

MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT
WATER COMMITTEE MEETING via Zoom Video Conferencing
June 3, 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), Mark Johanson (alone), and Don Drew (Maintenance/Water Project Manager-alone) were present via Zoom.

Guests Present: Bob Long was present via Zoom.

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

Minutes Approval:

- **May 6, 2021:** Robert Roudebush moved to approve the minutes; Mark Johanson seconded. Roll Call Vote: Patricia Brady-Aye, Robert Roudebush-Aye, Mark Johanson-Aye, Don Drew-Aye, and motion passed.
- **May 21, 2021:** Patricia Brady moved to amend the minutes to show Don Drew seconded the motion to adjourn rather than Don Dubrule. Robert Roudebush seconded. Roll Call Vote: Patricia Brady-Aye, Robert Roudebush-Aye, Mark Johanson-Aye, Don Drew-Aye, and motion passed. Robert Roudebush moved to approve the minutes as amended; Mark Johanson seconded. Roll Call Vote: Patricia Brady-Aye, Robert Roudebush-Aye, Mark Johanson-Aye, Don Drew-Aye, and motion passed.

Water System Update:

- **Water Usage:** Don Drew said usage is good, on the higher side at times but that's to be expected as it's been a busy pre-season. He said over the Memorial Day weekend usage was in the high 40,000s but went right back down and today was at 27,000 gallons per day.
- **Incident Report:** Don Drew said there were no incidents to report, the monthly E Coli tests came back "absent" which is good, and the system is running well. The Committee discussed the range and frequency of the system's water testing as required by the state and agreed ***Kristi Garofalo will put a note about water testing in the DMAIL.*** Don Drew said the annual Consumer Confidence Report will be out soon and that will be attached to the DMAIL as well.
- **Other:** Patricia Brady asked for an update on the water source test drilling. Don Drew said he was waiting to hear back from the drilling contractor on an exact date, but it should be the week of June 21 or June 28.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA):

- **Update on Communications with State of NH:** Bob Long said he is working with the state and representative Bob Guida and has sent a suggested funding formula which Bob Guida will make

available at the state level, but Bob Long said he is still waiting on state decisions and clarification of funding award details.

- **Shovel Ready Projects:** The Committee also discussed preparations for applying for the funding when available, noting some projects have already been suggested. They will work on those and other possible projects with Scott Clang of Granite State Rural Water Association (GSRWA).
- **GSRWA – Scott Clang:** Don Drew said Scott Clang could not attend the meeting, but he hopes to meet with him over the next week or so to go over suggested projects and see if he has more project ideas. Bob Long said Scott Clang may have other funding ideas, too; and Don Drew said he would ask him about that as well. ***Don Drew will let the Committee know of Scott Clang's visit date if he is given advance notice.***

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Low salt signs and implementation:** Don Drew said the low-salt area signs were purchased and received. He has given them to Haverhill Road Agent Colton Grant to put up as soon as on French Pond Road in the area of Waterman Brook. The Committee agreed that ***Don Drew will arrange for photos of the sign installation to put in the DMAIL*** to begin educating residents about the low-salt area and the reasons for it.
- **Logger Agreement:** Don Drew reported the logger working on Valley Road is cleaning up and both test drilling sites are ready as soon as the drilling company sets the date to start.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Water Source Project Opinion:** Robert Roudebush said a resident suggested doing a survey to determine whether residents felt exploring additional water source(s) was a good idea. The Committee discussed the data they've gathered over the last several years along with the MLD dependency and vulnerability to Woodsville Water & Light. They agreed they were all in favor of continuing the search for an additional water source and noted that interested parties who want to know more about the decision to explore additional water sources could attend Committee meetings to get more information and share their ideas.
- **Committee Interest:** Patricia Brady said she met a young man who showed interest in the Water Committee. She invited him to join the May meeting, but he was not present. Patricia Brady said she will continue to reach out to him and encourage his interest.

Adjournment: Don Drew moved to adjourn. Robert Roudebush seconded. Roll Call Vote: Patricia Brady-Aye, Robert Roudebush-Aye, Mark Johanson-Aye, Don Drew-Aye, and motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:39 am.

Respectfully submitted by,
Kristi Garofalo