

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

Call to Order: Chair Ed Rajsteter called the meeting to order at 8:05 am.

Roll Call:

Committee: Ed Rajsteter, Patricia Brady, and Facility & Water Manager John Mitchell. Tom Eighmy (alone) and Commissioner Ex-Officio Mark Johanson (alone) were out-of-town and attended via Zoom.

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

Minutes Approval:

- **Oct. 6, 2022:** Patricia Brady moved to approve; Mark Johanson seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ed Rajsteter-Aye; Patricia Brady-Aye; John Mitchell-Aye; Tom Eighmy-Aye; Mark Johanson-Aye. Motion passed.

WATER SYSTEM UPDATE:

USAGE: John Mitchell reported a daily water usage low of 17,901 gallons per day and a high of 34,615 gpd for October with an average daily usage of 18,500 gpd. The state required in-home samples for lead and copper have been collected for nine of the ten required homes and have been sent to the state for testing. The tenth test will be done in the next few weeks.

SECOND WELL: At the last meeting, Ed Rajsteter told the Committee about an unused second well located near the MLD bedrock well and the Committee agreed to see if the well could be found. John Mitchell said he was able to locate it about 200-300 feet away and he was also told there is NH DES monitoring equipment in the well. He said he is contacting Steve Roy of NH DES and hopes to get more info from him.

MAINTENANCE PLAN: John Mitchell passed along an idea that was shared at one of his classes: MLD could provide line maintenance coverage to homeowners for a fee to cover repairs from the curb stop to the house. The Committee discussed the idea, including costs, liability and whether such funds could be used for other projects. They agreed to keep the idea in mind for future use.

OTHER PROJECTS: John Mitchell said he has parts on order to refill his inventory and the Lodge storage project is on hold as he is working to get other things buttoned up for winter.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **BEDROCK WELL FRACKING:** Bob Long said he sent information on the bedrock well's pump to Jim Vernon of Nobis Engineering and he is researching whether the pump size would work for the fracking project.

- **NHDES SUSTAINABILITY GRANTS:** Kristi Garofalo shared grant application information from the NHDES Asset Management Workshop. She noted the workshop leadership repeatedly urged participants to apply for the 100% grants for asset management plans, energy audits, and planning. The deadline for applications is Dec. 9, which may be an issue if MLD waits to find an engineer to help. Kristi Garofalo asked for approval to complete the application for asset management and energy audit to get started. After discussion, the Committee agreed ***Kristi Garofalo will do the application and Bob Long will send her information on source exploration from Jim Vernon to add to the application packet as a planning grant request. Kristi Garofalo and John Mitchell will also gather information on engineering firms at the NHMA conference on Nov. 16-17.***
- **2023 BUDGET:** The Committee discussed the need for project funding and putting money away for those projects. Bob Long suggested putting \$35,000 into the District Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund this year for water projects. The Committee also plans to look at the operating budget to consider the needs for funding for emergencies. The Budget Committee will be considering the Water Budget at their Nov. 15 meeting and several Committee members made notes to attend. ***Kristi Garofalo will send the Committee members the Water Fund budget worksheets that will be used at the Nov. 15 Budget Committee meeting.***

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

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

Adjournment: Patricia Brady moved to adjourn; John Mitchell seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ed Rajsteter-Aye; Patricia Brady-Aye; John Mitchell-Aye; Tom Eighmy-Aye; Mark Johanson-Aye. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:11AM

Respectfully submitted by,
Kristi Garofalo