

**MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT
COMMISSIONERS MEETING
April 9, 2012**

Call To Order: Bob Long called the meeting to order at 6:06 P.M.

Roll Call: Commissioners Beverly Jacobs and Bob Long were present. Christopher Demers, Commissioner was absent and excused.

Residents in Attendance: Laraine King, Ken King, Fred Harris, Peter Olander, Ed Rajsteter, Mike Bonanno, Cindy Williams, Dottie Long, Dave Long, and Grete D'Hondt.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting (February 13, 2011):

Commissioner Bob Long asked for a moment of silence out of respect for the family of Daniel Jock. We offer our condolences to his wife Megan and their children, Mathew, Joseph, and Jaylynn. Daniel Jock was a respected member of the Community of Mountain Lakes and the Woodsville Fire Department.

1. District

a. District Report:

Marsha Luce reports that she had emailed the Commissioners the actual quote for the 911 phone on January 23, 2012. It is \$825 installed.

Mark Lalmond has updated the website – it is now www.mountainlakesnh.com .

I have sent out all water invoices and have been receiving payments.

Don Drew has installed a locked “drop box” for you located outside the office so you may drop payments, applications when the office is closed. No Cash please. Thank you Don!

I have sent out all the reports to the New Hampshire Department of Revenue as required after the Annual Meeting.

> Bob Long asked if the community should proceed with installing the emergency 911 phone system. Mike Bonanno said that he felt that due to several instances in the past, having the 911 system within reach (meaning outside the building when the community center is closed) could not only possibly prevent serious injury but also save a life. Laraine King also said that while sledding a person was injured and due to the fact that the nearby homes are second homes, it is difficult to find a phone. Unfortunately, cell phones do not receive a signal in this area. After a brief discussion, Bob Long tabled the project until Christopher Demers could also be present.

> Ed Rajsteter said that he had contacted Town Manager, Glenn English regarding cell phones. Glenn English said that he and local representative Deb Foster had contacted several providers regarding cell phone service for the area, but nothing has been reported since.

> Bob Long said that the new website is up and running. Ken King said that all community groups should check their section for any corrections or updating.

> Laraine King said that the Community Guide should be updated as the phone numbers that are listed are out of date.

b. Financials

Bob Long asked if there were any questions regarding the budgeted statements of revenues and expenditures? There were none.

c. Vouchers

Bob Long made a motion to approve the vouchers for February and March. Beverly Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Water Committee Update

a. Water Usage: The daily average water usage for the month of March was:

Artesian Well:	3,120 gallons
Gravel Well:	8,080 gallons
WW&L:	8,135 gallons
March 2012 Total:	18,029 gallons

Ed Rajsteter reported that the average daily water usage for March was below 20,000 gallons which is excellent!

b. Water Report:

> Ed Rajsteter reported that there was an issue with a circuit that seized in the pump house which was fixed within a short time.

> A leak was quickly reported on Deerfield Drive when a resident noticed water bubbling from the ground. It also was repaired within a short amount of time.

- Ed Rajsteter reported that Woodsville Water & Light was meeting April 10, 2012 and that we should hear from them regarding a new rate structure proposal that was made to them.
- We met last week with Don Hammond, Fire Chief, regarding re-positioning of the dry hydrants. The dry hydrant by the mailboxes will be moved forward toward the lake 50 to 60 feet with a pad so that the trucks can draw water from the lake. This will not need approval from the State of New Hampshire as it will be connected to the same original pipe.
- There will be a location for a dry hydrant on the back side of the lake off of the road going to the pump house. We will require approval from the State of New Hampshire for this location.

- The next step will be getting a cost estimate from Kevin Horne for the work to be done. Peter Olander asked how much of a disturbance to the area will this cause by the mailboxes. Ed Rajsteter said that only one sign will be moved. There are stakes in the ground showing where the pad will be as well as the hydrant.

