

Mountain Lakes District Water Committee Meeting of 12/6/12

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Purpose of Meeting: This was the December 2012 Water Committee Meeting. The meeting was held at the District Office from 7:35 AM to 8:45 AM on November 1, 2012.

Attendees: Ed Rajsteter – Chair, Don Drew-Water Department, Bob Long – Commissioner, Peter Olander, Joe McQueeney, Robert Roudebush

Thanks to Peter for taking the minutes as Ken King could not be there.

The minutes of all the November meetings (1,5,6,16) were approved.

There was a discussion of the Bath Water Service charge. This is paid in addition to the annual water charge for those residents that use Mountain Lakes water but live in Bath. These people do not pay taxes to the Mountain Lakes District so are charged an additional amount make up for that. Don was concerned about the impact on these people if we go to WWL for all of our water. It was decided to have our accountant (Amy) do the calculations needed and report back to us.

Don reported that the current daily usage is about 17,000 gallons per day. There have been 14 seasonal shut offs and 1 new connection. There was a small water leak inside a house on Swiftwater Road. That has been fixed.

Interaction with Dubois & King (D&K) on planning for new water projects:

The UNC Environmental Finance Center is ready to work with D&K on assessment of water alternatives and possible funding sources.

There will be a meeting with D&K on December 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM. There was a discussion of the major topics ( WWL connection line, restoration of our infiltration well, going to a surface water filtration system) and these have been communicated to D&K by Bob. This is in addition to their work on planning for the repair\replacement of the lower dam outlet pipe.

Interaction with Woodsville Water & Light (WWL) on a new contract:

Adam Torrey (NH DES) has a conference call set with WWL to talk about costing for their water contracts. We wanted to meet with them before the end of the year but that now seems unlikely as we wanted to meet with all of the commissioners at one time.

Once we have some additional information on possible directions we want to share that with WWL before we meet so they know that we do have alternatives.

We understand that WWL will be raising the standard water rate very soon. There was a discussion about what we should do if that happens however Adam Torrey has indicated that WWL will not raise our rates until we have the new contract in place.

Assignments:

1. Meeting minutes (this document) – Ken
2. Review draft meeting minutes – Don, Ed, Bob, Peter, Joe, Robert