

Mountain Lakes District Water Committee Report for November, 2013

This report covers the meeting of 11/18/2013

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This was the November 2013 Water Committee Meeting. It was held from 7:30 AM to 9:13 AM on 10/3/13

Attendees: Ed Rajsteter – Chair, Don Drew – Water Department, Bob Long – Commissioner, Peter Olander, Robert Roudebush, and Ken King. Tony Salvucci called in.

Scott Clang (Granite State Rural Water Association) joined us at 7:30 and Chuck Goodling and Nick Sceggell (Dubois & King Engineering) joined us at 8:00 AM.

We approved the minutes of our 10/17/13 meeting.

Water System Status

Don reported that the current usage is about 23,000 gallons per day. There was a break on Lakeside Drive that was fixed the same day.

Don reported on two items that will have to be part of the 2014 budget. All parts of the water system must be lead free. This may involve changing some of the connections and meters. Don will put together a list. Also, the storage tanks need to be inspected. This is about \$2000.00 and must be done every 5 years.

Water Source Project

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss with D&K the two options that they have been evaluating for new water sources. Both of these options involved surface water systems. One of the requirements for the state permit for such a system was to have a minimum of 1000 users. However, we had been told by the state that we could apply for a waiver to this requirement.

We agreed that we should send a letter to Cynthia to confirm in writing what she had told us. This will be done by Bob and Ed.

At this point, Chuck and Nick joined us for the rest of the meeting.

We talked about the option of using a new ground water well. The cost is estimated to be about 800,000 but there is no guarantee that we can find such a source.

Woodsville Water & Light

We had put further discussion with Woodsville Water & Light off while we investigated the other alternatives. We now need to go back to WWL.

We talked about the new feed that we wanted to put in for WWL. We will need to have an engineering plan developed. Don will talk to the owners of any lots that we need to cross. When we do the engineering, we also want to consider using water from that location to directly feed the lower part of Mountain Lakes and then pumping up to the towers to feed higher locations.

We did have a discussion on water meters. There are some agencies that help fund rural water improvements but most of them require that individual meters are used. It would be costly to switch everyone to a meter and there was not a consensus on the value added. We do want to look at using meters in specific locations that would help us in leak detection. We need to find out current pricing for such a system.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be at 7:30AM on December 5th.