

MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT WATER COMMITTEE MEETING
at the District Office and via Zoom Video Conferencing
August 5, 2021
***UNAPPROVED**

Call to Order: Chair Patricia Brady called the meeting to order at 8:07 am.

Roll Call: Patricia Brady, Mark Johanson, Ed Rajsteter, Robert Roudebush, Ken King and Don Drew (Maintenance/Water Project Manager) were present at the District Office.

Public Present In-Person: Bob Long. Jim Vernon of Nobis Engineering arrived after the meeting started.

Public Present via Zoom: None

Minutes Approval:

- **July 1, 2021:** Robert Roudebush moved to approve; Mark Johanson seconded and motion passed.

Water System Update:

- **Water Usage:** Don Drew reported usage is averaging in the low 30,000s gpd and the system is running well.
- **Incident Report:** Don Drew said a water break was found over the weekend on Roudebush Loop. The water team responded quickly; the repairs took a few hours and the system is back active.
- **Other:** The Committee briefly discussed Chris Dellinger's (Hood's Plumbing) semi-retirement announcement. Bob Long noted the MLD contract is with Chris Dellinger and he plans to remain a water contractor for MLD. Kristi Garofalo asked about the notification procedure for water breaks and the Committee agreed it was beneficial to notify residents of a water break and also when the repair was completed. ***Kristi Garofalo and Don Drew will create a draft procedure for the Committee to review at their next meeting.***

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Update: Bob Long reported that, at their Aug. 2 meeting, the Haverhill select board approved the ARPA funding distribution proposed by the all-district commissioners group. That group will meet again on Aug. 9 at 6:00pm at the Lodge to discuss moving forward with the Town and working with them on the required reporting. Bob Long said he is also trying to connect with the County Administrator to explore possible funding from the county.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Hartley Drilling:** Jim Vernon of Nobis Engineering arrived at the meeting and gave a summary of the recent exploratory drilling at two MLD sites, one on French Pond Road (FPR) and one behind the Lodge ballfield. Jim Vernon explained the FPR site showed limited yield, but the Lodge ballfield site didn't have much water at all so the drilling company pulled the well and was able to salvage the screen to reduce costs to MLD.

The Committee agreed not to pursue the Lodge ballfield site and then discussed possibilities for the FPR site. They noted the FPR site already has an existing well put in during the MTBE remediation paid for by the state and that well could possibly supply 15 to 20 gallons per minute. Jim Vernon said that if a second,

deeper water zone was found in the area, the two wells could be combined to create a productive water supply. Jim Vernon said that if test results were favorable, he would suggest bringing in system engineer Chris Albert who specializes in small water systems and would be helpful in analyzing whether the combined wells would be a viable option for MLD. Don Drew said he and Chris Dellinger have talked about putting a small pump in the new test well and monitoring it to see what it does, how much it produces, and what effect it has on the nearby existing well. He said they hope to have data for the Committee to review at their next meeting. The Committee agreed such testing would be the next step and they would review the results at their September meeting.

- **Low Salt Signs and Implementation:** Don Drew said he is working with Haverhill Road Agent Colton Grant to get the low-salt area signs put up as soon as possible. ***Patricia Brady said she will also contact Colton Grant to ask for the signs to be put up soon.***

NEW BUSINESS:

- **VLAP:** Mark Johanson reported the testing for the Voluntary Lake Assessment Program took place on Aug. 3 and went well. He said preliminary results looked pretty good, but final results will be available in January or February 2022.

Adjournment: Patricia Brady moved to adjourn; Mark Johanson seconded, and motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 am.

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, September 2 at 8:00am.

Respectfully submitted by,
Kristi Garofalo