizabeth McCall, Don Dubrule

Minutes of the Previous Meeting (8/14/10): Christopher Demers made a motion to accept the minutes noting the following corrections. Laraine King seconded the motion.

Page 4, Water Committee Update, #7: "send less time" to "spend less time"

Page 4, Water Committee Update, #9: "will loose more money" to "will lose more money"

Page 4, Water Committee Update, #12: "needed new electrical panel" to "needed a new electrical panel"

Page 4, Recreation Update, #3: "Money was collected at the gate came to a total of \$168." to "The cost to the district was \$138."

Page 4, Recreation Update: "It will looked into." to "It will be looked into."

Planning Board Update:

1. Pauline Bonanno announced that at the last meeting they had had a discussion and finalized the wording for the progress on the land clearing issue that they'd been working on for months. She asked for it to be forwarded to the lawyer to have it approved and then put it before the voters. The Planning Board would like to see the Ordinance changed to read "Lot clearing is permitted only in preparation for home construction. It is the policy of Mountain Lakes District to clearly bundle the building requirements and front load associated costs in order to expedite the building process, reduce future disputes and encourage orderly residential development and preservation of district water quality." It then broke down into more specific requirements that would need to be met in order to be permitted to clear a lot. This included "a perk test from a reputable provider, an approved New Hampshire DES septic design, a Town of Haverhill Driveway Permit, a New Hampshire DES Wetland permit comes off where applicable approval, a Town of Haverhill Building Permit, a Mountain Lakes District Zoning Permit including consideration of access to the Mountain Lakes Water Department Connections, Application of fee where access is possible." The Planning Board also felt that the District Zoning Permit should include "a lot plan clearly defining the required buffers and setbacks – preferably vegetated and leaving a minimum 30% of area uncleared and a completed Zoning Compliance checklist signed by the District Zoning Officer and approved by the Planning Board". The existing Ordinance number 901.7 would become 901.8. Pauline Bonanno asked for at least two of the three commissioners to sign it so it could be forwarded to the lawyer.

Ed Rajsteter announced that they would review it and discuss it. They would get back to the Planning Board by Saturday, September 18, 2010 with their decision.

2. The Planning Board received one new application to extend a back porch. No action was taken.

District:

1. District Report:

- a. Marsha Luce has moved and reorganized old files and binders dating back to 1989. She's been doing lots of cleaning. She also established an area at the Lodge to keep files older than 3 years so there's more room in the office. She found a lot of general information for the Planning Board and the Recreation Committee.
- b. Marsha Luce and Don Drew have been reviewing our accounts and the Water department. Fiscal Management is a priority.
- c. Marsha Luce is making collection calls and sending out notices for overdue water bills.
- d. Joel Godston suggested that the District Report be signed by Marsha Luce.

2. Financials:

- a. Laraine King asked why there weren't any current figures for the month. Ed Rajsteter said he would have this resubmitted. The copies will be available at the office possibly in a few days.
- b. Mike Bonanno brought up line 5070-2 - Shop/Supplies-Rec, line 5078-1 - Equip.Maint-Gen.Op and line 5078-2 - Equip.Maint-Rec. They were over the budget.
- c. Christopher Demers reminded everyone that each bookkeeper has their own definition of what expense goes under where. The location of where some things go may change but it won't affect the "Total Expenditures" line.
- d. Laraine King asked if the budget for this year end at the end of December or gets carried into March for the Annual Meeting when the budget is approved. Ed Rajsteter confirmed that it ends in December.
- e. Christopher Demers made a motion to approve the vouchers for August expenditures. Ed Rajsteter seconded the motion.

3. **Budget Committee:** The first Budget Hearing is January 10th. The second Budget Hearing is February 14th. A Budget Committee will be put together. Cynthia Harris is on the committee as Treasurer. Karen Rajsteter has been on the Budget Committee in the past and will hopefully be on it once again to help out. A few people have indicated to Marsha Luce that they would like to serve on the Budget Committee and they will announce later on who will be on the Committee. Others who have served on the Budget Committee in the past will be contacted to see if they would like to serve again.

Mike Bonanno asked if those meetings would be held at 1 P.M. Ed Rajsteter said that the chairman of the Committee will decide that. There will be a meeting in which a chairman will be elected and then they will decide what time the Hearing will be

held.

Laraine King asked if the Budget Committee Meeting was an open meeting to discuss the upcoming Budget Hearing. Ed Rajsteter confirmed that the meeting before the Hearing is an open meeting.

Laraine King asked if they would publish a schedule for the time of the meetings and Hearings. Ed Rajsteter said they would once a chairman has been elected.

Water Committee Update: The water usage for the month of August was:

1. Water Usage:	Artesian Well	4,243 gallons
	Gravel Well	19,300 gallons
	WW&L	14,450 gallons
	Aug. 2010 Total	43,880 gallons

