

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

Call to Order: Christopher Demers called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

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

Residents in Attendance: Fred Harris, Joel Godston, Annemarie Godston, Laraine King, Ken King, David R. Martella, Polly Bonanno, Mike Bonanno, Heather Long, David Long, Grete D'Hondt, Charlette Clark, Bill Clark, Sandy Schmid, and Dottie Long.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting (8/13/11): Ed Rajsteter made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Joel Godston seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

District Report:

Information requested by the Commissioners at the August Meeting.

- a. **911** emergency service outside of building when building is closed. Our phone company does not provide 911 service only, it would still be a phone that could make local calls. Contacted the police department; and they do not have a 911 service phone, again only if your phone company provides it.
- b. Cell Booster service: After researching, the cell booster would only be able to be used in the District Office building and that is ONLY if we can get a signal from the roof, as an antenna would have to be installed from the roof and come into the building. If this were possible, the cost would be a minimum for \$500 - \$800 for equipment plus installation. Ken King tried some cell booster apparatus, but it did not work.
- c. Pool Card Key: Mike Bonanno had researched this, should have material for you. About \$3000, Don does have some reservations, as the time would need to be restricted so he has time to put chemicals in.

I have also been sending out septic tank letters.

Marsha Luce, District Office Administrator

Financials:

- a. Joel Godston questioned item # 5004-1 Treasurer. A 75.00 figure was entered under column 2011 budget when it should have been a 0.
- b. **Vouchers:** Ed Rajsteter made a motion to accept the vouchers for the month of August. Christopher Demers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Maintenance / Water Department Report

Maintenance: We have no problems to report after the major rain we received a couple weeks ago. The summer program has finished and we are continuing with some scheduled projects. The new mailboxes will be in place the week of September 16th. The Emergency Spillway Project is scheduled the week of September 16th. We will be checking items for the 2012 budget, things like some of the picnic tables for the beach area need to be replaced and we have an issue with pump A at the pool. We will continue working over to the lodge and preparing this and other areas for winter.

Water Department: We had only one minor incident with our Chlorinator pump not working correctly. The water usage is running between 28,000 and 35,000 gpd (about the same as last year). We are waiting for a response for the NHDES regarding the permit we have submitted for the culvert replacement on the access road below the lower dam. The water committee is still working on a multiple of agenda and action items. We will continue with our brush cutting and other items concerning the LOD.

Budgets are on the middle burner, so please make sure to bring concerns, questions or ideas forward to the proper departments so they can be addressed,

Don Drew, Maintenance / Water Department

Water Committee Update:

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

Artesian Well	3,822 gallons
Gravel Well	19,551 gallons
WW&L	19,622 gallons
August 2011 Total	42,995 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 42,000 gpd. The Water Committee would like to remind residents to be conservative of their water and make sure your outside water hose is off tight after watering lawns and plants.

b. A special meeting was held August 22, 2011 to discuss the proposal from DuBois & King to assist the District in evaluating the different options to Mountain Lakes can continue to supply all of the residents with water both now and in the future. Currently the District supplies about 320 homes with expected build out to about 450.

c. The current contract with Woodsville Water & Light will have to be re-negotiated and the water committee would like to have the District Lawyer review the current contract and be present at any WWL meeting regarding a new contract. A discussion of how to calculate the cost of water per household with WWL as the primary supplier.

d. DuBois & King submitted a proposal of three options, extend the bedrock well, find a new source, or use WWL .

e. Bill Clark asked if the District was considering installing meters on new homes and on existing homes as they are sold. David Long asked if meters were installed, would there be a flat rate as well as the metered rate. Joel Godston said that there would be both a metered rate and a flat rate. It was also said that the cost of the meters, installation, and reading the meters would be high to start with.

c. Update of Emergency Spillway: The work on the spillway is scheduled to begin Wednesday morning, Sept. 14th at 7:30 A.M. Polly Bonanno asked if Killer Hill would be closed and how long would the work take. Ed Rajsteter said that Killer Hill would probably be closed and work should take 3 to 4 days. Mike Bonanno said that the District should notify Grafton County Dispatch of the closure.

Recreation Report: Heather Long reported that the Labor Day activities went well. However, the snack bar clean-up did not happen even though it was raining.

Grete D'Hondt announced that a yard sale is scheduled for Saturday, September 17th with a rain date of Sunday the 18th. If possible, bring your own tables as lodge tables are limited. The sale will be held in the same area across from the mailboxes, by the fence by the pool and in the all-purpose court.

