

MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT
PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

Thursday
June 4, 2009
District Office 6:00 PM

- 1) **Call to Order:** Christopher Demers called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.
- 2) **Roll Call:** Christopher Demers (Ex-Officio), Don Dubrule, Pauline Bonanno, Florence Hartman. and Cynthia Harris. Resident Mike Bonanno also was present.
- 3) **Absent:** Tom Eighmy and Beverly Hasbrouck (alternate).
- 4) **Minutes of the previous meeting (05.7.09) Changes and Approval –**
Chris Demers moved to accept the minutes as written and seconded by Don Dubrule. Motion passed.
- 5) **Correspondence –** None.
- 6) **Zoning Permit Applications:** None
- 7) **Pending Business –**
- 8) **Governance –**
- 9) **Discussion of Zoning Application and Incident Report.** - Stan Borkoski was absent and no report given.
- 10) **New Business –** The Planning Board is searching for a new Chairman.
- 11) **Other -** Since there are new members, Chris Demers requested at the last meeting that the members familiarize themselves with the Zoning Ordinances. Pauline Bonanno said that some of the ordinances seemed to be in conflict or misleading, specifically regarding signs. Chris explained that the original developers did not allow “Property For Sale” signs as they did not want competition in the development of Mountain Lakes. This is an area that the Planning Board could design an ordinance that would clarify the use of signs.

Don Dubrule asked about the “Front Yard” measurements as his lot is located on Sunapee Circle. After he also asked why the Town of Haverhill does not maintain or plow Sunapee Circle. Chris Demers explained that Town and Country originally built and maintained the roads in Mountain Lakes, but when they went bankrupt, the Town of Haverhill agreed to maintain and plow the existing roads, but would not assume responsibility for “paper roads”. Sunapee Circle was a “paper road”.

The meeting then discussed the clearing of lots, as some lots are completely cleared leaving not buffer zone between lots. Pauline Bonanno said that the lot next to her was completely cleared which left no privacy. Chris said that the Planning Board attempted to write an ordinance referring to the clearing of lots, but it was not completed. The clearing of lots must not cause erosion especially near the lakes, but erosion elsewhere causes problems for neighboring properties also.

The next topic regarded properties that appear to have been “abandoned” but as far as the District of Mountain Lakes is aware, the taxes have been paid. Chris Demers suggested that the Planning Board could request a legal clarification as to what the District can legally do regarding such properties.

The Planning Board also questions whether the District should approve a garage or shed being constructed before a home. There is a situation that the garage has not been completed, has partially collapsed, and does not appear to be finished any time in the near future. These properties give the District an appearance of neglect and are a detriment to the neighboring properties.

All of the above topics will be followed through in the coming year.

A request will be made to Renee’ Cota for copies of the results of a survey that was completed a few years ago.

12) Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM. The next meeting will be held Thursday July 9, 2009 promptly at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Harris