

Mountain Lakes District Water Committee Meeting
January 5, 2012

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Purpose of Meeting:

This was the January 5, 2012 monthly Water Committee Meeting. We discussed the recent meeting with Woodsville Water & Light (WWL) and also updated the status of other projects.

The meeting was held at the District Office from 7:36 AM to 9:00 AM on January 5, 2012.

Attendees:

Mountain Lakes Water Committee: Don Drew-Water Department, Joel Godston, Peter Olander, Ken King

The meeting was started by Ken at 7:36 AM.

We approved the minutes of the December 1, 2011 monthly meeting and the November 16, 2011 and the December 20, 2011 special meetings.

Don said the water system was functioning normally with daily rates of about 20,000 gallons. The usage over the Christmas holiday had been about 25,000 gallons. There have been no new leaks.

The main topic was the meeting of Ed, Don, and Bob with Woodsville Water & Light on December 27th. Ed had sent out his comments on the meeting. Don reported that the meeting had gone well. The main benefit was getting WWL up to date on our current status and future plans for our water system. They had remembered us as using much more water and planning on a full build out of the original lots (1260). Don showed them a chart of water usage. We are currently at about 20,000 gallons per day with 320 homes and expect a maximum of 450 homes over the next 20 years.

We presented our plan to increase our connection with WWL from the current 2" to 4" to accommodate future growth. We will cover all of the engineering and implementation costs associated with this change.

There was a discussion with them of the standby fee that we pay. They maintain that this is tied to the cost of pumping the water to us as we are not in their gravity feed area. We offered to pay the pumping charges directly.

WWL did agree to look at the current agreement and get back to us with one that includes changes needed to accommodate the 4" line. Don, Ed, and Bob all agree that we need to develop our own proposal. Don handed out the proposal that Bob had written up. This was basically to use the meter cost for a 4" line and the tariff rate for the per 1000 gallons. Joel thought we should include more detail in our proposal and will send out a draft of his proposal.

There was an additional discussion of the two options for the 4" line. One would replace just the 300' from the current connection to the 3000' pipe used to gain access to Spencer's well. The second would run a new pipe from a WWL connection by the graveyard. We agreed that we need more information before making a final decision. Don will examine the current 300' line, get a cost estimate for 300' of 4" pipe, and check on the status of the easement for that location.

Don gave an update on the Dry Hydrant project. He had staked out the space recommended for the new location of the one by the mailboxes. He is concerned that it will be hard for the fire trucks to get to that location easily. Don will check directly with the Fire Department on this issue.

Marsha presented a proposal to add a quarterly payment option for the yearly water bills. This option would specify the dates for the payments and the increased cost of each payment to cover interest charges. We all agreed on this proposal and told Marsha to take it on to the Commissioners.

Next Meeting:

The next monthly meeting is currently set for Thursday, February 2nd (Groundhog Day) at 7:30 AM in the District Office. The Commissioners meeting is not until the 13th so we could also meet on the 9th.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 AM.

Assignments:

1. Meeting minutes (this document) – Ken
2. Update the WaterComProjects document - Ken
3. Review draft meeting minutes – Don, Joel, Peter
4. Draft a revised WWL proposal – Joel (already done)
5. Research details of the 300' line in Spencer's field – Don
6. Check with Fire Department on new dry hydrant location - Don