

**MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT  
PLANNING BOARD MINUTES  
JANUARY 7, 2010**

1. **Call to Order:** Christopher Demers called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM.
2. **Roll Call:** Christopher Demers (Ex-Officio), Pauline Bonanno, Cynthia Harris, Tom Eighmy, Florence Hartmann, and Don Dubrule.
3. **Absent:** Beverly Hasbrouck, and Todd Chasse.
4. **Visitor (s):** Elizabeth McCall.
5. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting (11.05.09) and (12.10.09): Changes and Approval:** Christopher Demers made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Pauline Bonanno seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
6. **Zoning Permit Applications:** None.
7. **Correspondence:** Letter received from Elizabeth McCall regarding “clear cutting” on vacant lots.

**E-mail** from District Lawyer Bernie Waugh re: Zoning Ordinances Changes.

8. **Discussion of the Zoning Officer Report and Incident Report:** None
9. **Pending Business** – Pauline Bonanno asked if Zoning Office Stan Borkowski inspected the report of standing water noticed on the property located on the corner of French Pond Road and Adams. Christopher Demers replied that Health Officer for the Town of Haverhill reported that it was naturally occurring standing water. Unfortunately, the property was one of the first dwellings constructed in the Mountain Lakes District at a time when regulations were not enforced well enough.
10. **Governance** – Tom Eighmy nominated Pauline Bonanno for the position of Chairman of the Planning Board. Christopher Demers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Tom Eighmy nominated Cynthia Harris for the position of Vice Chairman. Pauline Bonanno seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

11. **New Business – Re- Zoning Regulations –**

Elizabeth McCall requested that the Planning Board add an Ordinance to the existing Zoning Ordinances prohibiting “clear cutting” and/or at least require a buffer or limit the percentage of trees that could be cut down, as stated in the

letter received from both Kerry and Elizabeth McCall.

Office Manager Renee Cota has provided the Planning Board with a copy of an E-mail from Bernie Waugh, Attorney for the Mountain Lakes District, explaining why the first attempt to amend a or add an ordinance submitted to him from the Planning Board would be almost impossible to enforce. Copies of the reply received from Bernie Waugh were made available to the Planning Board Members,

It is the intent of the Planning Board in the upcoming year of 2010 to explore the ways to limit “clear cutting” in the District of Mountain Lakes. There are questions as to the difference between being a sub-division of the Town of Haverhill and being a sub-division located in the independent District of Mountain Lakes within the Town of Haverhill.

The Planning Board will also explore the State of New Hampshire laws regarding stumpage, shore lines, wet lands and what protection there currently are for woodlands.

Don Dubrule suggested that establishing a time-line between cutting before building a way to start.

**Mountain Lakes District Budget:** Tom Eighmy brought attention to line item 5040.1, page 5, legal expense. Would this amount be sufficient to cover the legal fees should the District of Mountain Lakes have to go to court to enforce a violation?

12. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 6:46 PM. The next meeting will be January 7, 2010 at 6:00 PM.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

Cynthia Harris