

MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT WATER COMMITTEE MEETING
at the District Office and via Zoom Video Conferencing
August 4, 2022
UNAPPROVED

Call to Order: Chair Patricia Brady called the meeting to order at 8:05 am.

Roll Call:

Committee: Patricia Brady, Robert Roudebush, Ed Rajsteter, Ken King, Commissioner Ex-Officio Mark Johanson and Facility & Water Manager John Mitchell.

Public Present In-Person: Bob Long, Kristi Garofalo **Via Zoom:** Tom Eighmy.

Minutes Approval:

- **Regular Meeting July 7, 2022 and Special Meeting July 19, 2022:** Motion made by Robert Roudebush to approve both sets of minutes as written, Mark Johanson seconded. Roll Call Vote: Patricia Brady-Aye; Ed Rajsteter-Aye; Mark Johanson-Aye; Robert Roudebush-Aye; Ken King-Aye; John Mitchell-Aye; Tom Eighmy-Aye. The motion passed.

Water System Update:

John Mitchell reported a water break in the White Mountain Drive/Rogers Road area was repaired. Usage since then varies, but is within normal ranges for summer season. He reported he learned at the asset management workshop on June 23 that asset management is not just inventory, but is concerned with maintaining and improving the integrity of the system. Details of the asset management workshop were discussed later in the meeting – see below.

Mark Johanson suggested gathering data from the water meters already installed in some MLD homes to create a spreadsheet of usage data, with notes on the number of people in the home, full or part-time occupancy, times of high usage due to visitors, etc. After discussion, the Committee agreed ***John Mitchell will gather information on the meter installations, specifically the install dates and current readings, setup a reading schedule to gather data, and give an update to the Committee at the October meeting.***

John Mitchell reported the pool repair work is continuing; the plumbing work is completed and pump repairs are now being done. The aim is to have a redundant system that is in full compliance with regulations and will easily pass state inspections.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **VLAP:** Mark Johanson reported the annual Voluntary Lake Assessment Program testing was done on Aug. 2 in both Lakes and results should be in soon, possibly by the end of September. He said he and the DES intern didn't see any anomalies while testing. They checked the weeds reported by the Dunsters on Lakeside Drive and confirmed they are water shield weeds. Water shield is a natural species in NH and will continue to grow. He said homeowners can pull it out by the roots to slow the growth and the weeds should be burned or otherwise disposed of rather than thrown into the Lakes. The Commissioners will talk more about the weeds at their meeting on August 8.
- **Committee Roles:** Patricia Brady said she will step down as chair because she will be moving out of MLD, but will stay on as a Committee member until her move. She recommended and made a motion to name Ed Rajsteter as chair; Mark Johanson seconded. Roll Call Vote: Patricia Brady-Aye; Mark Johanson-Aye; Robert Roudebush-Aye; Ken King-Aye; John Mitchell-Aye; Tom Eighmy-Aye. The motion passed with Ed Rajsteter abstaining. Patricia Brady made a motion to name Robert Roudebush as vice-chair and he accepted. Mark Johanson seconded. Roll Call Vote: Patricia Brady-Aye; Ed Rajsteter-Aye; Mark Johanson-Aye; Robert Roudebush-Aye; Ken King-Aye; John Mitchell-Aye; Tom

Eighmy-Aye. The motion passed. The change in Committee leadership will be recommended to the Commissioners for discussion at their next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Asset Management Workshop Report:** John Mitchell and Kristi Garofalo spoke about the Asset Management Workshop they attended at the Department of Environmental Services in Concord last month. Kristi Garofalo shared that they were taught about asset life cycles, risk assessment, asset replacement planning and more. John Mitchell spoke of possible emergency water supply plans in case of a long-term power outage and other water system concerns. The Committee agreed the next step was to send the project to the Commissioners to set up a plan and timeline to put an Asset Management Plan together.
- **Living Well with Water Day Recap:**
Patricia Brady presented a draft report on the Living Well with Water Day event and led Committee discussion of things they felt went well with the educational program on July 23, including the following: advertising and publicity seemed to get the word out, the individual presentations were well prepared and informative, the event was well-organized, prep work was done well, people walked away with new info, and the weather was great.

The Committee felt things that didn't work well included the following: more attendees would have been nice, needed better prep for staggered arrivals, a second tent and better signage with station numbers and subject IDs to help direct the flow of participants might be useful in future events, and having the event in two locations (office and pump house) when one location might be better (pump house) so participants were all in one location.

The Committee agreed the event was a good, solid start in educating residents and they will plan to do it again next year. They discussed the event report as presented and Bob Long noted Kristi Garofalo donated the MLD pens given out to participants. Patricia Brady said she would amend the report to include that donation. Robert Roudebush moved to accept the report as amended; Mark Johanson seconded. Roll Call Vote: Patricia Brady-Aye; Ed Rajsteter-Aye; Mark Johanson-Aye; Robert Roudebush-Aye; Ken King-Aye; John Mitchell-Aye; Tom Eighmy-Aye. The motion passed.

- **Thank You:** Ed Rajsteter thanked Patricia Brady for her time and efforts in leading the Water Committee and for her work on the Living Well with Water Day. The Committee members gave her a round of applause and verbal thanks.

Adjournment: Moved by Robert Roudebush and seconded by Mark Johanson. Roll Call Vote: Patricia Brady-Aye; Ed Rajsteter-Aye; Mark Johanson-Aye; Robert Roudebush-Aye; Ken King-Aye; John Mitchell-Aye; Tom Eighmy-Aye. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:00AM

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, Sept. 1 at 8:00AM.

Respectfully submitted by,
Kristi Garofalo