2. Water Report:

- a. Ed Rajsteter reported that they had discussed a DES letter relating to Well #003 as to whether the Well should be considered active or inactive. Don Drew responded to the letter indicating that it is considered active.
- b. Ed Rajsteter announced that they had met with Shawn Patenaude, P.E of DuBois King to discuss a letter of deficiencies that we had recieved from the State DES about the Hydraulic Evaluation of the Upper Lake Spillway. At the conclusion, it was decided that the Water Comittee would recomend to the District to remove the boulder from both sides of the spillway. They also discussed what measures would be used to prevent traffic from accessing the beach area. They are considering putting up a similar fencing that exists by the mail boxes. It may have 6x6 posts with 4x6 cross bars. They will be addressing any outstanding deficiencies identified in the July 23rd letter. They will submit the D&K Hydraulic Evaluation report to the NHDES with a cover letter from the District. When the work is complete they will contact the NHDES for a follow-up inspection. This may not take place until the spring.
- c. The District sent a letter to Mr. And Mrs. Gervasio, dated August 16, 2010, advising them that the District is going to disconnect the water connection at their property within 30 days of the date of the letter.
Two months ago this letter had lead to further discussion about the rights of residents as whether or not they can drill a well. There is currently DES Ordiance that allows residents to drill a well, provided they go through a process. The only question is if our covenants and easements agree with that or not. They are recommending the commissioners to send a letter to the attorney specifing both the DES Ordinance and the Mt. Lakes covenants and easement relative to not drilling a well. They are looking to recieve a clearer picture as to what they're position is.
- d. Ed Rajsteter announced that they had sent a letter to the North Haverhill Fire Chief requesting a written response of the placement of the Dry Hydrants in Mt.Lakes.
- e. The Committee discussed 3-4 options to provide water service to a landowner who is looking into building a home on French Pond Road. The owner has not yet filed for a permit.
- f. The Pump House building is still undergoing repair.
- g. The Committee has prepared the information for the State DES about the redrilling of Bedrock Well #004. The information was gathered by Don Drew. Scott Clang of

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Granite State Rural Water had come and put together the performer that the Water Committee will be sending to the state. They will be reviewing it and sending it out within a few days. The redrilling of the Well may proceed within the next month or so.

- h. Joel Godston asked if they the letter to the Fire Chief asked for the specifications and requirements.
- i. Joel Godston brought up that there wasn't a scale on the Water Usage Graph. Ed Rajsteter said that they would have that redone.

Recreation Update:

1. Beverly Jacobs said that the last week on the beach was wonderful. The pool was open without a lifeguard and everything ran smoothly.
2. Laraine King talked about all the fun activities that went on during the Labor Day Event. There was a pie eating contest, tie-dye for the kids, arts and crafts and a pot luck supper. The clean up as well was very successful.
3. Joel Godston commented on the number of people that attended the Labor Day Event and said it was great to see them all having such a great time. He compared it to the way Mountain Lakes had been in the past.
4. They're working on a new survey to be sent out for input from the residents.
5. The Recreation Committee has also been working on future activities. The Oktoberfest will be held October 9th. There will also be a family Halloween party on October 30th.
6. Mike Bonanno brought up the last page about the pool inspection under Rec. He said it was difficult to read because of the copying job. Joel Godston asked if the pool was in good shape. Christopher Demers confirmed that it is.
7. Joel Godston suggested that a thank you letter be sent to Francine Bowman for replacing the old sign at the recreation site. He commended the work and said it is much better than the older sign.
8. Mike Bonanno asked about the Zoning Officer Report. Christopher Demers said that he didn't usually appear at the Planning Board Meetings because he is a Zoning Officer for other areas. Joel Godston requested that the Zoning Officer at least attend the Commissioners Meetings.

New Business: Ed Rajsteter brought up the security options for the Mountain Lakes District. In the past Mt. Lakes had a security person. There is still a balance in the account to hire another security person. However, Ed Rajsteter said he had spoken with the Haverhill Police and they could send out an individual with a vehicle for three to four hours per week. Ed Rajsteter asked for opinions about whether to proceed with having a police officer and cruiser on site or hire another security person during the summer months. He asked if the community would like to have this on an annual basis – not just for the summer months.

Elizabeth McCall said that at the last Commissioners Meeting, Corporal Trott said that the officers were on call while they were in Mountain Lakes. She asked if that would be the case if they hired a police officer to come during those three to four hours per week. Ed Rajsteter said that for that period of time it would be guaranteed that there would be a police officer and cruiser here unless there was an emergency. There will not be a set time. It will be at their discretion.

Mike Bonanno asked what the charge would be to have the officer here. Ed Rajsteter said

that it would cost \$36 per hour.

Cynthia Harris said she liked the idea of having a police officer here in Mountain Lakes. She said that she would like it to be a floating time – not a consistent schedule in which they were here.

Mike Bonanno said he was against it because he felt that as tax payers this service should be free to have a police officers surveying the area. He felt that it was important that the police make Mountain Lakes part of their responsibility because Mountain Lakes is considered to have the most burglaries.

Ed Rajsteter asked Mike Bonanno if he had anything to report on starting up the Neighborhood Watch Program in Mountain Lakes. Mike Bonanno said he had tried to make contact with Corporal Trott twice and has not heard back from him.

Joel Godston said that during the summer months the police stop by anyway. He felt that any more from the police wasn't needed especailly since they'd only be hiring them for a few hours per week. He felt that the money should be saved. Christopher Demers felt the same.

Both Elizabeth McCall and Kerry McCall felt that the money shouldn't be spent on hiring a police officer. They felt that people should just be more aware of the happening in Mountain Lakes.

Laraine King asked that if they didn't hire them now, would the option still be available in the future. Ed Rajsteter confirmed that it would be.

Laraine King asked why there aren't any posted crime reports. Christopher Demers said that anyone could call and request the information from the Haverhill Police Department.

Ed Rajsteter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Christopher Demers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:04 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Faustina Lalmond