

**MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT
WATER COMMITTEE MEETING VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING
July 2, 2020
*UNAPPROVED***

Bob Long read a statement that the Committee was authorized to meet electronically due to the declared state of emergency (COVID-19), that the meeting had been properly noticed and information given to the public on how to join the meeting via Zoom Video Conferencing, and that all votes would be by roll call, in accordance with the provisions of the Governor's emergency order.

Committee Roll Call: Bob Long, Mark Johanson, Ed Rajsteter, Patricia Brady, Robert Roudebush, Don Drew (Maintenance/Water Project Manager) and Kristi Garofalo (District Administrator) were present via Zoom and all noted no one was in the room with them.

Call to Order: Don Drew opened the meeting at 8:00 am.

Minutes Approval:

June 4, 2020 –Patricia Brady moved to approve; Ed Rajsteter seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ed Rajsteter – Aye; Robert Roudebush – Aye; Mark Johanson – Aye; Patricia Brady – Aye; Bob Long – Aye; Don Drew – Aye; motion passed.

Water System Update: Don Drew reported usage was down and the average over the last three days was 27,000 gallons per day.

Incident Report: NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

Water Source Project: Don Drew he met with Capital Well representatives and they looked at the French Pond Road site, the ski slope site, and the site by the baseball field. He said Capital Well will send pricing information with various options and ***Don Drew will forward that info to Committee members when received.*** Don Drew said some results of preliminary testing in the ski slope area were favorable, but trace amounts of arsenic did show in the testing. It is common in bedrock wells, but is still a definite concern and potential cost. The state is lowering its acceptable level for arsenic so water from this well would most likely have to be treated. Don Drew said preliminary investigation of treatment costs show they would be “real numbers” and further research is needed to see if the cost is feasible.

Don Drew noted it may be advantageous to negotiate a long-term contract with Woodsville Water & Light for water purchases as they now have new commissioners and new people in charge. Bob Long said WW&L is also looking for new water sources and will need to revamp their treatment plant soon; both projects will contribute to WW&L prices continuing to rise.

Bear Road Water Main Project: Don Drew said the project is still a go; three homes will be affected and he has made contact with all three. One expressed concern about the project happening during what would be their vacation time and asked that it be delayed. Don Drew said he would bring the request to the Water Committee, but feels the project has been delayed long enough. The project will last about one week and Bear Road will be closed during the day for the work. Don Drew said he plans to put signs up to

notify residents. **Bob Long said he will send a letter to the homeowner who asked for the delay explaining the reasons for moving ahead with the project during the proposed time; Kristi Garofalo will send the homeowner's contact information to Bob Long.**

Chambers Area Meters: On Hold

NEW BUSINESS:

Project Priorities: Don Drew previously asked each member to bring to this meeting four projects they feel are most important. He said he has not finished compiling the list yet, but will have that for the next meeting.

French Pond Road Repaving Project: Don Drew reported he is working with Haverhill to prepare for the French Pond Road project and will need to locate, activate and document all service connections in the work area. They may need to change elevation of the connections due to the road work and the Town will work with MLD on costs. The culvert over Waterman Brook will also be replaced as part of the project.

Fire Hydrant on Kearsarge: Don Drew said the hydrant was broken and needed replacement so that was done recently with the help of the District's contractor, Hood's Plumbing.

Drought Status/Water Conservation: Don Drew said residents have been asked to voluntarily conserve water and noted future DMAILs will include water conservation tips and ideas. The tips will run weekly, especially during the summer, and Patricia Brady is helping to supply tips and other info to be used. The Committee discussed individual meters in homes and noted cost concerns. Mark Johanson brought up pools and the impact they have on usage; it was noted that the Planning Board is looking at pool-related changes to the zoning ordinance to be presented at the 2021 annual meeting.

Chambers Riser: Don Drew said he is meeting with contractors about the damaged riser at the chambers. He will get prices from three contractors for consideration – hopefully the riser can be repaired, but if not, it will have to be replaced.

Adjournment: Ed Rajsteter moved to adjourn; Patricia Brady seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ed Rajsteter – Aye; Robert Roudebush – Aye; Mark Johanson – Aye; Patricia Brady – Aye; Bob Long – Aye; Don Drew – Aye; motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:53 am.

Respectfully submitted by,
Kristi Garofalo