3. Recreation Update:

a. Recreation Report:

- Beverly Jacobs reported that at the Recreation Committee Meeting there was a discussion on the following:
- A discussion with Cindy Berenson regarding the July 4th Parade Float Theme. Peter Olander reminded everyone that designing a parade float will take not only time but adult supervision.
- A possible “Summerfest”.

b. Summer Program and Employees:

- There is only one application for “Waterfront Supervisor”. The application is from a school teacher and it would be best to set up an interview immediately. Also we should place another advertisement in the paper this next week.
- Grete D’Hondt said that the a class for re-certification for the lifeguards will be held in May in St. Johnsbury. There was also discussion regarding reimbursement of lifeguard certification. Laraine King suggested that the files should be checked to see if any of the returning lifeguards need to be re-certified, and also for CPR.
- Beverly Jacobs said that the Commissioners will do the interviews and the hiring of the summer staff. Laraine King asked if the letters have gone to the former summer staff informing them of their employment?
- There was a discussion regarding the hours of the lifeguards. Mike Bonanno asked if there would be evening hours for the pool. One issue is that there should be someone in the snack bar if there is a lifeguard at the pool.
- Bob Long asked what is the status of a key card system for the pool. Mike Bonanno said he forwarded the information to Ken King. Ken King said it is up to the Commissioners if they want to proceed further with this project. There are issues concerning that the cover needs to be replaced over the pool as well as who will be responsible. Ed Rajsteter suggested that Mike Bonanno and Ken King investigate further to see if this system works well in other communities. Bob Long also said we need to find out exactly what the liability is to the District. Dave Long said we have signs at the beach stating “Swim at Your Own Risk”, couldn’t the same be placed at the pool.
- Dave Long asked if the play ground equipment would be put back together. Bob Long said that he would meet with Don Drew. It will have to be decided what would be best to place under the jungle gym. Peter Olander also said that someone from the recreation committee should show Don where they would prefer it be placed.

c. Fireworks Committee

- Peter Olander reported that it is the recommendation of the fireworks committee that the annual fireworks be continued. However, because of the litigious nature to today's society, it is advised that we cease operations for the time being with Ryan Battisto, our long-time recreational provider of fireworks who is not licensed or insured.
- It is our proposal that we now contract this year with Hell's Gate in Rumney, NH. The cost will be \$1700.00.
- Lastly, it is recommended that a letter of thanks be sent to Ryan and as a gesture of our appreciation of his service over the years, we provide two beach passes for 2012.

Sincerely,

The Fireworks Committee
Dan Brady, Peter Olander and Donald Drew.

Peter Olander said that it would be a 20 minute un-interrupted show. Hell's Gate is fully licensed and insured. Peter Olander also felt that something other than beach passes should be sent to Ryan Battisto as a "Thank You" for all of his work over the years.

4. Planning Board Update

a. Planning Board Update:

- Mike Bonanno reported that the Planning Board has not had a meeting in several months due to unforeseen problems.
- Lisa McCall's term is up and she would like to be re-appointed.
- Bob Long said that Mike Bielarski would like to be appointed to the Planning Board. Mike Bonanno said we have enough members but we do not have any alternates who would have the same responsibility as a regular member when someone is absent. Mike Bonanno suggested that anyone interested in becoming an alternate attend the next meeting.

b. Zoning Officer Report:

- Peter Olander asked what is the procedure if you see something that is not allowed according to the Zoning Ordinances. Mike Bonanno said that you can report and fill out an incident report with Marsha Luce who will E-mail it to Stan Borkowski. Stan Borkowski will then visit the property, speak with the owners if possible or send a letter to the owner.

5. "Fire Danger:

Mike Bonanno said that the fire danger is extremely high. Mike Bonanno is the person you would contact in this area for a fire permit, but at this time no permits are being

issued. Mike Bonanno said that the law states that unless there is snow on the ground, you are required to have a fire permit to burn brush, leaves and etc.

It was suggested that Marsha Luce could possibly send out a general e-mail informing residents that they are unable to burn without a permit.

Ed Rajsteter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Grete D'Hondt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Harris