

MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT WATER COMMITTEE MEETING
at the District Office and via Zoom Video Conferencing
August 3, 2023
UNAPPROVED

Call to Order: Chair Ed Rajsteter called the meeting to order at 8:02 am.

Roll Call:

- **Committee:** Ed Rajsteter, Mark Johanson, Christine Dunster and Facility & Water Manager John Mitchell were present. Ed Rajsteter declared a quorum present.
- **Public Present: In-Person:** Bob Long, Kristi Garofalo **Via Zoom:** NONE

Minutes Approval:

- **July 6, 2023:** John Mitchell moved to approve; Mark Johanson seconded and the motion passed.

WATER SYSTEM UPDATE:

John Mitchell shared the following water usage numbers for July: the total usage for the month was 999,733; the daily usage high was 41,368 gallons per day, the low was 23,913 gpd and the average daily usage was 32,249 gpd. He said the chlorine residual tested at .30 which is good and in line with department goals. He reported Woodsville Water & Light meters were changed during the month so data for a full month of usage will be available next month. After discussion of a resident's question about how much water came from each water source, Bob Long shared data from July showing the infiltration well provided 73%, the bedrock well gave 9%, and 18% came from Woodsville Water & Light.

John Mitchell said the weekly E Coli testing at the beaches shows numbers are down since the start of the summer, and are well within state limits. The Voluntary Lake Assessment intern helped investigate and test a suspicious bloom on White Mountain Drive. It was found to be harmless and should go away; it could have been the result of fertilizer usage in nearby lawns. John Mitchell said there was a water quality complaint on Newport Drive and the water team did work in the area to ensure the water flowed all the way around, eliminating the "dead area" that contributed to the problem. A similar complaint has been raised on King Drive so the water team will investigate and, if needed, will change the flow of the water in that area to avoid a similar dead spot and solve the problem for the long term. He told the Committee he has gathered 6-month readings from the houses on the house meter project and will put usage data from those readings together for analysis.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN GRANT UPDATE:** Consultant Abby Fopiano of Edgewater Solutions and her AM partner John Jackman made a site visit and held an introductory meeting on July 25 to meet MLD staff and Water Committee members and tour the MLD system. Abby Fopiano will set a kickoff meeting with NHDES, MLD, and other interested parties in the few next weeks (date TBD) to start the process. The Committee agreed to invite Chris Dellinger and Harold Clough to be part of the kickoff meeting when the date is set.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **VOLUNTARY LAKE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (VLAP):** Ed Rajsteter said the annual VLAP testing took place on Tuesday, August 1 starting at 9:00AM and lasting over three hours. Mark Johanson thanked Ed Rajsteter for filling in for him for VLAP testing and thanked John Mitchell for helping with the boat, charging the motor, and other preparations. Ed Rajsteter noted that several people told them motorized boats were not allowed on the Lakes. After discussion, the Committee agreed Kristi Garofalo will put a note in the DMAIL the motorized boat for VLAP is the only approved motor used on the Lakes and thanking those who shared the MLD guidelines with the boat occupants.
- **POOL SURVEY MEETING:** Ed Rajsteter asked how the recent meeting went and Mark Johanson said it went well with about 18-25 people attending. They had good discussion and good Q & A time. The Commissioners will discuss the next steps at their August meeting.
- **WIN WITH WATER DAY:** The Committee discussed the Win with Water Day on Saturday, August 5 (rain or shine) at the District Office. It will be held as an open house from 9:00 to 11:00 am and consist of the same program as last year. The Committee discussed presentation assignments and finalized details for the event.
- **WATER SYSTEM MAINTENANCE:** John Mitchell reported trees and brush have grown up around the chambers and pump house and will get a quote on cleaning them up. He is also looking to ask Robbins Maintenance to do their annual brush hogging earlier in the season before the vegetation dies back, and will look for contractors to do dirt work around the hatches of the chambers.

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, September 7 at 8:00AM

- **Adjournment:** Mark Johanson moved to adjourn; John Mitchell seconded. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:49AM.

Respectfully submitted by,
Kristi Garofalo