

**MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT  
WATER COMMITTEE MEETING  
January 9, 2020  
\*UNAPPROVED\***

**Present:** Robert Roudebush, Ed Rajsteter, Patricia Brady, Bob Long and Don Drew (Maintenance/Water Project Manager). Mark Johanson was absent and excused.

**Guests Present:** None

The Committee members spoke of Tony Salvucci, who served on the Committee for many years and passed away on Jan. 5. The members shared stories of Tony Salvucci, talked about his knowledge and dedication, and agreed he would be missed.

**Call to Order:** Don Drew opened the meeting at 8:05 am.

**Minutes Approval:**

Dec. 5, 2019 – Patricia Brady moved to approve; Ed Rajsteter seconded and motion passed.

**Water System Update:** Don Drew reported the recent state-required bacterial tests came back “absent”. He noted water usage has been averaging about 22,000 gallons per day.

**Incident Report:** Don Drew said one service disconnection was done due to non-payment; if the homeowner wants to restore service, the past due amount will have to be paid along with a \$100 re-connection fee.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Water Source Project:** The Committee reviewed recent meetings with engineering firms; one with DuBois & King and the other with Nobis Engineering. In the discussion, it was noted that cost estimates from both firms varied widely depending on how much of the work MLD does in-house. The Committee agreed the first question was whether the current well site on French Pond Road was a viable option to provide the amount of water needed. After discussion, the Committee agreed to having a lack of confidence in the amount of water the site would produce. The Committee discussed the possibility of another well site near the Lodge or the possibility of a wellfield at the Lodge location, and whether it would be useful to bring in a well company to do a test drill. After further discussion, it was agreed ***Don Drew will contact Jim Vernon of Nobis Engineering about further options on preliminary testing at the Lodge site and ask Jim Vernon to attend the Committee meeting on Feb. 6 to discuss possibilities.***

The Committee discussed information to be presented to the voters at the annual meeting, noting it would be good to explain the source investigation process and possibilities, and to answer voter questions. They agreed the annual meeting would also be a good time to encourage water conservation to help keep Woodsville Water & Light costs down. ***Don Drew will create a display with project information and water conservation tips.***

**Bear Road Water Main Project:** Don Drew said the water main replacement has been postponed to next spring due to weather and the hope of more funding so that a larger part (ideally 600 feet) of the problematic Bear Road water main could be replaced at one time. Additional funding is part of a warrant article to be voted on at the annual meeting in March and the contractor has MLD on their schedule for first thing in the spring.

The Committee briefly discussed the presentation of the project and possible questions from voters. They noted it would be good to remind voters that seconding a motion does not mean agreement with the motion, it simply opens the motion for discussion. ***Kristi Garofalo will ask District Moderator Chris Demers to remind voters at the annual meeting about the discussion reason for seconding a motion.***

**Chambers Area Meters:** Don Drew said installing meters - one on each branch that comes from the chambers - would help with leak detection by showing excess usage on one side or the other and giving the general direction of a break. He said the meter pits would be on Wildcat and would have to be placed in vaults to protect the meters and water lines from traffic. He has found a supplier of vaults and is working on getting estimates and answers to questions. He noted the project is not included in the 2020 budget, but materials might be purchased in 2020 once details are known and if funds allow. ***Don Drew will have numbers and information for review at the next meeting.***

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Quarterly Meeting – Hood’s:** Chris Dellinger was not available to come to the meeting because of his post-holiday workload.

**Excavation Contractor Contract:** Don Drew reported the contract has been signed with Hood’s Plumbing for repair excavation and Paige Excavating is officially the excavation sub-contractor. He said Ed Paige has good experience with water systems and even before the MLD contract took effect January 1, Ed Paige came to the December water break on Lakeside to start familiarizing himself with the MLD water system.

**Meeting with D & K and NHDES re: Lower Dam Berm:** Don Drew said DuBois & King is sending the last bits of information to the state, but the state has pretty much signed off on project completion. After seeding in the spring, the state will do a final check.

**Curb Stop Replacement on Bear Road:** A new curb stop was installed on Bear Road in December. The proposed Bear Road project will replace water line up to the new curb stop and reduce or eliminate problems in that section of the system.

Don Drew moved to adjourn, Bob Long seconded and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:08 am.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Kristi Garofalo