

Mountain Lakes District Water Committee Report for September 2015

This report covers the monthly meeting of 9/3/15 and other water related issues for the month..

Mountain Lakes District Water Committee Meeting of 9/3/15

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This was the September Water Committee Meeting. It was held from 8:09 AM to 9:20 AM on 9/3/15. Attendees: Don Drew, Bob Long, Peter Olander and Ken King. Don Vogt was there to discuss the update of the Master Plan.

We approved the Water Committee Report for August 2015.

Water System Status

The system is running well. We are using about 20,000 gallons per day from Woodsville Water & Light and 3 to 4 thousand from our infiltration well.

There was one reported problem with a metallic taste to the water for a location where the water had been turned off for some time. Don will continue to check that location.

There seems to be a problem with the water supply pipe on Dartmouth Road. The line may have to be replaced.

Lower Dam Project

CCS was onsite Monday 31-Aug-2015 to start the project. The first part was to remove all of the existing system. As the revised plan was to use pour-in-place for the riser part, they also had to construct the form for the riser base.

There was an issue about the concrete base for the old system. Such a base would normally be removed however the concrete was still in good shape and it was too heavy to be removed by the equipment they had.

Nobis Engineering Projects

There was no update on the MtBE Remediation Project or on the project at the lodge to investigate possible contamination from a previous oil tank. Both projects are being funded by the state.

MLD Master Plan Update

The second part of the meeting was a continuation of our discussion with Don Vogt about the water part of the Master Plan update. Ken handed out a quick summary of our efforts in both water sourcing and maintaining the lakes. Don Vogt had put together a proposed goal statement for the water sourcing part. We talked about the need to do that for both aspects. We also talked about the need to discuss the financial aspects of the Water Department. Any surplus generated during the year is set aside but can only be used for water projects. The cost of large projects such as the current lower dam project are spread over all lot owners and not just water customers.

We will continue to work on the Water part of the Master Plan in future meetings.

Lower Dam Project Activities in September

On September 8th, there was a second Pre-Construction meeting with Dubois&King (Shawn Patenaude), CCS (Brian Richardson), NH Department of Environmental Services (Jim Webber) and MLD. The state was upset that CCS was already working on new construction and not just removing the old system but allowed them to go ahead. CCS started pouring concrete for the base of the riser that day.

By September 11th, the riser base was completed, they were building the frame for the second part of the riser and most of the pre-cast concrete for the outflow was in place but there was still work to be done on each end.

It still looks like the project will be completed by the end of September.

As of 9/30/15, this is the last week of work on the project unless the recent rains cause some issues. Don and Shawn are working on a revised Emergency Response Plan. This will be sent to the state for review. Dubois & King must submit to the state a final report on the entire project. The state will then set up a visit to review the project results. Once all this is completed, the state will issue a document giving us the authority to refill the lower lake. Time estimate for all of this is two to three weeks.

Next meeting is Thursday, October 1st at 8:00 AM.