

**MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT
COMMISSIONERS MEETING
October 10, 2011**

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

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

Residents in Attendance: Fred Harris, Cynthia Harris, Bon Long, Laraine King, Ken King, Mike Bonanno, Joel Godston, Joe McQueeny, and Grete D'Hondt.

Visitor(s): Don Hammond, Haverhill Fire Chief

Minutes of the Previous Meeting (9/12/2011):

Ed Rajsteter made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 12, 2011 Commissioners Meeting. Christopher Demers seconded the motion. Mike Bonanno objected. Mike Bonanno said that he had asked Commissioner Beverly Jacobs two questions at the September meeting. The following is from the September meeting.

Mike Bonanno said to Commissioner Beverly Jacobs that on the day of the election for Commissioner, you made a statement that you were going to bring people together instead of people apart. Beverly Jacobs replied, oh I'm bringing people apart? Mike said let me finish, I would like to know what you have done since March, what you have done to bring people together. Mike Bonanno said there seems to be a lot more fighting on the beach. Beverly said oh, that's my fault. Mike Bonanno said since becoming Commissioner, what have you done to bring people together, I am not saying it's your fault. Beverly Jacobs said I just finished saying I would like to put an Oktoberfest together, I did a pot luck supper one night that a lot of people attended. Mike Bonanno said that's bringing people together? Beverly Jacobs replied it was very successful. Mike Bonanno said I guess my other question is on the day of the incident on the beach, why did you run away and hide? Beverly Jacobs replied I did not run away and hide Michael. Mike Bonanno said to Beverly Jacobs, you did not stay on this hill? Beverly Jacobs replied, Michael I did what I was told by the police, they wanted everyone off the beach. Mike Bonanno said that when he was down on the beach with the police department, fire department and EMS, I went up to you and said you should be down there because you are a Commissioner. Beverly Jacobs replied that I did go down there and introduced myself and asked what I should do and the person in charge said that he needed to get everyone who is not directly involved off the beach and I got off the beach. Commissioner Christopher Demers ended the conversation at that point.

(This is as close to word for word that I can clearly hear over and above the normal noise.)

Haverhill Fire Chief Don Hammond – re. Dry Hydrants

Haverhill Fire Chief Don Hammond and Volunteer Fireman Joe McQueeny explained to the Commissioners and residents at the Commissioners Meeting the importance of removing the dry hydrants near the mailboxes and the beach because they are ineffectual at their present location. Don Hammond recommended that the dry hydrant near the mailboxes be moved closer to the lake, with a drive wide enough for the tanker truck. The dry hydrant near the beach should be moved to a possible location in the vicinity of the

lagoon. Another location for a dry hydrant would be at the former snow making pond at the lodge. Don Hammond also asked if it would be possible to locate a dry hydrant near the chambers. It is possible that we can re-use the two hydrants and need to purchase only one. It was suggested in the past, that the District of Mountain Lakes apply for a grant, but the income level of the District is too high.

Ed Rajsteter requested that the recommendations be put on paper and a meeting with Kevin Horne be scheduled in the near future. Ken King, Bob Long, Joel Godston, Mike Bonanno as well as others contributed to the discussion.

Old Business:

1. District:

- a. District Report: Marsha Luce reports that all persons given Disconnect notices have made payment arrangements or paid in full. I am asking the commissioners for permission to continue with liens for homes that have been shut off for some years. I am also asking to have finance charges totaling \$67.96 written off to bad debts.

We have received a draft copy of the 2010 financial audit, I hope to see the final in a few weeks.

We are starting Budget Committee meetings in October and November, to be ready for budget hearing in January and February (normally at a commissioners meeting).

I have attached a copy of the new guidelines to replace the old ones for the Lodge. While the new regulations were approved, amending the Rules and Regulations has not been agreed upon. I do need approval.

I would like to start the 2012 calendar, if all departments could give me their dates and times, it would be appreciated.

- b. Financials: Laraine King questioned several items. Line item 5004-1 Treasurer under 2011 budget is incorrect as well as amount remaining and percent remaining. There is confusion among 5016-2, 5017-2 and 5018-2. 5043-1 Health Insurance shows that there is not enough monies in the remaining budget for 2011 to cover the costs. Christopher Demers said that the premiums for the insurance had gone up. Ed Rajsteter said he would check into it. Christopher Demers also explained that it is a bottom line budget to allow for unexpected expenses throughout the year.

- c. Vouchers: Ed Rajsteter made a motion to accept the vouchers for the month of September. Christopher Demers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Maintenance / Water Department Report:

- a. **Maintenance Report:** Mailboxes 97 – 112 and A – P have been relocated and are now at the back side of the main structure. We have ordered the Lodge

Signs from Anderson Signs and we should receive them in about a month.

- b. District is not responsible for canoes that have been left at the beach area, please make arrangements to have them picked up. Some canoes have been damaged in the past from weather related issues and from vandalism. Please let us know if we can help.

