

# Meeting Minutes January 13, 2021

## Meadow Lakes Community Council Inc.

❖ 3 Officers required for quorum: TOTAL = YES ❖

Y Pres: Patricia Fisher Y Vice Pres: Linda Conover  
N Treasurer: Andrea Scott Y Sec: Camden Yehle  
Y Council Coordinator: Tim Swezey

❖ 13 Members of the Meadow Lakes Community required for quorum: TOTAL = 26 ❖

**Meeting Quorum = Yes**

### VIRTUAL MEETING CONDUCTED ON ZOOM.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by President Patti Fisher.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Recited.

**Quorum:** Determination of quorum was made by the Membership Committee.

### Board Reports:

- **Treasurer:** Patti and presented the treasurer's report and discussed the highlights of recent financial activity.
- **President:** The judge has dismissed the lawsuit against the council with prejudice. Unfortunately, it has been appealed to the Alaska Supreme Court.

Many achievements in 2020:

- We were one of the first to use Zoom for meetings.
- New solar power on the field for security cameras.
- Email notices kept community informed.
- 35 Christmas dinners delivered.
- Trash clean-up completed in spring.
- Grants distributed to non-profits.

### Presentation 1: Hatcher Alpine Xperience, Butch Shapiro, Skeetawk Board Chair

Finally, the lift is open. 14 paid employees now and many volunteers. Covid difficulties with warmup locations. Skeetawk could potentially host the 2024 Arctic Winter Games. The future could hold lighting, snowmaking, additional lifts, and mountain biking. Will the trails be groomed? Yes, but there isn't enough snow in some places currently.

### Presentation 2: Presentation on an MEA Routing Study for a New Transmission Line, Jennifer Castro, MEA Community Relations

Starting a project to run a new transmission line from Fishhook to Pittman. This area has outgrown the existing infrastructure. Also looking for locations for two residential substations. Construction is several years out. Email comments to [routingstudy@mea.coop](mailto:routingstudy@mea.coop). Jennifer asked for a Community Council contact for the project. Camden Yehle volunteered. It is 6 to 10 times the cost to bury a transmission line of this size. What about going down the new Seldon extension? They are looking at following the Seldon extension and other roads.

**Correspondence:** The correspondence links were presented in the Agenda.

**New business:** N/A

### Agency Reports:

**Assembly Tam Boeve:** Next week the Assembly will discuss the future of the wetlands mitigation plan.

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Strong mayor and changing from a 2<sup>nd</sup> class borough to first class borough could be on the ballot for voters. School bond reimbursement debt is an important issue. The state has been paying 70% of the school bond reimbursement debt until a few years ago. The governor proposed paying 50% this year; future years are unknown. The Borough could increase the mill rate or pass the cost onto the school district. The Borough can't absorb the cut. Other options are to tax gravel, tobacco, marijuana, and/or fuel. We could also add a sales tax, increase bed tax, refinance existing bonds, reduce senior property tax exemption. There is also the sale of borough properties, sale of parts of school properties, and elimination of Z tag vehicle registration. It will take many of these combined to make up \$17 million.

Health providers and those over 65 are eligible for free Covid-19 vaccines.

**West Lakes Fire, Tawnya Hightower:** Retired a firetruck to the Museum of Transportation. They install smoke detectors and CO detectors for free, call to make arrangements. Went out on over 600 calls in 2020.

**Persons to Be Heard:** limited to 3 minutes per person  
No persons to be heard.

**Next Meeting:** Location to be determined, February 10, 2021, 7pm

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm by President Fisher.

Patricia Fisher 2/2/21  
Patricia Fisher, President      Date

Camden Yehle 2/2/21  
Camden Yehle, Secretary      Date