

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

Call to Order: Christopher Demers called the meeting to order at 6:09 P.M.

Roll Call: Beverly Jacobs, Ed Rajsteter and Christopher Demers

Absent: none

Residents in Attendance: Mike Bonanno, Darlene Simboli, Laraine King, Karen Rajsteter, Charlie Edson, Annemarie Godston, Joel Godston, Grete D'hondt, Mike Bielarski, Jessica Brusseau, Jon Brusseau, Michelle Regan, Peter Olander, Fred Harris, Cynthia Harris, Paul Page, Angela Eathorne, Jaime Lane and Rosie Farr

Minutes of the Previous Meeting (5/9/11): Christopher Demers made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as written. Mike Bonanno seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Recreation Update:

1. Four major topics:
 - a. Discussed age at which one can swim unsupervised. Laraine King and Beverly Jacobs clarified that the Rec. Committee is not making new rules but rather pushing to have consistency with the rules posted within Mt. Lakes regarding the age at which a child can swim unsupervised.
 - i. Laraine King announced that there is no national standard. However, Mt. Lakes' liability insurance recommends the state standard which states that 14 years and younger be accompanied by an adult 18 years and older.
 - ii. Mike Bielarski pointed out that the website states that ages 13 and younger must be accompanied by a responsible adult 14 years or older. He then listed different regulations throughout the state regarding the age at which one can swim unsupervised. The different regulations throughout the state suggested that there is no official standard.
 - iii. Grete D'hondt said that it doesn't make sense to hire lifeguards who are of a certain age but not allow them to supervise children off duty because of beach restrictions. The age restriction cannot be so high that it does not correlate with the age allowed to be a lifeguard.
 - iv. Another resident added that Health and Human Services Regulations states that ages 13 and older can babysit. She felt that it also meant 13 years and older should be allowed to swim unsupervised as well as supervise children 12 years and younger.

- v. Rosie Farr brought up that Mt. Lakes insurance company recommended that children be at least 14 years old to be allowed to swim unsupervised. 13 years or younger should be supervised by someone 18 years or older.
 - vi. Discussion followed. It was agreed that 13 years old and under are to be accompanied by someone 14 years or older at the beaches and pool. The signs and postings will be changed by the time the beach opens for the summer so that the rule is consistent.
- b. Discussed time that the beach will be open (with lifeguards).
- i. Laraine King explained that the lifeguards aren't busy enough in the morning but by closing time, it's busy. Weekends are also usually a busy time.
 - ii. Peter Olander said that in his experience it doesn't usually get busy until about 12:30 P.M. and with nice weather, stays busy even after 5 P.M.
 - iii. Grete D'hondt suggested Don Drew have his two workers rake the beach in the morning so that the lifeguards can come at about 12 P.M.
 - iv. It was decided that the hours of operation for the beach would remain the same as in the past (11:00 am - 5:00 pm), however, there will be flexibility in that the hours could change to opening later and closing later depending upon the activity on the beach.
 - v. Grete D'hondt asked if there will be night swim. Laraine King said that it depends on the weather and what Kyla Joslin has planned.
- c. Discussed who Kyla Joslin reports to if she has a problem.
- i. Ed Rajsteter felt that since the Rec. Committee created the job description, she should first report to the Rec. Committee before reporting to the Commissioners.
 - ii. Beverly Jacobs said that since the Rec. Committee is made up of volunteers they are not supposed to oversee employees.
 - iii. Joel Godston said that Commissioners have the power to select other people other than themselves and assign certain responsibilities such as having Kyla Joslin report directly to the Rec. Committee rather than the Commissioners if there is some sort of conflict.
 - iv. Mike Bonanno mentioned that there is a possibility that none of the Commissioners are available at a certain time.
 - v. Beverly Jacobs clarified that the intent of this subject matter is to make sure the summer employees have one person to listen to which is Kyla Joslin. Peter Olander added that if there is a personnel issue that she can't handle she will then report to the Commissioners.
 - vi. It was decided that Kyla Joslin would report to the Commissioners through the Recreation Committee. Her contact with the Recreation Committee will be Laraine King or Karen Rajsteter.
- d. Discussed hours for the Lodge. It was decided that the music stops at 12 A.M. and the doors are closed at 2 A.M.

