

**TOWN OF COCHITI LAKE  
MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2008  
FIRE HALL**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Kiesling called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Assembly members in attendance were Kenneth Kiesling, Freda Donica, Anthony Da Silva, Mary Ann Closson, Wilbert Ryan.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mary Ann Closson moved to approve the agenda as presented.

**It was seconded by Anthony Da Silva and passed with a 5 to 0 vote.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mary Ann Closson moved to approve the minutes of 7/29/2008.

**It was seconded by Freda Donica and passed with a 5 to 0 vote.**

**II. TOWN COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**1. Administrator Reports**

Administrator Mary Wheeler reported that the Town is in the middle of the annual audit. LCAA grant for \$150,000 was received and deposited into the Raymond James Fund. DSL is still in the hands of Qwest. Property tax collected is \$12,000 out of \$35,000. Doggie pails are a big success. There has been a problem with fence cutting in the hiking area on Hoochaneetsa. The fence was put up to keep cows out of the town. It is a federal offense to cut the fence. A gate was donated by Bob Rock that will be installed immediately. The Town received \$600 from the Art Guild to plant trees. Two trees have been planted on the front lawn. Library received \$800 from the Art Guild and \$200 from private donation.

**2. Art Guild**

On Behalf of the Art Guild, Grace Carey thanked everyone in the community for all the support this year on all sales, beginning with the Labor Day Silent Auction going through the Community Yard Sale and Art Fair and Bake Sale. Because of the generosity of the community and the generosity of the Nan Stackhouse family, the Art Guild has been able to continue support of groups in the area that support the arts and education. The Art Guild raised over \$7,000.

They have begun to disburse those funds to various groups including the Town and Library. Other groups were KNME Public TV and Radio, Head Start programs to Pena Blanca and Cochiti Pueblo, University of New Mexico, in the form of two Art Education Scholarships, and Friends of Cochiti Lake. Grace announced that the regular meeting in November has been rescheduled to Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Grace again thanked everyone for all the support.

### **3. Beautification**

Barb Hinnenkamp read a letter she composed for the end of season report as of October. The fall season brings Barb's second year as Chairperson of the Memorial Garden to a close. She stated that it has been extremely busy, challenging and satisfying. Accomplishments have been made possible by the willingness and loyalty of the volunteers. They have pulled weeds, pruned, fertilized, planted, monitored the irrigation system, all in good humor and enthusiasm. Accomplishments for summer of 2008 were that the Junipers in the back of the park were pruned by Lukas Garrett and Dieter. A grove of Aspen has been established in the memory of Nan Stackhouse. The Town has given the Park a budget which has enabled them to hire help to do the heavy work of moving rock to create a border wall along the arroyo, as well as a dry river bed to provide drainage. There have been a lot of individual donations of money from many of the citizens of the Town of Cochiti Lake for which the Memorial Garden is very thankful. The plans for next year is to continue with the stone wall and the dry river bed. The memorial Garden is looking for a Landscape Architect, Master Gardener to help design and plan for the new area. Plans for a water feature are still in the works. There has been interest expressed for a Community Garden. The committee is in need of a shed to hold tools and supplies for the garden. The Rose Committee has been consistent and kept the roses in perfect health in their care. Barb again thanked everyone that has donated time and money to the park.

### **4. Cochiti Lake Redevelopment Planning Committee**

Barb Hinnenkamp stated that the whole effort started with a grant from New Mexico Main Street that lasted a year and then turned to New Mexico Economic Development. They have a team of people, who are great in mentoring, in terms of what steps are needed to position themselves to be eligible for money from the state. A huge hurdle was with the Pueblo, and whether there would be any objection to the monies they could be given. Lukas Garrett said that they are in the midst of doing a preliminary drawing for the Fire Department so the Pueblo can have a concept of what is needed in terms of the size of building. Barb stated that what is important for everyone to know is that after every one of the committee meetings there are precise notes written and published and are under glass in the mailroom. There is also a drawing that Lukas did about how they are going to rehab the Fire Hall. They will be meeting with the Planning Committee on November 13<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. in the Fire Hall.

### **5. Community Fund Committee**

Julie Cresswell, President of the Community Fund Committee stated that they have revised their bylaws to the effect that they are no longer going to give loans, only grants to individuals up to \$500 per grant and to organizations of the Town. Julie handed out copies of the revised bylaws to the Assembly and there are more copies in the Library and Town Hall. The form for grants from the Community Fund can also be accessed online. All applications, deliberations and details of the individual grants of individual people will be absolutely confidential. No one other than

committee members will have access to their particulars of any grants to any individual. There will be a posting in the mailroom. If anyone is having difficulties in these troubled times, apply for a grant. Grants do not have to be repaid.