Mike Bonanno asked if that meant Don Drew wants the canoes taken off the rack also? Ed Rajsteter said he would ask Don Drew.

- c. **Update on Emergency Spillway:** We have completed the construction end of the Emergency Spillway (North Lake Side) by the office and are scheduling a meeting with DES Dam Safety and D&K Engineering to go over the final product. We will need to submit an As-Built drawing for the project and we will have to have DES sign off on the project as being complete to design standards. We had the lower spillway riser inspected by D&K Engineering and we need to coordinate a schedule with DES Dam Safety to go over the deficiencies found. We have received the approval permit for replacing the culvert on the access road to the pump house and have already completed that project along with grading the lower end of the emergency spillway for dam 112.12 to keep flow from going down the road.
- c. **Water Report:** Please make note that the cold weather is coming and to take precautions with your water system. We have a couple of seasonal water system shut downs scheduled, please contact the office if you would like to schedule one for your home. This is a free service offered by the Mountain Lakes District, but if your water system freezes, you could be charged for wasting water and for shutting off the curb-stop while repairs are made. Please call the office if you have questions or concerns.

We have no problems to report for either department.

PLEASE STAY OFF THE NEWLY SEEDED AREA IN THE SPILLWAY!

Don Drew – Maintenance – Water Department

Note: Cynthia Harris reported that on Saturday, October 8, 2011 at 7:00 A.M., she received a phone call from Don Drew saying that the water-line was to be shut off as there was a break on Swiftwater Circle. Fred and myself would like to thank the Water Department for the warning and the fast repair. The water was turned on at about 1:00 P.M. Thank You again!

Ed Rajsteter said that he had received a call from Don Drew also requesting that a mass E-Mail to the Community. Ed Rajsteter said he did not know how to do it, therefore he will request that Don or Marsha show him as well as the other Commissioners how to do it if a water break happens on the weekend.

Laraine King said that she was unaware of the seasonal water system shut-down. Ken King said that a notice should be sent out to the entire Community regarding this service. Just preventing one break could save money and time. Joel Godston suggested enclosing the notice with the yearly water bill.

Mike Bonanno asked if it was too early to have the final cost of the Spillway Project verses what was originally quoted? Ed Rajsteter said that the final costs were not available as yet. Ed Rajsteter also said that the area on the roadway that needed to be excavated was larger, as well as more loam was necessary than was originally quoted. Ed Rajsteter said there was a septic system that had to be re-located. Joel Godston asked if drawings were included showing as built for future reference. Ed Rajsteter said yes. Bob Long asked if Kevin Horne drew it out. Ed Rajsteter said that both Kevin Horne and Don Drew did.

3. **Water Committee Update:** Ken King submitted a draft of the Water Committee Meeting held September 30, 2011 which was included in the packet of information provided at the Commissioners Meeting. No verbal discussion of the meeting was given at this time.

a. **Water Usage:** The water usage for the month of September was:

Artesian Well	3,807 gallons
Gravel Well	14,600 gallons
WW & L	16,150 gallons
September 2011 Total	34,557 gallons

b. **Water Report:** Ed Rajsteter said that the total number for the month of September has dropped down to an average level. Ed Rajsteter said it is unknown how long the leak on Swiftwater Circle existed before coming to the attention of the Water Department.

4. **Recreation Update:**

a. **Recreation Report:** Beverly Jacobs reported that on Saturday October 8, 2011, Oktoberfest at the lodge and it was a huge success. Grete D'Hondt said that the children had three-legged races, carving pumpkins as well as other games. Since the weather was so nice the children were outside most of the day. The day ended with a fantastic pot-luck supper!

Laraine King reported that the Recreation Committee did have a meeting Saturday morning. Laraine King reported that they discussed the budget as well as the remaining budget.

Laraine King said that the District had requested \$1,500 be transferred from the remaining Recreation Budget to the District Budget to cover an additional cost to the work on the Spillway. Laraine King met with Karen Rajsteter to see where cuts could be made without hurting the remainder of the Calendar year. The Recreation Committee will be working on the 2012 Budget with the Budget Committee this week.

Mike Bonanno said that he had a question for Commissioner Beverly Jacobs. Mike Bonanno said that Beverly Jacobs had not answered any questions he had asked her. Beverly Jacobs replied that she is not taking any questions. Beverly Jacobs said that if you have a question, call the office and have it put on the

agenda for the following meeting. Mike Bonanno said that he would like to make a statement to the other two Commissioners. Christopher Demers said to Mike Bonanno that he may make a statement. Beverly Jacobs said that this is your agenda to use this meeting to take pot-shots at me, it's got to stop. Mike Bonanno said that it is not pot-shots, it's the truth. At the past 6 meetings for recreation, you have left early for 2, you have stayed for 1 and you haven't shown up for 3, that's pretty apparent that you can not work with the rec committee, so at this time I would like to formally request that you resign as Commissioner. Beverly Jacobs replied that my answer is no.

