

Note: For 2013, there will be one report issued each month that covers all of the Water Committee meetings for that month.

## ***Mountain Lakes District Water Committee Report for January 2013***

This report covers the meetings of 1/10/13, 1/18/13, and 1/31/13:

### **Mountain Lakes District Water Committee Meeting of 1/10/13**

Status: Draft as of 1/17/13 - Reviewed as of 1/29/13 - Approved as of 1/31/13

Purpose of Meeting: This was the January 2013 Water Committee Meeting. The meeting was held at the District Office from 7:32 AM to 8:30 AM on January 10, 2013. The purpose of this meeting was to review the status of our major projects.

Attendees: Don Drew-Water Department, Bob Long – Commissioner, Peter Olander, Robert Roudebush, Ken King, Tony Salvucci – on phone.

The minutes of the December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.

Don reported that the current daily usage is about 20,000 gallons per day. There have been 18 seasonal shut offs.

We decided that we need to obtain a good conference telephone for meetings like this. Don will follow up on this.

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

Adam Torey did have a phone conversation with WWL. Don will follow up with him and figure out the next steps.

Bob will follow up with Shadi from the North Carolina EFC and also to determine the person from the Maine EFC that will be working with us.

We need to meet with WWL. We talked about sending them the water cost comparisons spreadsheet. We also need a cover letter to highlight our concerns about comparative costs which are backed up by the spreadsheet.

Interaction with Dubois & King on possible future projects:

We had approved the \$1500.00 for the proposal on redoing the lower dam outlet. We are also waiting for them to respond to our request for the costs for doing proposals on restoring our infiltration well and adding a filtration system and on a full surface water system.

Budget For 2013:

The two water capital accounts will be combined into one and a new one with less restrictions on the use will be created. Don is pulling together costs on a new roof for the pumping station and on a plow for the district truck.

## **Mountain Lakes District Special Water Committee Meeting of 1/18/13**

Status: Draft as of 1/29/13 - Reviewed as of 2/14/13 - Approved as of 2/14/13

Purpose of Meeting: This was a special Water Committee Meeting. The purpose was to discuss our next meeting with Woodsville Water & Light. The meeting was held at the District Office from 7:30 AM to 8:16 AM on January 18, 2013.

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

The Minutes of the 12/20/12 meeting were approved.

The first topic was what we should present to WWL. The idea was to focus on our long term cost over 10 or 20 years with WWL as our primary provider. We also want to compare that estimated cost with the cost of other WWL customers that use a similar amount of water. The idea is to show that we are not being treated fairly.

We also discussed the idea that while we are considering different alternatives, these will take time to develop and we are currently dependent on WWL for at least 10,000 gallons per day.

The next segment was a telephone call with Shadi at the North Carolina EFC. We talked about our plan to meet with WWL. We all agreed that the best approach was for just us to meet with WWL. At that time, we will talk about our use of the EFC's and their willingness to help us with cost and contract issues. If the first meeting does not work out, we will set up a following meeting with WWL and include a person from the EFC's as well as a person from the state.

Bob will draft the agenda for the WWL meeting and Don will call WWL to set up a meeting at which all of the three commissioners will be present.

We did agree to include four of us in the meeting. The four are Bob, Don, Ed, and Ken.

## **Mountain Lakes District Water Committee Meeting of 1/31/13**

Status: Draft as of 03/04/13 - Reviewed as of 3/7/13 - Approved as of 3/7/13

Purpose of Meeting: This was a special Water Committee meeting to discuss the proposal from Dubois&King for them to continue with the definition phase of three projects. The projects were one – to increase the size of our interconnection to WWL from 2” to 4”, two – to perform maintenance on our infiltration well to increase the capacity and possibly add a filtration system, and three – to install a surface water system taking water directly from our lakes. The total cost was \$15,000 for all three options.

Attendees: Ed Rajsteter – Chair, Don Drew-Water Department, Bob Long – Commissioner, Peter Olander, Ken King, Tony Salvucci – on phone.

Ed suggested that as we were only two weeks from our meeting with Woodsville Water & Light (WWL) we should wait until after that. If we can work out a deal with WWL, then we do not need the other two projects.

Tony said that we should eliminate the third option. Use our approved design for the infiltration well which is grandfathered. Add a second gallery but not a filtration system. Our conversations with the state people are that they may allow us to maintain the infiltration well but that filtration may be required so this does need to be part of this option.

We do not want to spend any more money than needed so it was agreed to delay any decision for the two weeks. Bob will talk to Dubois&King about the two week delay.

Our meeting with WWL will be on February 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. Our next Water Committee meeting will be on the 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 AM.