#### **6. Disaster Response Planning**

No report was given.

#### **7. Election Board**

Bill Knightly reported that the Board had a meeting to welcome Bill Riker and to continue on the revision of the bylaws. Mayor Kiesling suggested to Bill that he and Freda will attend an Election Board meeting to assist with any questions or issues they may have. Bill thanked them and appreciates the help.

#### **8. Fire Department**

Mary Wheeler stated that year to date fire runs were at 42, the ambulance was dispatched 375 times. Flu shots are now on a first come first served basis available for \$20.00 each. All Fire Department reports are now done online, mandatory as of October 1<sup>st</sup>. All drivers have gone through CEVO. The Fire Department always needs volunteers.

#### **9. Friends of Cochiti Lake**

Nancy Hart, President of the committee stated that the revision of any bylaws is a challenge. Because of the overlap of function, The Friends of Cochiti Lake has become more of a social organization. The most recent social function was a pot-luck complete with entertainment. Friends of Cochiti Lake has tried to appeal to all in the community. The Friends of Cochiti Lake has had their last social event of the season. Board meetings are scheduled quarterly, having just met and having just finalized the agenda. Some items on the agenda are Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup> and Labor Day. Volunteers are always needed.

#### **10. Hospitality**

Marge Knightly represented the committee stating that welcome baskets are available to all new residents. The baskets are filled with important information of the Town and emergency information.

#### **11. Joint Commission**

Jim Hamilton spoke on behalf of the Commission stating that they have met five times this year plus two unofficial meetings. The two unofficial meetings were with the Board of Zoning and Architectural to iron out the relationship between the two. The five meetings were very productive.

## **12. Library**

Library Director Mary Badarak stated that the Irene S. Sweetkind Public Library recently finished and submitted the annual report to the State Library. Included in annual report mandated by State Law, are income and budget expenditures to materials circulated. This year more than 7000 visitors came into the Library that is slightly up from previous years. 2500 of those visitors were to use the computers. The Library has six computers. There is also an end-use high speed router, that's like having a seventh computer. WIFI is also available 24hrs. Summer reading programs include Kids Read and Blog. Ally Wikham is very active in the program. The Library is one of the fortunate beneficiaries of the legacy of Nan Stackhouse and everyone is encouraged to see one of the larger paintings that was donated by the family. Two of the padded floor to ceiling installations were purchased for the Library. The Library also purchased a canvas that goes nicely with the other art work. The Art Guild donated to the Library. As part of the annual report and the responsibility to the State Library it is required to do a Community Assessment. A survey was sent out to respond to how the Library is used. Mary has also been working on the Archives updating documents pertaining to the Community Fund and Friends of Cochiti Lake Reports and all of the Committees as well as Assembly and Town meetings. Go to [www.cochitilake.org](http://www.cochitilake.org) and see what's happening.

## **13. Recycling**

Jim Hamilton reported that the Town has reached its first year of recycling. 9.1 tons of glass, 550 cubic yards of #1 and #2 plastic, 21,840lbs of news print and magazines or over 10 tons, 625lbs of mixed aluminum that has been sold to Capital Scrap at an average price of .65 per pound for a total of \$406.25. Expenses were \$69.00 for repair of door and a new can crusher and bags. Net 12 month amount is \$337.02. 24 volunteers donated 300 plus hours to make it all happen. Jim acknowledged Hal Closson who took glass for weeks to the recycling center, Connie Reynolds who takes the plastic and Ben Kahalekulu who takes all the paper to the recycling depot. in Albuquerque. David Craig gets the star for being the best volunteer and the most consistent.

## **14. Rock \$ Mineral**

No report was given.

## **15. Zoning**

Jim Hamilton stated that the Board of Zoning has not meet for some time. An issue addressed were illegally parked vehicles.

**III. TOWN HALL REPORTS**

Mayor Pro Tem Freda Donica spoke about the future of the Town as positive, and thanks everyone for all their efforts. She also thanked Mary Wheeler who handles all the technical duties of Administration.

Anthony Da Silva thanked Lukas Garrett and Jim Hamilton on the Joint Commission.

Mary Ann Closson thanked all the volunteers. She stated that the volunteers are the cores of the Town and cannot function without them.

Wilbert Ryan said he continues to be impressed with all the volunteers.

Mayor Kiesling agreed with all the comments the Assembly made about the volunteers. He thanked the Town Clerk and the Administrator and his colleagues on the Assembly.

**IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next Town Meeting, January 28, 2009

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

Mary Ann Closson moved to adjourn the meeting.

**It was seconded by Freda Donica and passed with a 5 to 0 vote.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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Kenneth Kiesling, Mayor

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Annette Narvaiz, Town Clerk

