

MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT
WATER COMMITTEE MEETING with Public Access In-Person and via Zoom
October 1, 2020
UNAPPROVED

Committee Roll Call: Bob Long, Mark Johanson, Ken King, Don Drew (Maintenance/Water Project Manager) and Kristi Garofalo (District Administrator) were present in person; Patricia Brady and Ed Rajsteter were present via Zoom.

Guests Present: Randy Berenson, Bill Clark and Dottie Long were also present via Zoom.

Call to Order: Patricia Brady called the meeting to order at 8:03 am.

Minutes Approval – September 3, 2020: Ed Rajsteter moved to approve; Mark Johanson seconded and motion passed.

Water System Update: Don Drew reported usage is ranging between mid to high 20,000s up to low 30,000s gallons per day – there have been a few power glitches which caused alarm calls, but nothing serious.

Incident Report – Drought Conditions: Don Drew said his research showed the area received 1-1/2 to 2 inches of rain in the recent storm; that helped the drought, but the situation is still serious. The Committee agreed to continue to ask residents to conserve water.

OLD BUSINESS:

Possible Well Locations Review: Don Drew said a decision need to be made about which location(s) to pursue; he feels the FPR gravel pit and Lodge ball field areas are the best options and ***Don Drew will get prices together for a request to the Budget Committee.*** He said Jim Vernon is helping finalize specs for bids. Mark Johanson shared a report showing about \$45,000 has been spent for source development in last six years and Committee members spoke in favor of continuing the search. They agreed they were willing to meet before the regular water meeting on Nov. 5 if needed to put a budget request together for 2021.

Bear Road Water Main Project: Don Drew said the project is complete, except for seeding and mulching. They found 6 to 7 repair clamps in the 300 feet of water main replaced so it was definitely a trouble area. He said he has more product in storage if more work is needed.

Chambers Area Meters: On hold – Don Drew said he is still exploring options and is checking into whether they would be able to utilize the SCADA system to assist with water flow data and alerts.

Chambers Riser Repair: Don Drew reported a supplier can custom build a new riser and MLD could put it in place. He will get more information and prices for consideration at the next meeting. Mark Johanson suggested trying to complete the repair/replacement this year to avoid any chance of damage to the water system and the Committee agreed to work toward that goal.

Upper Outlet Barrel: Don Drew said the new collar was installed, but the outlet had additional damage and may need more work in the near future. ***Don Drew will have prices for the next meeting.***

French Pond Road Vault: The vault was installed the 1990s and with the recent activity in the area they were able to locate it. Don Drew said it could be used for leak detection; ***he will get information on costs and the process to put a meter in the vault.***

French Pond Road Repaving Project: Don Drew reported the Haverhill road crew is finishing up; the asphalt is done and gravel shoulders and guard rails are next. He said the areas around the new Kearsarge culvert work will be seeded soon.

NEW BUSINESS:

Water Financials: Kristi Garofalo gave a quick explanation of water-related funds and shared a water specific fund report. She also noted she received notice of two possible grant opportunities – one for creating an asset management program and one for tank inspection costs – and the Committee gave her the okay to investigate both opportunities.

Vice Chair Appointment: Patricia Brady moved to name Ed Rajsteter as Vice Chair. Bob Long seconded and the motion passed.

Adjournment: Patricia Brady moved to adjourn; Mark Johanson seconded and motion passed.

Next meeting date: Thursday, Nov. 5 at 8:00 am.

Respectfully submitted by,
Kristi Garofalo