

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**  
**October 10, 2024**

**AGENDA ITEM A-4**

**Water Allocation: Mountainside Resort [06-061.000-06-061.400]**

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**Summary:** A Water Allocation Application has been received and reviewed by Public Works to connect the Mountainside Resort, which is currently a single sewer only customer, to the municipal water system. The Town would become the finished water supplier to the resorts private water system, charging normal customer rates.

Currently Mountainside, which has its own private water system, is subject to a Do Not Drink order because of PFAS contamination of their water supply, which is from a well approximate 2500' west of our Village Green water supply. Mountainside hopes to connect as soon as possible for the Order to be removed.

In general, the plan would be for them to install a new service connection in Mountain Road and approximately 350' of 8" water main in Mountainside Drive to a new meter vault with backflow prevention, all owned and operated by the Town, discharging to a new private booster station that will be connected to supply the existing private water storage tank, pump station and distribution systems, which will operate, maintain and repair its own water system and VTDEC WSID (Permit). The scope of the tap, main extension and meter vault will be implemented under a Public Works Development Agreement for future acceptance by the Town. Implementation of this scope, along with the requisite private booster station (to be constructed to Town standards), will allow for the lifting of the No Drink Order. Pending Preliminary Allocation approval, the Public Works Development Agreement will be negotiated and approved before Final Allocation Approval and Issuance of a Water Connection Permit, while the Applicant seeks state permits for the proposed connection. The Applicant hopes to construct as soon all required permits are secured and construction can commence, hopefully early Spring 2025. In the meantime, Mountainside is supplying bottled water for drinking and cooking to its water system users. In the future, pending certain upgrades to the existing private water storage and distribution system, possible acceptance by the Town may be feasible and considered.

Currently Mountainside has sewer allocations for 187 Bedrooms, 8 Employees, a Hot Tub/Pool and 1 Commercial Washing Machine. This results in a Flow Rating of 29,170 GPD and a Water Allocation of 26,253 GPD. It is noted that the existing Average Daily and Max Day Demand for the subject resort, as measured by our sewer only meter, is approximately 7800 GPD and 15,000 GPD respectively.

Assuming Preliminary Allocation Approval, staff will issue the Capacity to Serve letter required for state permit applications upon receipt of the 10% down payment. Final Allocation Approval and Water Connection Permits will be issued on approval of a Public Works Development Agreement, staff approval of technical details and payment of the balance of the Allocation Fees.

**Town Plan Impact:** N/A

**Fiscal Impact:** Proposed water allocation fee: \$288,783

**Recommendation:** Move to grant preliminary water allocation of 26,253 GPD for Mountainside Resort conditioned upon issuance of Final Allocation Approval and Connection Permit within 1 year in accordance with this agenda summary.