

**MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT
WATER COMMITTEE MEETING
March 5, 2020
*UNAPPROVED***

Present: Robert Roudebush, Ken King, Ed Rajsteter, Bob Long and Don Drew (Maintenance/Water Project Manager). Patricia Brady was also present by phone.

Guests Present: None

Call to Order: Don Drew opened the meeting at 8:01 am.

Minutes Approval:

Feb. 12, 2020 – Robert Roudebush moved to approve; Patricia Brady seconded and motion passed.

Water System Update: Don Drew reported usage was an average of 22,000 gallons per day for all of last month which is good. He said usage runs higher on the weekends – around 30,000 gpd – then drops back down to around 20,000 gpd. The Committee discussed reasons for the weekend changes and agreed to do future water conservation education efforts.

Incident Report: Don Drew said the 20-horsepower pump and motor failed recently. They keep a spare in stock so the water team had it replaced and running within two hours. Patricia Brady asked about the range of life for the pump; Don Drew said it was about four years and this one lasted about three and a half years. Don Drew said they will be purchasing another pump/motor set as a spare. He said in 2016 the price was \$4,775 and they're currently seeing prices in the \$6,300 range. He said they will continue to look for quotes, but wants to order fairly soon because they have a one-to-two-week delivery time and it is important to have it on hand in case of failure as the recent incident showed.

Water Source Project: Don Drew reported engineer Jim Vernon of Nobis Engineering suggested ten water tests to be performed as the initial steps in exploring the ski hill area as potential water source site(s) and Don Drew asked water testing laboratory Eastern Analytical to provide pricing for the ten tests. He noted the neighbor on Skiway Terrace has good yield with his home well about 800 feet away. He said the owner is currently out of town, but he will try to contact him to ask about running a test on his home well for informational purposes. Don Drew said that if the Committee decides to drill new test well(s), he suggests using auger drilling methods rather than the pounding drill method used on the French Pond Road site. He said Scott Clang of Granite State Rural Water has a camera setup that can be used to check the condition of the old well on the ski hill to see whether it could be a possible water source. After discussion, the Committee agreed with Don Drew's recommendation that the next step in investigating the ski hill area will be to do water testing and the camera inspection of the old ski hill well.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bear Road Water Main and Curb Stop Projects: Don Drew said he talked to the contractor, Paige Excavating, and they are ready to go on this project once the road bans are off (and the proposed funding passes at the annual meeting March 14). They may ask for special permission from the Haverhill road agent to begin the project if the weather and the area clears before the road bans are revoked. Don Drew said the pipe for the project was purchased previously and was held in inventory so costs will be for gravel,

fill and excavation. The Committee agreed this particular much-needed project has been in the works for a while and it will be good to get it done.

Chambers Area Meters: Don Drew said he researched prices on vaults for the meters and came up with an estimate of \$14,000 per unit which includes vault, meter, and excavation costs. For the two sites proposed, that brings the project cost to about \$30,000. Don Drew said putting a meter on either side of the chambers would greatly help in locating leaks by cutting the area to be searched roughly in half depending on the readings from the meters. The Committee agreed to keep the project on the radar.

Annual Meeting Presentations: The Committee discussed various ways to educate residents in water conservation and raise general awareness of the water system's function and needs. ***At the annual meeting, Bob Long will answer questions posed about the finances of the two water project warrant articles and Mark Johanson will talk and take questions about water projects. Don Drew will set up a loop video of part of the dam inspection and will have old and new valves and tools of the trade for display.*** Robert Roudebush noted Don Drew's continuing education for his water operator's license and offered to talk about it to bring awareness of Don Drew's efforts and learning. The Committee agreed the subject could be suggested to Mark Johanson to include in his remarks.

NEW BUSINESS:

Salvucci News: Bob Long shared that he received a phone call from Karen Salvucci, who said her mother, Antoinette, passed away this week. The Committee briefly talked about Mrs. Salvucci's time at Mountain Lakes and her support of her recently deceased husband, Tony Salvucci, in his efforts with the Water Committee and his enjoyment of Mountain Lakes.

Veteran's Coffee Hour: Ed Rajsteter said the next Veteran's Coffee Hour will be on Wednesday, March 11 at 11:00 am at the Horse Meadow Senior Center. The event is open to veterans and spouses, and the VA representative will be present to talk about services available and possible future programs.

Robert Roudebush moved to adjourn; Bob Long seconded and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 am.

Respectfully submitted by,
Kristi Garofalo