

HWRC MINUTES of 3-October-2023

HWRC meeting at Hampstead Public Library at 6pm

Present in room: S. Spyvee, L. Anthony. R. Weimar, D. Rollins, M. Bunker, T. Dudgeon,

Attending via zoom: S. Nolan. Select Board representative L. Warnock joined for a portion of the meeting via Zoom.

Minutes taken by S. Nolan.

Mission Statement: To support the provision of safe, adequate, affordable and sustainable water sources for Hampstead and its residents

1. Call to Order and Chairman's comments

6:00pm Chairman S. Spyvee called the meeting to order. S.Spyvee made a motion to allow S. Nolan to participate in the meeting remotely. Second by R. Weimar. Vote was unanimous.

2. Old Business

- a. **Rain Barrel sale for Spring 2024 and/or water testing** - D. Rollins is communicating with the Great American Rain Barrel company to determine possible dates. The rain barrel price has changed. We will advertise the event as soon as possible this spring. D. Rollins will try to secure a March date.
The committee discussed working with Granite State Analytical to promote water testing this spring in April or May. The committee discussed encouraging PFAS testing.
- b. **Weather station discussion with school/scouts** - R. Weimar will reach out to the new STEM instructor at HSD soon. The Town of Hampstead DPW director, Jim Lavacchia, will be setting up a weather station at the town garage. R. Weimar is meeting with him on 10/6. It may be possible to get the precipitation info we want from that station. It was suggested that we reach out to the community for help with the project to make Hampstead weekly rainfall amounts easy for residents to view. R. Weimar will inquire about boy scouts who may be looking for an Eagle Scout project.
- c. **HAWC rate increase status** - There is another PUC hearing on 10/11/23 to complete the Step 2 rate increase process. S. Spyvee anticipates a discussion of the pipeline project agreement as well as the recent water discoloration.

3. New Business

- a. **Budget** - The committee looked at a proposed budget of \$10,000 (down from \$11,000 last year). No funds have been spent this year. Drought notification mailings were not required since we were thankfully not in a drought situation this year and other needs have not arisen. Money not expended goes back into the general fund.

Proposed 2024 Budget -

Engineering and Professional Services - \$3000 (Displays for educational purposes as part of the 275th Town Anniversary event, rain gauges and integration of data into community website
Legal Expense - \$1000 (Possible need to support HAWC rate review process))

Printing - \$2,600 (2 mailings)

Legal Ads - \$200 Workshops/Training - \$500 General Supplies - \$100

Postage - \$2,600 (2 mailings)

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S. Spyvee made a motion to submit a proposed \$10,000 budget for 2024 to the Budget Committee. M. Bunker seconded. Vote was unanimous with R. Weimar abstaining since he is chair of the Budget Committee.

- b. **Water needs for Hampstead Hospital** - Hampstead Hospital currently has 2 wells. The new building will be designed to house a max of 18 residents. The existing facility has about 40 patients with a capacity of about 140. Due to staffing limitations, they are not planning to increase that now so their water demands are likely to be well within the capacity of their current supply. R. Weimar will ensure that water needs are addressed as he is on the environmental steering committee for the facility.
- c. **Ideas for education outreach: drought, storm water run-off, groundwater, PFAS - including 275th town anniversary.** -
The committee discussed PFAS and concerns about septic system failures. The town does not require any septic testing unless property changed hands. Provide education about how people's septic could be impacting their own water supply. An educational info sheet could be added to realtor's info they provide to new homeowners. L. Warnock suggested a coordinated Welcome Wagon which could be virtual with info about town offices, water and septic. The water testing campaign next Spring can be used for education on PFAS in well water and septic systems.
- d. **2023 Environmental Health Conference, Concord, NH Thursday, October 26** - There will be a focus on clean drinking water. Committee members were encouraged to attend.
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- e. **Town Communication** - A question was raised about use of reverse 911 and what constitutes allowed usage. Would a severe drought with lawn watering restrictions be an allowed use of reverse 911 in Hampstead? The need for additional variable message signs like the Hampstead Public Library sign was discussed with a suggested location of the town green and a location in East Hampstead. R. Weimar will have someone from the Lions Club contact L. Warnock about the signs. L. Warnock will pursue the reverse 911 question..
- f. **HAWC water - new development.** - M. Bunker reported that a development with 98 units is planned for Chester on the east side of Rt 121 using HAWC water - near Chester/Sandown town line. They are looking for a way to expand for more units. The development is near the Sandown/Chester town line - about 2 miles from Hampstead town line. There was not sufficient groundwater for a community well system for those units. DES approval of capacity will be needed for HAWC to supply water for this development.

4. Review and Approval of Minutes -

8/1/23 HWRC meeting minutes - S. Spyvee made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Second by D. Rollins. Members who were present at the 8/1/23 meeting voted unanimously to accept.

9/5/2023 HWRC meeting minutes - S. Spyvee made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Second by R. Weimar. Members who were present at the 9/5/12 meeting voted unanimously to accept.

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5. Adjourn

7:15pm - M. Buker made a motion to adjourn. Second by R. Weimar. Vote unanimous.

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