

**MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT
COMMISSIONERS MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 2011**

Call to Order: Ed Rajsteter called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

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

Residents in Attendance: Loraine King, Ken King, Fred Harris, Mike Bonanno, Polly Bonanno, Joe McQueeney, and Grete D'Hondt.

Visitors: None.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting (11 / 14 / 2011):

Ed Rajsteter made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 14, 2011 Commissioners Meeting as written. Mike Bonanno seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Ref: Dry Hydrants:

North Haverhill Volunteer Fireman Joe McQueeney requested that the Commissioners consider adding to the 2012 budget, the costs of relocating, removing, and adding dry hydrants to the District. North Haverhill Fire Chief Donny Hammond also recommends the following proposal:

- a. Remove the dry hydrant by the pool and place it nearer the water, as well as an access drive. (approx. cost \$2,650)
- b. Remove the dry hydrant near Killer Hill, leaving the pipe in the ground as it would not be cost effective to remove the pipe.
- c. Place a dry hydrant near the lagoon with access via an existing driveway. (approx. cost \$1,075)
- d. Place a dry hydrant near the pond at the base of the ski slope at the lodge. (approx. cost \$1,960)

(The approximate costs are from Kevin Horne and depend upon what he encounters during construction.)

Joe McQueeney said that Mountain Lakes would have to supply the pipe and fittings, 1 new hydrant, if it is determined that the other two hydrants can be reused. Joe McQueeney said that Donny Hammond would also oversee the project to make sure that it meets the needs of the Fire Department.

Joe McQueeney also reminded everyone that it is not only a safety issue for preventing the loss of property, all of our homes are surrounded by forests, which contain a lot of blow down and slash from the storms in the past. Forest fires are not always easy to access, but having access to a water supply could prevent a disaster in our Mountain Lakes Community.

Ed Rajsteter thanked Joe McQueeney for his work and said that he would submit the proposal to the Water Committee for consideration and recommendation to the budget committee.

Mike Bonanno asked if there would be money for this in the 2012 budget. Ed Rajsteter said there is money available for this project as well as others.

Old Business:

1. District:

a. District Report:

Marsha Luce reports that we have finished our budget meetings, with the exception of one last wrap up scheduled for December 21, 2011. It is late this year because the Town of Haverhill has received an extension, so I will not know the tax rate until late December. Remember, if evaluations go down, the tax rate usually goes up. The budget hearings are scheduled in conjunction with the Commissioners Meetings on January 9, 2012 and February 13, 2012. The Annual Meeting is currently scheduled for March 17, 2012.

I have added some explanations to certain accounts on the District and Water financials.

I attended a government financial seminar presented by our auditors in Manchester. It was very informative as it had to do with the way our District Reports on funds, general as well as our capital reserve funds. This is due to changes from the Government Accounting Standards Board. As changes are made, I will keep you informed.

I would like to finish the 2012 calendar, while I have received some information, if all departments could give me their dates and times, it would be most appreciated. (Ed Rajsteter reported that the calendar is now complete and available on the District website.)

After our last budget meeting on December 21, 2011, the District office will be closed from December 22, 2011 through January 4, 2012. I will be in to do end of year checks sometime during that time period. Have a Happy Holiday and a great New Year!

Loraine King asked if the office was going to be closed for that amount of time, would someone be checking the telephones, etc. Ed Rajsteter replied that Don Drew would be in the office and that the Commissioners would be checking in also.

2. Maintenance / Water Department Report:

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Phoebe Chandler and family. Joe Chandler passed away just recently and will be missed by all of us here at the Mountain Lakes Community. The Chandler family has had a second home here in Mountain Lakes for many years.

Maintenance: Don Drew reports that the heat upgrade is almost complete over at the Lodge and is coming out very good. This will give us a better heat distribution for the entire Lodge area. Both the boiler at the office and at the Lodge have been serviced and

cleaned with no major problems to report. We have picked up some new picnic tables for next year. We are not able to dig for the post for the Lodge signs because of rocks in the area. We will make a different type of sign stand. We will be starting the ice rink as soon as the cold weather comes and stays.

Water Department: We had a resident report some water in the road that ended up being a 2 inch water main break on White Mountain Drive. We have had a total of 10 services shut down for the winter season. We are still using an average of 20,000 gallons of water a day, (this is very good) keep up the good work. We would like to thank all the volunteers that helped us with the Lead and Copper test that we did this month, we should have the results next week. Please make sure your home and water system are ready for winter and the cold weather we are getting.

Please note: We have a **very thin** and **very unsafe** layer of ice on the two lakes, keep an eye on children and pets.

Loraine King asked if the District had thin ice signs, Ed Rajsteter replied that we do.

Killer Hill has been closed for the winter. Emergency services have been notified.

Woodsville Water & Light Meeting: Ed Rajsteter reported that Don Drew and he met with Bob Fagnant of Woodsville Water & Light on Friday, December 11, 2011. Bob Fagnant has worked for WW&L for 32 years. We shared information and agreed to keep an open line of communication regarding what we are doing here and what they are doing there regarding water supply..

