

**MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT
WATER COMMITTEE MEETING**

July 11, 2019

UNAPPROVED

Present: Ken King (Chair), Mark Johanson, Ed Rajsteter, Bob Long, Patricia Brady, Peter Olander and Don Drew (Maintenance/Water Project Manager).

Call to Order: Ken King called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

Minutes Approval:

June 6, 2019 – Patricia Brady moved to approve; Mark Johanson seconded and motion passed.

Water System Update:

Don Drew reported recent usage numbers have ranged between 33,000-35,000 gpd and noted during past July 4th holidays usage has been recorded as high as the 70s. He called the recent numbers “exceptional” and said people are doing a good job on water conservation.

Incident Report:

Don Drew reported the following incidents:

- French Pond Road: Local utility companies requested the water line be located during an emergency utility pole replacement.
- French Pond Road: A water main break was found with the help of Haverhill Street Department and local dispatch. The break was repaired by early afternoon the same day and Don Drew said repair contractors Hood’s Plumbing did a great job. Don Drew also said he has concerns about why the pipe failed as it is part of the relatively recent 1998 French Pond Road line replacement project. ***He will consult with a few experts to get their opinions.***
- Total Coliform: The monthly test for Coliform bacteria came back “present” (no amount or level given, the test has present/absent results only). The state required re-tests on a larger number of samples be done immediately and they were submitted. The re-test for all samples came back “absent”.
- Curb Stop Repairs: A curb stop riser on Rogers Road has been done and they will repair a curb stop on Bear Road later today.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lower Dam Emergency Spillway Project: Dubois & King (project engineering firm) sent copies of the Wetlands Permit application to the District to sign. Bob Long said he will meet with the neighboring property owner about the permit submission. Once all is signed, the permit will go back to Nobis and then be submitted to the state. ***Don Drew said he will contact D & K about time limitations for action on the Wetlands Permit; he will also get a copy of the neighbor’s permit information and give it to Bob Long for his meeting with the homeowner.***

MtBE Remediation/Water Source Project: Don Drew recommended a meeting with Nobis Engineering (project engineering firm) to discuss questions about the project and how to move forward. He said he would like the District’s contractor, Chris Dellinger from Hood’s Plumbing, to be in on the meeting as he has

experience and ability in working with similar wells. The Committee agreed ***Don Drew will meet with Nobis and Chris Dellinger before the next Committee meeting.***

Bear Road Water Main Project: Don Drew said the project is on hold until fall to see what funds are available. The excavating contractor's schedule will be less busy at that time as well.

Pump House Generator: Don Drew said a 48K Kohler propane powered generator is the specific generator previously agreed on and he has talked to vendors about pricing to find that even with a matching grant for half the cost, the District's portion could run \$15,000 to \$20,000. The need for such a generator would be in case of prolonged (multiple days) power outage; if there is one before a generator is purchased, a rented one can be rough wired and emergency management has said they could help with a generator if needed. He will continue to explore pricing and funding options.

Water Service Meter Installations: The latest test meter has been installed and there is now a total of 10 meters in homes of varying usage and family size. Meter data will be collected at the end of the summer season for analysis. The Committee discussed sending out educational materials on water conservation with the water billings. Patricia Brady said she did a similar education project in the past and will send Kristi Garofalo information for the water mailings.

Chambers Area Meters: Project is on hold. Will continue to look for possible options when summer season is over.

Roadside Clean-Up/Restoration After Water Breaks: Don Drew said the clean-up and restoration of winter water break areas are done and look great.

Project Funding: Don Drew, Kristi Garofalo and Mark Johanson will meet to go over funding possibilities for future projects and work on putting together a five-year plan.

NEW BUSINESS:

Summer Water Projects: Don Drew said they will be working on cleaning and repairing valve boxes (they fill up over the winter), working on blow-off valves, and the pump well in the gravel pit.

VLAP: Mark Johanson said the Voluntary Lake Assessment Program testing went well and results will be available later this year.

Patricia Brady moved to adjourn; Mark Johanson seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:56 am.

Respectfully submitted by,
Kristi Garofalo