

**MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT
COMMISSIONERS MEETING
August 13, 2011**

Call to Order: Christopher Demers called the meeting to order at 9:33 A.M.

Roll Call: Beverly Jacobs, Christopher Demers and Ed Rajsteter

Residents in Attendance: Laraine King, Ken King, Annemarie Godston, Joel Godston, Kyla Joslin, Randy Berenson, David Martello, Cindy Berenson, Beverly Eighmy, Tom Eighmy, Mike Bonanno, Barbara Keating, Don Keating, Ed Bowman, Ricky Gavin, Lois Gavin, Mike Bielarski
Grete D'Hondt, David Busemeyer, Gale Busemeyer, Mary Lou Thornburg, David Long, Heather Long, Sybil Owens, Kevin Owens, Ramona J. Nee, Bob Long, Cynthia Harris, Fred Harris and Rosie Farr

Minutes of the Previous Meeting (7/16/11): Christopher Demers made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meetings as written. All in favor.

1. Joel Godston brought up page1 #2 under Recreation Update. He asked if there is a newsletter available now. Kyla Joslin said there is not one as of yet. However, there is a new calendar available. There will be a newsletter for the end of the Summer Program.
2. Joel Godston brought up page1 #3 under Recreation Update. He asked if it was possible to budget more for the pool to stay open past Labor Day weekend. Christopher Demers said it is possible. However, it would be more difficult to get lifeguards then since they go back to school. He said it generally wouldn't be worthwhile.
3. Joel Godston brought up page2 #6 under Recreation Update. He asked if "No Smoking" signs had been put up at the pool. Laraine King confirmed that they were purchased and posted.
4. Joel Godston brought up page2 #8 under Recreation Update. He asked if the locks and keys to the lodge had been changed yet. Beverly Jacobs said they hadn't been changed yet. Ken King mentioned that part of the plan was to look into getting security cameras as well.
5. Joel Godston brought up page2 #4, section b under District. He asked is if there has been an increase of police patrolling the area. Ed Rajsteter said yes and that the police stop in at the office when they come through Mountain Lakes District. After the incident at the lake on July 23rd, Ed Rajsteter said he spoke with the Haverhill Chief who had commented that the situation was handled well.
6. Joel Godston brought up page3 #3 under Planning Board. He asked if the Stan Borkowski had given a Zoning Report. Christopher Demers confirmed that he had as well as an update of current zoning applications. Due to Stan Borkowski's busy schedule he is unable to attend many meetings. However, the Planning Board hopes

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to have him attend the next meeting in September since it shouldn't conflict with other meetings Stan Borkowski attends.

District

1. District Report:

- a. Marsha Luce collection calls to all overdue parties, only a few have not responded. She has given the commissioners a list of recommended disconnect notices. Under Accounts Recievables, after Bath payments plans and previous liens that are still on the books (at the commissioners request) we have \$4,135.87 in collectables for this year. Bath balances are \$3,790.63 of which the next sent payments is not due until the end of August. There is over \$11,250.00 in liens.
- b. Marsha Luce has been sending out septic tank letters.
- c. Marsha Luce has submitted a list of write offs, for finance charges.

2. Financials:

- a. Grete D'Holt asked why returning lifeguards didn't get a raise this year and were not made aware of it during the hiring process. Beverly Jacobs mentioned that every year in the past they had gotten a 50 cent raise. Christopher Demers said that during the Budget Hearing they had decided to freeze their pay for the summer. Ed Rajsteter added that instead of a raise this year, it was decided that they would be evaluated at the end of the summer for a bonus. The bonus was budgeted. Ramona Nee recommended their pay be included in their letter upon being accepted for the job. Brief discussion followed. Ed Rajsteter said this will be discussed further at the Budget Hearing. Lifeguards will be made aware of their pay in the letter of acceptance.
3. **Vouchers:** Christopher Demers made a motion to accept the vouchers for the month of July. Ed Rajsteter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Water Committee Update:

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

Artesian Well	4,188 gallons
Gravel Well	20,503 gallons
WW&L	25,567 gallons
July 2011 Total	50,258 gallons

2. Water Report:

- a. The water usage for this month is about the same as last year for this time of year and is about 38,000 gpd. The Water Committee would like to remind residents to be conservative of their water and make sure your hose are off tight after watering lawns and plants.

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- b. The Water Committee is working on agenda items that are associated with letters of deficiency that were received for the spillway and Dam 112.12 (North Lake Dam). They are also working on permits for some work needed with the access road culvert below Dam 112.12.
- c. It was decided that no work would be done on the spillway until after Labor Day weekend because the beach has been heavily used this summer. The beach will need to be closed for approximately one week while repair is in progress.
- d. Ramona Nee asked about the subcommittee that will explore other possibilities for the spillway in the future. Bob Long said he has a list of names for the committee but has not yet brought them together for a meeting. He is waiting to see the outcome of the current plan to repair the beach. Ed Rajsteter added that the Water Committee is having a follow up meeting on August 22nd in the office at 8 A.M.
- e. Joel Godston mentioned that in the packets distributed at this meeting included the minutes of July. The minutes from the month of August were not complete yet but are now available to those interested.
- f. Joel Godston clarified that the water level in the North Lake is lower because there is no water in Waterman Brook.
- g. Ed Rajsteter brought up that the contract with WW&L is renewable by the end of the December 2011. They will go forth and renew the contract.