Ed Rajsteter said that Bob Fagnant seemed very surprised as they thought our water demand would be very high. (This is probable due to the demand in the past.) Due to the continued work and maintenance of the Mountain Lakes Water System, the demand on the day of the meeting was only 17,000 gallons. The numbers reported in the past were as high as 80,000.

c. Vouchers for November Approval:

Ed Rajsteter made a motion to approve the vouchers for November. Christopher Demers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Loraine King asked if the amount in line item 5043.1 was correct. Christopher Demers replied that it wasn't and that it would be corrected.

3. Water Committee Update:

- a. **Water Usage:** The Water Usage for the month of November was:

Artesian Well:	2,951 gallons
Gravel Well:	13,310 gallons
WW & L	10,320 gallons
November 2011 Total	26,581 gallons

- b. **Water Report:**

Ed Rajsteter reported that the Water Committee has been meeting the past several months to determine what direction they want to take with long discussions on water sources involving both the future use of WW&L and expanding our infiltration well.

The Water Committee invited Shawn Patenaude from DuBois & King and Scott Clang from Granite State Rural Water to discuss future projects and give us proposals of engineering costs.

One of the issues with WW&L is the need to increase the size of the pipe used to interconnect them to our system. The Water Committee has agreed to recommend to the Commissioners that we increase the size of the connection line to WW&L from a 2" line to a 4" line, possibly a 6" line. We will proceed with the Infiltration Well Expansion Plan. Two new line items will be added to the budget proposal with \$5,000 allotted for each to cover the cost of engineering and developing the plans.

c. Update on the Emergency Spillway:

Ken King asked if we had ever finalized the "numbers" of the Emergency Spillway Project? Ed Rajsteter reported that Shawn Patenaude from DuBois & King has submitted "As-Built" Plans to the State of NH.

4. Recreation Update:

a. Recreation Report:

Beverly Jacobs reported that the Recreation Committee had a meeting Saturday, December 10, 2011 at the Lodge. They also had a "cookie swap". The Committee would like to thank Grete D'Hondt for preparing the lodge the night before.

Grete D'Hondt reported that there was a bad smell in the lodge as well as mouse droppings. Loraine King said we need to have a professional exterminator on a regular basis to control not only the mice but anything else including cluster flies.

Grete D'Hondt reported that a young girl was injured sliding on Killer Hill and we need to have available a method of contacting emergency services.

Loraine King reported that Barbara Keating is writing up the job description for the "Lodge Attendant" and that an ad will be placed.

Defibulator:

Ed Rajsteter said that it is possible for the District of Mountain Lakes to purchase a defibulator through the State of New Hampshire at a cost of \$735 each with a pediatric electros magnetic pads at \$99 each. The wall unit is approximately \$160. It is the same type of wall unit as is the County Building with an alarm if it is opened. Grete D'Hondt asked if the alarm contacts 911 automatically. Ed Rajsteter said no.

Ed Rajsteter said that Mountain Lakes received a telephone call from Eric Spears, Haverhill Middle School JAG instructor, Eric Spears said that after the crisis at the

Mountain Lakes Lodge, (Jim Kinder, HCMS Guidance Counselor,) several students came to him asking if they could have a fund raiser to purchase a defibulator to have at the lodge. Additional discussion continued. Mike Bonanno asked if the defibulator in the Community Building is registered with the State of New Hampshire? Grete DHondt asked if Mountain Lakes had applied for any available grants to purchase defibulator units? Ed Rajsteter said that Mountain Lakes has too high of a property value base to qualify for a grant.

Ed Rajsteter made a motion to purchase two complete units from the State of New Hampshire. Christopher Demers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Loraine King said that the Recreation Committee will have a Christmas Tree Bonfire at the Lodge on January 14th at 6:00 P.M. weather permitting.

Pauline Bonanno said she plans to hold quilting two Saturdays a month after the Holidays.

Grete D'Hondt said that the Recreation Committee will resurrect the tradition of participating in the Woodsville/Wells River 4th of July Parade. Mountain Lakes always used to win years ago and we need to revive the tradition! Grete D'Hondt suggested that we prepare a poster board showing what the Recreation Committee Volunteers do for the community during the year and have it at the Annual Meeting. Loraine King said that the rules and regulations for the lodge are not posted as of yet at the lodge.

Loraine King said that Charlie Green contacted the Recreation Committee and said that the American Legion would like to be involved with the Winterfest Celebration to assist with helping with the kids.

5. Planning Board Update:

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Pauline Bonanno reported that the Planning Board had a informal meeting, Thursday evening, December 8, 2011.

The Planning Board had one application come before them that had been approved and finished before it had been presented to the Planning Board. Therefore the Planning Board is requesting that the Commissioners ask Stan Borkowski, Zoning Officer, to come before the Planning board at their next meeting in January.

Pauline Bonanno said that the Planning Board has changed the night of their meeting to accommodate Mr. Borkowski with no response. Pauline Bonanno also asked if the Zoning Ordinances take precedence over the Covenants and Easements or vice versa. Christopher Demers replied that whichever is the tighter. The Zoning Ordinances can tighten the Covenants and Easements, but not loosen them.

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,

Cynthia Harris