

Mountain Lakes District
Public Hearing for the
Proposed 2011 Amendment to Mountain Lakes District Ordinances
June 9, 2011
6:00 P.M.

Residents in attendance: Laraine King, Ken King, Cynthia Harris, Fred Harris, Brian Gaffney, Annemarie Godston and Joel Godston.

Planning Board Members in attendance: Chris Demers, Elizabeth McCall, Tom Eighmy and Mike Bonanno.

Chris Demers called the meeting to order at 6:11 P.M.

Chris Demers explained that the purpose of the hearing was to explain why the Planning Board has been working this past year to devise an amendment to the Mountain Lakes District Zoning Ordinances.

Chris Demers said that a majority of Mountain Lakes residents are concerned about the clear cutting from pin to pin of lots in the District with no intention of ever building on the lots. Residents have voiced concern about the appearance of the lots, the danger of fire from the slash that is left behind, as well as erosion.

The Planning Board has worked closely with Bernie Waugh, Lawyer for the District, to assure that the document will pass legal scrutiny.

Several residents questioned if they would be able to cut trees on their property if this amendment is passed. Chris Demers said that it doesn't mean you cannot remove any trees, but that you must leave a percentage of trees (at least 30%). The proposed amendment also allows for a buffer zone thus allowing privacy for abutting lots.

The Planning Board provided residents with copies of the proposed amendment as well as a sketch showing the buffer zone that is recommended.

Registered Voters in the District of Mountain Lakes are requested to vote a simple YES/NO at the Community Building between the hours of :

6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.
Tuesday Evening, July 12, 2011

Mike Bonnano made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chris Demers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Harris