Mike Bonanno reported that the cost of installing a card key entry system for the pool would cost approximately \$4,100 which would include training, a lap top, installation, 75 cards, and a guarantee. Extra or replacement cards are \$2.75 each. Ed Rajsteter suggested that a committee be formed to examine the information as well as security cameras for the Community Building, Pool Area, and Lodge. Mike Bonanno and Ken King volunteered. Don Drew should also be part of the committee as well as anyone who wishes to volunteer. Recommendations should be made to the Budget Committee which will begin their meetings in October.

Future Events include a potluck and campfire for Saturday night September 17 at 6:00 P.M. A children's Halloween Party is scheduled for October 22nd beginning at 3:00 P.M. which will include a haunted house in the downstairs of the lodge. Oktoberfest is scheduled after the children's party.

Summer Program: Loraine King reported that Kyla Joslin has submitted her report of the summer program. A copy of her report will be available upon request.

Lodge Rules and regulations: Included in the packet for this meeting are the recommendations the recreation committee has made to the Commissioners regarding the lodge. After a brief discussion, Christopher Demers made a motion to accept the recommendations of the Recreation Committee. Ed Rajsteter seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Revision to Minutes of the Commissioners' Meeting – September 12, 2011

Laraine King asked that she be granted time to discuss accusations against her character by Mike Bielarski, in his letter to the Commissioners of August 11th and statements made on his website.

Laraine presented a clarification of the directive given to the Recreation Committee regarding the reporting structure of the Summer Program. As the Commissioners had instructed, the Summer Program Director was to report directly to the officers of the Committee. Laraine stated that this was not in any way a "power grab", nor did she "go well beyond what was granted by the Commissioners" as stated by Mr. Bielarski.

A second issue in the same August 11th letter was that Laraine was instrumental in the doubling of canoe rentals. Documentation was presented written by Summer Program Director that had been sent to the Commissioners in which Kyla Joslin states her decision regarding the rates.

A third issue was his statement on his website regarding the age requirements at the beach that Laraine "attempted to enact the new, stricter rules." Documentation was presented of her listing of the inaccurate signage at the beach along with the sign that had been hanging in the Snack Bar for the past several years stating that "Children under the age of years must be supervised by an adult 18 years or older."

Laraine then asked for a "Vote of Confidence" in her role with the Recreation Committee from the Commissioners. A positive vote was given by all three. She also received the same from the residents in attendance. In addition, Laraine requested a letter signed by the District Commissioners be sent to Mike Bielarski, instructing him to cease these personal attacks.

Planning Board Update:

Polly Bonanno said that the Planning Board had met, but that the minutes from the meeting had not been finished at this time. However, this is basically what happened at the meeting.

1. The demolition of the home on Monadnock Drive will take 3 – 4 days, the lot will be cleaned and prepared for a new log home to be built.
2. Residents that wish to report a violation of the Mountain Lakes Zoning Ordinances can obtain an incident report from the office.
3. Mr. David Martella reported that he had requested that the Town of Haverhill Planning Board approve the discontinuance of a portion of Dartmouth Road (a paper road) so that he may merge several lots. The Town of Haverhill Planning Board approved the motion.
Mr. Martella said that a hearing will be held September 20th regarding the lot mergers.

Zoning Officer Report:

Christopher Demers reported that there were no new permits and that the incident reports should be much smaller next month.

Hearing Update:

Mountain Lakes Special District Hearing was held August 22, 2011.

Planning Board members Pauline Bonanno, Elizabeth McCall, Mike Bonanno, and Christopher Demers were in attendance. Residents and property owners in attendance were Fred Harris, Cynthia Harris, and Paul Thomas. After a brief discussion and explanation of the purpose of the proposed amendment the hearing was adjourned.

A Special District Meeting of the Mountain Lakes District will be held September 23, 2011 between the hours of 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. at the Community Building. All qualified voters are requested to attend to vote for or against the proposed amendment to the Mountain Lakes District Zoning Ordinance.

New Business:

1. Loraine King asked if there were absentee ballots available for the meeting of September 23, 2011. Christopher Demers replied that there would not be as there are very specific rules involving absentee ballots and the District is not prepared at this time.
2. Mr. Martella asked if firearms were allowed to be discharged in the District of Mountain Lakes. Firearms are not supposed to be fired in the District, but with so many wooded empty lots, many believe firearms may be discharged. There are specific rules regarding the distance from occupied properties etc., but enforcement is very difficult. Residents should report what they believe are illegal discharges to the Haverhill Police Department.
3. Joel Godston announced that he has compiled a history of important events that have occurred in Mountain Lakes since 1964. If you would like a copy, please contact Joel.

Christopher Demers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ed Rajsteter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Harris