

Mountain Lakes District Water Committee Report for May 2013

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This was the May 2013 Water Committee Meeting. It was held from 7:38 AM to 8:35 on 5/9/13.

Attendees: Ed Rajsteter – Chair, Don Drew – Water Department, Bob Long – Commissioner, Peter Olander, Ken King

Water System Status

Don reported that the current usage is about 24,000 gallons per day. This is about normal for this time of year.

There is one new home on Wildcat. Don turned water back on for the Keatings and there was a backflow preventer installed because it had never been done before.

We have a new state Dam Safety person. He will be here on the 24 to inspect the lower dam. Update: This did happen on the 24th. The new person is Brian Desfosses. He inspected both dams along with Don, Peter, and Ken for the upper dam and Don and Ken for the lower dam. He had several suggestions and Don created a to-do list.

Updates on current projects

We have the permit for the dry hydrant by the lower dam. Construction on the new playground area and the dry hydrants should start next week. Update: There was a delay in the construction starts. The fill for the new playground area is now completed.

Tom Eighmy will be at the Commissioner's meeting next week to talk about creating a new boat cleaning station.

We talked about the need for a preventative maintenance plan for the water system. This will be part of our long range plan. Don will work with Granite State and start to look at the different types of pipe along with the costs and expected lifetimes. Once we have determined what the water source will be for the future, we need to pull together a comprehensive long range plan for water at Mountain Lakes.

The new bills had just been sent out and that triggered a discussion on meters. This has been looked at before and we need to reexamine the costs of such systems and the options that are available for automatic data collection. We talked about the possibility of requiring meters for new construction. We need to look at the current water tariff and see what we are allowed to specify in this area.

Don did not have any updates from Dubois & King. By our next meeting, we need to know where they are with both the water sources and the lower dam repair projects.