

MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT WATER COMMITTEE MEETING
at the District Office and via Zoom Video Conferencing
December 1, 2022
UNAPPROVED

Call to Order: Chair Ed Rajsteter called the meeting to order at 8:04 am.

Roll Call:

- **Committee:** Ed Rajsteter, Mark Johanson, Patricia Brady, and Facility & Water Manager John Mitchell.
- **Public Present:** **In-Person:** Bob Long **Via Zoom:** None.

Minutes Approval:

- **Nov. 4, 2022:** Patricia Brady moved to approve; Mark Johanson seconded and motion passed.

WATER SYSTEM UPDATE:

USAGE: John Mitchell reported a daily water usage low of 18,413 gallons per day and a high of 30,954 gpd for November with an average daily usage of 22,134 gpd.

CONNECTION PROJECT: Bob Long said a new Spectrum connection for the pump house is on the way to replace the existing Consolidated connection. The new Spectrum line will run \$167 per month and provide higher speed and more capacity for the SCADA metering system.

OTHER PROJECTS: John Mitchell reported they are working on meter reading issues, noting the Woodsville Water & Light numbers are questionable. He is meeting with water contractor Chris Dellinger and Bob Long to investigate. He said the goal is to verify WW&L readings and a re-plumbing project may be needed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **BEDROCK WELL FRACKING:** Bob Long said he previously sent information from Jim Vernon of Nobis Engineering to the Committee members regarding the bedrock well's pump possibly being oversized and recommending replacement with a smaller pump which would reduce electrical costs. John Mitchell said monitoring equipment was put in the nearby second well to gather data on the water table. He is trying to set up a time for Steve Roy from NH DES to visit and gather data from the well. After discussion, the Committee agreed to look at the well data before considering replacing the bedrock well pump with a smaller one.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Proposed Water Tariff Change:** Ed Rajsteter noted the Committee is starting to seriously look into meter for MLD houses and suggested it might be a good time to change the water tariff to require that new homes have water meters installed. Bob Long suggested that due to rapid technology changes

and uncertainty of the timing when all of MLD would have meters, it might be better to require that all new homes have a meter horn installed for a meter to “plug into” whenever MLD is ready for all homes to have meters. After discussion, Patricia Brady made a motion to recommend to the Commissioners that all new MLD homes be required to have a meter horn installed and that requirement should be a change in the MLD Water Tariff to be voted on at the 2023 Annual Meeting. Mark Johanson seconded and the motion passed. ***Kristi Garofalo will put the recommendation on the Commissioners agenda for their December meeting.***

- **Engineer Research:** Kristi Garofalo and John Mitchell attended the NHMA conference on Nov. 16-17 and presented the Committee with brochures and information on engineering firms to review. Kristi Garofalo noted Underwood Engineering and Wright-Pierce were the two firms most recommended when MLD needs were explained.
- **Other Water Districts Info:** Ed Rajsteter asked ***Kristi Garofalo to gather rates and number of customers information from North Haverhill Water & Light and Haverhill Corner Water Department, along with information previously shared from Emerald Lake Water District (NH) and pass the results along to the Committee members for review.***
- **MLD House Meters:** Bob Long said he updated the cost estimates for meters in MLD homes and found the meter prices have gone up for a total estimate between \$239,000 and \$250,000. ***Bob Long will present the figures at the next Commissioners meeting.***

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, Jan. 5 at 8:00AM.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:51AM

Respectfully submitted by,
Kristi Garofalo