

## February 3, 2013 Mt. Kemble Lake Association Meeting

**Board Members Present:** Rick Barrett, Ruth Chaney, Barbara Coulter, Tim Lukacs, Austin Godfrey, Joyce Murray, Tawnya Kabnick, Diane Bonar, Barbara Coe, Bob Edgar

Meeting was called to order by President, Austin Godfrey ([aegodfrey@verizon.net](mailto:aegodfrey@verizon.net)), at 7:33PM.

**HOUSEKEEPING** -[joyce@jimmurray.us](mailto:joyce@jimmurray.us). No report

**CLUBHOUSE MAINTENANCE**-[Bincomm@verizon.net](mailto:Bincomm@verizon.net) No report

**WATER SYSTEM**-[ribarrett@aol.com](mailto:ribarrett@aol.com) – We continued discussions on the sale of the water company see new business below.

**GROUNDS:** [diane\\_bonar@acordia.com](mailto:diane_bonar@acordia.com) – Two trees need to be removed from Association property which are threatening to fall on the Heiden's property. However there is a structure belonging to the Heiden's on the eased property which needs to be removed first. Tawnya will send a letter to asking for the structure to be removed so Diane can schedule the tree removal.

**BEACHES AND DOCKS**- [1ruth.chaney@gmail.com](mailto:1ruth.chaney@gmail.com) – no report

**ROADS**- - [tlukacs@yahoo.com](mailto:tlukacs@yahoo.com) The sign post on Primrose and Trails End by the garden were replaced

**TREASURER- Barbara C. Coulter** [[mkltreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:mkltreasurer@gmail.com)]

The current accountants are non-responsive and two new accountants have given us proposals. The first for \$7,500 will review and take care of financial statements but not do an audit. The second for \$4,500 will answer questions do limited reviews and do the taxes. Barbara recommends we switch to the second: Sobel & Co. LLC. A motion was made and the board accepted the change. A motion was also made to have the president (in addition to the non-board member review) do spot checks twice a year. This motion was also accepted.

The Financial reports from the annual meeting will be left in the clubhouse for members who were unable to attend the meeting to pick up.

There is \$275 in the accounts to date.

A motion was made to reinstate the Mead's privileges now that they are paid up and was passed by the board. A few other families have fallen behind and legal proceedings will begin on one family. There is an oral agreement for a settlement with Profile but the attorney has not been returning calls and the agreement may be rescinded if not acted upon soon.

Gary Annabel was called to the McCafferty property to check on health hazards. He found no rodent issues.

**Community** – [WaffCoe@aol.com](mailto:WaffCoe@aol.com) Please submit information for the MKL newsletter to Barbara Coe.

**New Business** – Several people went to speak with Gary Annabel from the health department and Joyce Murray submitted the following notes:

### **Water Company Discussion January 29, 2013**

Gary Annabel met with Austin Godfrey, Rick Barret, Bob Edgar, Tawnya Kabnick, and Joyce Murray to answer some of the questions that had been posed by community members at the inform meeting held in December. Our meeting was to continue fact finding on the issue of risk.

The well head projection area map shared at our Board meeting on January 7<sup>th</sup> was provided by the NJDEP and was done for all public/community water supplies. The map showed areas where something introduced into the environment would take 3/5/10 years to reach a water source.

**Question:** How deep are our wells?

**Answer:** 200 and 275 feet

**Question:** Can septic reach our wells?

**Answer:** No, septic cannot get to lower areas. It is able to get to the lake. Septic goes through a field of bacteria virus which latch on

to the nutrients which take each other out and convert to oxygen. Septic is under the influence of surface water and cannot get to the lower areas. Casing is a solid pipe and in the lake's case goes 50-60 feet into bedrock beyond the soil of 8-20 feet.

**Question:** What about spills?

**Answer:** Surface spills tend to stay at the surface. Protected below that top layer. Surface spills are under the influence of the surface water and not in deeper areas. Petroleum discharge has a lot of the components leached out.

**Question:** What is the life of a casing?

**Answer:** Casings are made up of 19 pound heavy gauge equal to a one foot casing. 100 year casings with no problems are common. When a casing might fail, it will be near the top and exposed.

A common bacteria is coli form. Water is tested for coli form once a month.

The state monitored and remediated the old Sunoco area. Its materials flowed down 202 toward the Passiac River. Since 1960 wells have been tested.

**Question:** Can you tell us about oil tank leaks?

**Answer:** When a tank leaks, it is removed and soil samples are taken and continue to be taken until no more hydrocarbons appear. The oil leak on Blue Mill at the Deer estate moved a bit but never made it to the stream. Gary said he has never seen it go down 200 feet in NJ.

**Question:** What exactly does fracture rock mean?

**Answer:** It appears 10 to 20 feet below topsoil and is made up of rock basalt (hardened lava) is not solid and has cracks intersecting. Cracks are the faults on the order of tens of feet long not hundreds. It is unlikely for anything from the surface to get into the water. NJ geologists have great records. They have walked the areas and house sales require data which also gets recorded. 202 (our side) is shale, Post Hose Road is highland complex.

**Question:** What about bacteria contamination?

**Answer:** It can mean other 'stuff' is present. As water comes out of the pump house chlorine is added. DEP tests the water at its furthest point. It makes no difference whether it is a close, middle or a far end test. Gary never heard of it being a problem anywhere in NJ not just not at the lake. The VSA type of testing is the recommended type used by water companies. Our system is not a loop. Many systems are not and if we flush the system once a year (which we do) that is

sufficient. Water sitting at the end of a line may develop a slime that causes odor but is not a health issue.

**Question:** In the summer can our tanks get so hot that they build up a bacterial level on the top layer?

**Answer:** With 30,000 gallons coming into the tanks at a temperature of 50-55 degrees each day, it is unlikely that the temperature could get hot enough. Gary had never heard of it happening. You could check around the United States with any of the hundreds of small water companies but it is unlikely. Go to EPA.gov.

The subcommittee on the water company will have a proposal for the board on March 11<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 12:12 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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**Board meetings are scheduled for the following dates:**

Board Meeting March 11<sup>th</sup> 7:30