

# **Mountain Lakes Water Committee Report for December, 2014**

This report covers the December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting and the other water related events that happened during December.

## **Mountain Lakes District Water Committee Meeting of 12/4/14**

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This was the December Water Committee Meeting. It was held from 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM on 12/4/14. Attendees: Don Drew – Water Department, Bob Long – Commissioner, Robert Roudebush, Peter Olander, Ed Rajsteter, Tony Salvucci (on phone) and Ken King - Chair.

Also attending was Jim Vernon and Tim Andrews from Nobis Engineering.

Shaun Patenaude from Dubois&King was scheduled to be there but had written down the wrong date.

Scot Clang from GSRWA also attended.

We approved the Water Committee Report for November, 2014.

## **Water System Status**

The system is running well. The usage is in the low twenties of thousand gallons per day.

We talked about the issue of how to handle residents that are still connected but refuse to pay any water bills. We need to modify the Water Tariff to have an annual availability fee in addition to the annual fee. We talked to Scott Clang about how to price water usage. His recommendation was a base rate which is the cost of doing business and then a usage rate. Read the rest of this report as we may have to go to a metered system which would have a monthly fee plus the actual usage.

## **Lower Dam Outflow Project**

Shaun was not available to discuss this project. We will work to reschedule him for the January meeting.

## **Jim Vernon – Nobis Engineering**

Jim and Tim presented the results from the test well drilling. While the results for water quantity were good, testing had shown problems with MtBE and TAME at Site F and the strong odor of oil at Site B3. Both problems must be reported to the state. We agreed that NOBIS would report these findings to the state and investigate any funding to correct these problems.

## **Two Wells for backup**

We had a discussion about the possibility of having two wells so that we could provide our own backup instead of relying on WWL. This would be possible.

## **Other Events in December**

### **Water Sourcing Funding**

Bob, Amy, and Kristi had met with Mark Koprowski from the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration to talk about funding for water sourcing projects. The conclusion was that Mountain Lakes would be eligible for a 30% to 40% grant of the completed cost of the project with the remaining balance eligible for a loan at 3%. We would need to apply for this by the Fall of 2015. We may have to go to a metered system to obtain this funding.

Based upon this information, Bob at the 12/8/14 Commissioners Meeting got permission to expend another \$3,000 to investigate two additional locations. Unfortunately, neither of these worked out.