

# MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT WATER COMMITTEE

## DECEMBER 16, 2009 MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:15pm by chairperson Ed Rajsteter.

Members present: Peter Orlander, Don Drew and Ed Rajsteter

Members absent: Joel Godston, Rosie Farr, June Soule and Tony Salvucci

2. Election of new chairperson was tabled.
3. Minutes of November 4, 2009 meeting reviewed and approved.
4. Discussion on changes of Water Tariff as recommended by Water Committee and the District's Attorney Bernie Waugh, Esq. of Gardner Fulton & Waugh.

The primary intent of the changes appears to be allowing the District to either terminate or disconnect service to a customer who violates the regulation against creating cross-connections.

It was determined through discussion that we would follow the directions of the District's Attorney Bernie Waugh in his opinion: See Bernie Waugh's email dated November 2, 2009

**“In light of the Above analysis, I have the following suggestions concerning the Tariff”**

The Water Committee recommends to the District Commissioners that the changes suggested in the above referenced opinion be made; and once the changes are made, they request the District's Attorney draft a letter to the customer in question (Gervasio Residence) that they are in violation of the Water Tariff.

Because of a recent leak at a residence on Haverhill Lane, we discussed the disconnection of the water line from the curb stop at the Bazzell residence on Upper Mountain Road. This would prevent a future leak from that connection. Therefore, the Water Committee recommends to the District Commissioners that we proceed with this disconnection.

5. Discussion on Mountain Lakes Water Sub-Committee Action Items:
  1. Action Item #11 - Create Paper and Electronic Map Showing Water Lines, Etc. This item was tabled for future discussion.
  2. Action Item # 13 – Identify sites for future water from wells. See Notes from December 15<sup>th</sup> meeting on Well Development. It was determined through

discussion that the Water Committee recommend to the District Commissioners we proceed with the project and arrange with Jamie Carr of Carr Well and Pumps to schedule the well exploratory at a cost not to exceed \$1,500 as described in his quote of December 16, 2009.

3. Action Item #16 – Dry Hydrant requirements for firefighting. The District is waiting additional information from Town of Haverhill.

4. Action Items #'s29/30 – Mountain Lakes District Water Conservation Plan and 2 documents Strategic Planning and Asset Management. Tabled for future discussion.

6. Annual Budget requirements for 2010. During the Budget Committee discussions relative to the Water Committee 2010 requirements, it was determined that due to a possible line replacement on Carr Road at a cost of approximately \$40,000; we should maintain the current water rent level of \$450. per home for Haverhill residence. Therefore the Water Committee recommends to the District Commissioners that the current rate for water rent of \$450. per home be maintained.

7. Meeting Adjourned at 7:00pm.