

MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT
WATER COMMITTEE MEETING via Zoom Video Conferencing
January 7, 2021
UNAPPROVED

Chair Patricia Brady 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: Patricia Brady (alone), Robert Roudebush-alone), Ed Rajsteter (alone), Mark Johanson (alone) and Don Drew (Maintenance/Water Project Manager) were present via Zoom. Ken King joined the meeting later.

Guests Present: Bob Long was present via Zoom.

Call to Order: Patricia Brady called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

Minutes Approval – Dec. 3, 2020: Mark Johanson moved to approve the minutes; Robert Roudebush seconded. Roll Call Vote: Patricia Brady-Aye, Robert Roudebush-Aye, Ed Rajsteter-Aye, Mark Johanson-Aye, Don Drew-Aye; and motion passed.

Water System Update: Don Drew reported usage was high over the holidays but is back to normal now running in the mid-20,000s gpd.

Incident Report: Don Drew said drought status closer to normal and has improved to "abnormally dry". In response to questions from the Committee, he noted more than half of the water supply comes from Woodsville Water & Light; the rest from the infiltration well and bedrock well.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Gravel Well Site:** Don Drew reported a logger is working near the Lodge (off Valley Road near the ballfield) and they are working out an agreement with him to clear the well site area to allow the drilling equipment for testing in exchange for the use of MLD land as a staging area on the logger's current project. This would save MLD the cost of having tree work done in preparation for the site testing.
- **Chambers Riser Repair:** Don Drew reported the new top is in place; final cleanup is all that remains to be done, but that may have to wait until spring depending on the weather and the contractor's schedule. In the meantime, the chambers are now sealed and safe, just waiting for final cleanup.
- **Well Testing/Source Development:** The Committee agreed to leave this project on the list and move forward in spring.
- **Drought:** The Committee agreed to take this subject off the list. Don Drew will include drought information in future incident reports.
- **Water Conservation Tips:** The Committee agreed to take this subject off the list as the tips are now an ongoing part of the weekly DMAIL.

- **French Pond Road Vault:** Don Drew said the meter and parts are in stock and he hopes to do the installation as soon as it can be scheduled. He estimated the cost for the installation at \$200-250 and noted it will be a good help when trying to locate water leaks and other issues.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **2021 Annual Meeting:** The meeting will be held via Zoom over multiple dates due to the COVID pandemic. The Committee agreed to wait for the Commissioners to set the dates and procedures for 2021.
- **Budget 2021 Sub Committee:** The Committee reviewed the Dec. 30 Sub-Committee meeting minutes done by Mark Johanson. The Sub-Committee was established by unanimous consent of the Water Committee at the December 3, 2020 meeting for the expressed purpose of developing a public presentation of Water Committee and Water District past actions, costs, and future plans. This presentation will be made public at the District annual meeting in March of 2021.

Patricia Brady noted she found the MLD "Water Conservation Plan Draft" on the MLD website while doing research and noted it outlines a lot of things the Committee is currently working on. She said the plan was approved by the District commissioners on Feb. 14, 2011; ***Kristi Garofalo will change the title on the website to remove the "Draft" notation and add the approval date to the plan copy.*** The Committee discussed one of the plan's recommendations about reducing winter salt use on French Pond Road to protect Water man Brook. Bob Long said he spoke to road agent Colton Grant about the possibility of creating a low salt area; ***Bob Long said he will get more information.*** The question was raised about whether Committee members should be officially appointed by the Commissioners for three-year terms or if committees allow for more informal membership; ***Bob Long will research requirements.*** The Committee agreed the Sub-Committee would move forward as planned; their next meeting is Wednesday, Jan. 20.

- **Hood's Contracts:** Bob Long shared an addendum to be added to MLD's contracts with Hood's Plumbing & Heating. The addendum shows various levels of compensation for fuel costs based on the State of New Hampshire average. ***Bob Long will have the new contracts for the Jan. 11 Commissioners meeting.***

Adjournment: Ed Rajsteter moved to adjourn; Robert Roudebush seconded. Roll Call Vote: Patricia Brady-Aye, Robert Roudebush-Aye, Ed Rajsteter-Aye, Mark Johanson-Aye, Don Drew-Aye; and motion passed.

Next meeting date: Thursday, Feb. 4 at 8:00 am.

Respectfully submitted by,
Kristi Garofalo