

**MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT WATER COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**at the District Office and via Zoom Video Conferencing**  
**May 5, 2022**  
**\*APPROVED\***

**Call to Order:** Chair Patricia Brady called the meeting to order at 8:01 am.

**Roll Call:**

**Committee:** Patricia Brady, Robert Roudebush, Ken King, Ed Rajsteter,, and ex-officio commissioner Mark Johanson were present at the District Office along with Facility & Water Manager John Mitchell.

**Public Present In-Person:** Bob Long **Via Zoom:** None

**Minutes Approval:**

- **April 7, 2022:** Robert Roudebush moved to approve; Mark Johanson seconded and motion passed.

**Water System Update:** John Mitchell reported the pump house cleaning/organizing project is moving forward and the Lodge water department storage project is making steady progress. He said there have been no water breaks or issues, and usage has been good. He said Ron Gehl of EOS Research updated the SCADA software to resolve the bot attacks causing service drops, and the SCADA system has been reporting 100% since the update. He said he is still working with Spectrum Communications on the possibility of changing to their service, but since SCADA is working well now, changing over is not as urgent. Bob Long agreed, saying that since the SCADA is reporting well, he has not asked the Town about the federal “last mile” rural communications program. Bob Long noted usage numbers are good and said last year at this time 50% of the water supply came from Woodsville Water & Light. WW&L supplied only 25% in April this year due to the water level changes to the lagoon.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **New Meter Installation Status:** Bob Long said Chris Dellinger plans to install the new meters at the pump house to monitor flow volume from the pump house to the chambers by the end of the month. The Committee discussed concerns about SCADA data changeover to the new meters; Ron Gehl will help with the changes.
- **Nobis Proposal for Visit to State-Owned Site:** Bob Long said further investigation of the state-owned site north of Route 112 raised concerns about how water quality would be affected by heavy machine use on the site and the small size of the lot. After discussion, the Committee agreed they did not feel it would be beneficial to proceed with a site visit. ***Bob Long will contact Jim Vernon to let him know MLD did not want to move forward with the site visit.***
- **Water Conservation Day Planning:** Patricia Brady shared a handout with proposed information about an MLD “Win With Water” event. The date proposed is Saturday, July 23 with Sunday, July 24 as a rain date; time would be from 1:00-2:00pm at the north end of the Lower Lake near the Lower Dam, lagoon and pump house. Rec Committee is willing to help with the event which will be family-oriented with activities, displays, and demonstrations; there will be a workbook contest for kids to complete and turn in for a prize. More planning is in the works; in the meantime, ***Kristi Garofalo will put a note in the DMAIL to save the date.***

- **Outreach to Prospective Committee Members:** Patricia Brady said she has tried to contact Tom Eighmy, who applied to be on the Water Committee, but has not been able to reach him. She will continue to try. The Committee discussed recruiting other members and agreed the Win With Water Day would be a good opportunity to find those with an interest in serving on the Committee.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Water Infrastructure Funding Webinar Series:** Mark Johanson attended three days of workshops in the NH DES Infrastructure Funding Webinar Series to learn about state and federal funding possibilities, including the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) programs. He said he sent the webinar handouts to Committee members to review and also because they have good contact info for state agencies who can help with questions and projects. The Committee discussed a list of four water projects previously agreed on:
  - Wildcat/Bear Road to chambers (line replacement)
  - Deerfield Drive to Goose Lane (line replacement)
  - Kearsarge Drive (reconnect water line)
  - and water source connection (if found, connecting new water source to MLD system)

The Committee also added Rogers Road (line replacement from French Pond to White Mountain) and Gateway Drive to Valley Road (2" line replacement) to the list of projects. Mark Johanson said the first step in applying for funding is to do a three-page online "pre-app" for each project. Information such as the Public Water System ID # (***Kristi Garofalo will provide***), the median household income (***Bob Long and Mark Johanson to research***) and cost per foot for line replacement (***Bob Long to provide***) will be needed along with other project details. The state will review pre-apps and they will request more info for approved projects by late summer. He stressed pre-apps must be done to get any part of the funding and the due date for them is June 1. After discussion, the Committee agreed to set a special meeting/work session for Monday, May 9 at 8:30 at the District Office to work on the online applications. ***Kristi Garofalo will post the special meeting.***

- **Other:**
  - Bob Long said he got a quote of \$9,550 from Paige Excavation for the Upper Dam/causeway project and they plan to schedule the two-day project before Opening Day on June 18.

**Adjournment:** Patricia Brady moved to adjourn and Ed Rajsteter seconded. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:20 am.

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

Respectfully submitted by,  
Kristi Garofalo