Mike Bonanno said that he would also like to go on record with this.

Grete D'Hondt said that she would like to mention that Beverly Jacobs was re-elected with a majority of votes and that was strong support for the work that she has been doing. Mike Bonanno said where are the people now that things have to be done, that's a popularity vote, come-on Grete, it's apparent she cannot work with the Recreation Committee. Where's she been for the past 6 meetings. Beverly Jacobs replied what was I doing Saturday night? I was working with the Recreation Committee, there were people there from rec. Mike Bonanno said that's not my question. Mike Bonanno said my question is where has she been for the past 3 meetings. Beverly Jacobs replied it's none of your business. Mike Bonanno said Thank You and that's on record. Christopher Demers that's enough.

Bob Long had a question regarding the \$1,500 requested from the Recreation Committee Budget to go for the spill-way. Christopher Demers replied that the money was used to repair the road (causeway). Ken King said then it's part of the Spill-Way project. Laraine King said that she and Karen Rajsteter went through the remaining Recreation Budget in order to inform Marsha Luce from what areas the monies could be deducted.

Ed Rajsteter said it was to pay for the deficiencies (pot holes) on the causeway and that it was cost-effective to repair the causeway while Kevin Horne had his equipment at this location.

Ken King again said if (Kevin Horne) he wasn't doing the spillway project, he would not have done it, it's part of the Spill-Way Project. Christopher Demers said no, because it would have cost \$2,000 to get the equipment from his place to here. Additional discussion followed.

Mike Bonanno asked if it would have made sense to take the money out of security instead of recreation? Christopher Demers said that the money designated for security made still be used when a decision is made regarding security cameras. Christopher Demers said again it is a bottom line budget, but I want to make sure it shows on paper where the money has been spent.

Laraine King said that the Recreation Committee has done well in managing their monies and saving money this year that they had planned to spend remaining money for picnic tables. They have been discussing a picnic table building party with a pot luck supper.

Bob Long said that the Recreation Committee has done a fantastic job this year. Beverly Jacobs asked how much money does the Recreation Budget have left because there are a couple of events still to happen. Laraine King said I think Special Events is alright for the next two months.

Christopher Demers said to the Recreation Committee to make up their wish list. Laraine King said they wanted to buy the lumber this year at this years prices and plan to build them next year.

Mike Bonanno said that he got another quote in for the key-card access to the pool and its' considerably lower than the first quote that came in. Ken King, Don Drew and Mike Bonanno are going to compare the two systems. Ken King said the bottom line is \$2,500 versus \$4,500.

Ed Rajsteter pointed out that the security committee is going take into consideration what it is going to cost including security cameras and the key-card system before a decision is made. It will also need the approval of the residents of the District.

- b. Lodge Rules and Regulations:** Joel Godston said that he had used the lodge this weekend and something needs to be added regarding the Lodge Rules and Regulations as to the condition of the lodge before people get it. Joel Godston said that they spent twenty minutes to an half an hour cleaning up flies.

Beverly Jacobs said that after Joel Godston and his party left, she spent twentny minutes within a half hour after Joel Godston left. Christopher Demers unfortunately cluster flies are a fact of life this time of year.

Joel Godston said that the building should be closed and a bomb set off. Beverly Jacobs said that Don Drew has done that, but it does not solve the problem of cluster flies. Laraine King reminded everyone that under the lodge budget, \$1,700 had been allocated for cleaning the lodge. Shouldn't the lodge be professionally cleaned quarterly as discussed, along with a professional exterminator?

It was also suggested that there needs to be a bucket, mop, and cleaning supplies available for the renters use.

Laraine King asked who is responsible for posting the rules and regulations at the lodge? Christopher Demers said that Don Drew and Marsha Luce would post the Rules and Regulations. It was suggested that in case of an emergency perhaps the Commissioners telephone numbers should also be posted

5. Planning Board Update:

- a. Planning Board Update:** Mike Bonanno reported that the Planning Board met Oct 6, 2011. The Planning Board approved 3 sheds as well as 1 garage.
- b. Zoning Officer Report:** The Zoning Officer reported that there was nothing new on the Incident Report.

- c. Hearing Update:** The Mountain Lakes District held a special hearing to amend the existing Zoning Ordinance by re-numbering existing Subsection 901.7 as 901.8 and inserting the new Subsection as Subsection 901.7

The Amendment was passed with 21 yes votes and 1 no vote.

The Planning Board requested that Marsha Luce update the web-site, provide copies of the Zoning Ordinances to the Planning Board Members, and notify the Town of Haverhill of the change to the Mountain Lakes District Zoning Ordinances.

Ed Rajsteter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mike Bonanno. The meeting adjourned at 7:13 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Harris