Recreation Update:

1. Kyla Joslin announced today is "Summer Fun Day". Activities start at 11 A.M. and the day ends after kids enjoy watching "Finding Nemo". Some of the activities include the Anything-That-Floats and sand sculpture contests as well as a pot luck at 6 P.M.
2. Kyla Joslin has submitted the attendance breakdown regarding the usage of the pool and beach so far this summer. She will submit an attendance breakdown for the month of August in her end of the year report before she leaves.
3. The snack bar has made about \$2,363.00 as of August 8th. They've made about \$475 through boat rentals. The profit that the snack bar makes will go towards General Funds.
4. There will be snack bar staff and lifeguards on duty during Labor Day weekend.
5. Kyla Joslin goes back to school on the August 21st. Reggie Lalmond will be in charge when she is gone.
6. Kyla Joslin wrote a statement about the incident that occurred on the beach on July 23rd. She also has the minutes from the debriefing that the staff had afterwards, as well as an update on the changes made to ensure that they would be prepared if a similar situation occurred. They have a re-adjusted Emergency Action Plan and posted emergency contact information in the snack bar. Don Drew also purchased an underwater flashlight.
7. Joel Godston commended Kyla Joslin for being the best Summer Program Coordinator!
8. The Recreation Committee suggested that the Commissioners look into installing a cell phone amplifier in the District Office. This would boost cell phone reception on the

beach and could be useful in case of an emergency. This would boost cell phone coverage for Verizon and US Cellular. Kyla Joslin also suggested that an emergency phone that would be accessible to the public be installed in case someone doesn't have a cell phone. The Commissioners will look into it.

9. A resident asked if there was a sketched map of the trails. Ed Rajsteter said there is one, and they will have either Don Drew or Marsha Luce post it.
10. The Recreation Committee will be looking into installing a card key entry system for the pool.
11. Annemarie Godston brought up a letter that was written about Laraine King and the Recreation Committee. She felt this letter was shameful. Mike Bielarski had believed the Recreation Committee's email exchange was violating the Right to Know Law. Brief discussion followed. Ed Rajsteter clarified that the Recreation Committee is not a governing body and only makes recommendations/suggestions. The committee has no power. Christopher Demers said they would look into whether the Right to Know Law applied.

Planning Board Update:

1. The Public Hearing is scheduled for August 22nd. The vote on the New Ordinance Proposal will be held on September 23rd.
2. They will start working on assigning enforcement for the Covenants & Easement as well as clarifying confusing sections.
3. Reviewed Zoning Report. The Zoning Officer has addressed several owners with trailers on their lots.
4. **VLAP Report:**
 - a. The overall quality of the lake is good. There are some important factors that impair the quality of the lake such as geese, detergent and phosphorus. Tom Eighmy said tall grass would prevent the geese from getting close to the lake as well as prevent runoff from getting into the lake.
 - b. Phosphorus is the limiting nutrient in our lakes checking algae's ability to grow and reproduce. Small increases from human and animal sources (septic effluent, lawn fertilizer, dishwasher detergents, runoff from roads or land clearing and fecal matter - including goose poop) can disproportionately increase pollution. There is some indication that phosphorus levels drop from Waterman Brook Inlet on the South Lake to the Outlet on the North Lake (with some high concentrations in the North Lake Deep Spot due to deep buried vegetative decay). There is much variability and clustering around the NH Medians for both Upper (Epi) and Lower (Hypo) Levels. The trend is not considered significant, but it is upward, and many values are above 10 which is not good.
 - c. What We Can Do:
 - i. Keep septic systems pumped and in working order.
 - ii. Reduce or eliminate fertilizer use on gardens and especially lawns.
 - iii. Plant and sustain native vegetative buffers on shoreline and lot-liners.
 - iv. Clean boats, paddles, shoes (bleach solution), feet and body (soap) if used outside the District.

- v. Keep snowmobiles on designated routes only, and never on lakes. ATVs off District land.
- vi. Support, if eligible, vote and enforce for your District Planning Board and ZBA efforts to curb logging (described as “lot clearing”) and harmful runoff within the District unless the clearing is directly related to home construction and in accord with the District Zoning Ordinance.

New Business:

1. Ed Rajsteter brought up that they have tried various methods to get rid of the geese. However, they haven’t worked. They will have a meeting about whether or not to make application to the state to euthanize the geese. A few residents presented other options rather than euthanizing the geese. This will be discussed further.

Christopher Demers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ed Rajsteter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:12 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Faustina Lalmond