2. Darlene Simboli was upset that the dock wasn't out for Memorial Day weekend. Christopher Demers said that the dock is put out when the beach opens which is June 25th. Beverly Jacobs said that they would have the opening day of the beach changed to Memorial Day weekend next year.
3. Laraine King announced that a couple people have cleaned up and organized the lodge. The snack bar has also been set up. It's all ready to go!
4. On Saturday, July 2nd Mona Nee will be holding another tie-dye event with the children. It will start at 10 A.M at the Lodge. There will also be a 3 scheduled Fishing Derbies at the beach. This will be run by Tom O'Connor.
5. When people come to register their cars, they will also be given a sheet of paper with a list of the events and different activities that will be taking place this summer.

District

1. District Report:

- a. Marsha Luce reported that water invoices have been paid at an acceptable rate, however, there is about \$28,000 over 60 days, the statements for overdue invoices have been sent out with finance charges. Some customers had no finance charges defaulted; Marsha Luce does not know why. She has made some phone calls, and some residents are making payment plans.
 - i. A resident asked if the \$28,000 was a figure that represented residents who haven't paid in the past or this year. Ed Rajsteter said it is for this year and that this figure is accurate for this time of year. It will go down every month.
 - ii. Joel Godston asked when disconnect notices are sent out. Ed Rajsteter said that Marsha Luce will be working with Don Drew on that because he knows when.
- b. The auditors are scheduled for June 22nd and 23rd. Marsha Luce has been busy preparing for them.

2. District:

- a. Peter Olander stated that they had budgeted for security purposes and asked if anything has been done about that. Ed Rajsteter replied that they will not be hiring a security person but rather looking into hiring the Haverhill Police. There was discussion about whether or not, as taxpayers, that Mt. Lakes residents should have to pay for the police to patrol. Ed Rajsteter clarified that they would be paying the Haverhill Police to spend additional time in the community. Originally they were expected to charge overtime pay for this service, (overtime rate \$35.00/hr in 2010, we are not sure of the new rate) but since then the numbers could have gone up. Ed Rajsteter also wants to involve the Neighborhood Watch Program. Mike Bonanno reported that crime has gone down in Mountain Lakes recently and suggested that the District not hire the Haverhill Police for extra security. Brief discussion followed.

3. **Vouchers:** Christopher Demers made a motion to approve the vouchers for the month of May. Beverly Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Water Committee Update:

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

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| Artesian Well | 4,348 gallons |
| Gravel Well | 19,028 gallons |
| WW&L | 17,764 gallons |
| May 2011 Total | 41,140 gallons |
2. **Water Report:**
 - a. A second MPA test was done, and it came back very good for the Infiltration Well water quality. We have had a positive hit on one of our monthly water samples. Since then the Water Committee has done a mandatory 10 follow up test that came back negative which is good.
 - b. Unusual water was reported on Hanover Drive and a service line was found to be leaking. The line was promptly taken care of by the homeowner.
 - c. The water usage is down 35,000 gpd.
 - d. We have a new service connection added to the system and residents are still getting the water turned on for the season.
 - e. The South Beach will be ready for opening day.
3. **Emergency Spillway Update:** Ed Rajsteter gave a quick background on what had happened to the beach due to the spillway. The Water Committee has met with DuBois and King, DES and the State. Beach repair is in progress, but drawings are still needed from DuBois and King as well as approval from the State. They hope to have the beach repaired by the end of June. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact the District Office.
 - a. Peter Olander asked what was going to be done with the P-stone that will be taken out of the playground. Ed Rajsteter said that Don Drew has been speaking with Kevin Horne as to what will be done with it. No decision has been made yet.
4. **Petition Presented to Commissioners:** Ed Rajsteter announced that there was a petition by the residents to create a subcommittee that will explore new possibilities for the spillway in the future. Anyone who would like to be on this committee should contact Bob Long.
5. **Deputy Clerk:** A Deputy Clerk is needed for the voting of the New Ordinance Proposal. Karen Rajsteter recommended Cynthia Harris. Ed Rajsteter nominated Cynthia Harris as Deputy Clerk. Christopher Demers seconded the nomination. The nomination passed unanimously.

Planning Board Update:

1. The Planning Board recommends Tom Eighmy be reelected as a Planning Board member. All three Commissioners approved.
2. The Planning Board held a special meeting on the New Ordinance Proposal. It went well. The voting will take place on July 12th from 6- 7 P.M. at the District Office.
3. Tom Eighmy did a VLAP testing. The numbers were in acceptable limits. He will attend the Commissioners Meeting in July to give a more in depth VLAP assessment.

Christopher Demers thanked the Wildlife and Beautification group for their hard work that has been done in the District.

Ed Rajsteter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Christopher Demers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Faustina lamond