

HWRC MINUTES of 12-December-2023

HWRC meeting at Hampstead Public Library at 6pm

Present in room: S. Spyvee, D. Rollins, M. Bunker, K. Wheeler, L. Anthony

Attending via zoom: S. Nolan.

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

6:01pm Chairman S. Spyvee called the meeting to order and made a motion to allow S. Nolan to participate in the meeting remotely. Second by M. Bunker. Vote was unanimous.

2. Old Business

- a. **Hampstead Hospital water assessment** - Senator Regina Birdsell contacted S. Spyvee to ask for a representative from the committee to attend a development meeting to discuss the water supply to the new facility on Nov 20th. S. Spyvee felt R. Weimar was the most appropriate member to go if he had time. R. Weimar was not available for tonight's meeting so he will be asked for an update at the next opportunity. There has been some discussion about connecting Hampstead Hospital to HAWC via Hazel Drive but it is unclear how it will be paid for. . . . There has also been discussion about putting up a water tower.
- b. **Rain Barrel sale for Spring 2024 schedule** - D. Rollins confirmed the dates. He proposed starting to advertise in January. He will contact East Coast Lumber about a potential pick up location.
3/10/24: Rain Barrel purchase window closes
3/23/24: Rain Barrel pick up
- c. **Weather station discussion with DPW** - No update since R. Weimar was unable to attend the meeting.
- d. **HAWC update/Sandown connection** - M. Bunker reported that the plan for a development in Sandown/Chester for 98 units was likely to increase to more units but there has been no activity in either town planning boards since last August. More information is still needed on the water supply for this development should it go forward. M. Bunker is monitoring the Chester and Sandown planning board meetings.
- e. **HAWC Rate Increase** - PUC approved the Step 2 rate increase. Rate payers will likely see the increases in their recent bill and further surcharges for rate case expenses, but another full rate increase will not take place before 2025.

3. New Business - No new business

4. Review and Approval of Minutes -

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11/7/23 HWRC meeting minutes - Delayed since not enough participants were present.

5. Adjourn

The next HWRC meeting will be on January 30th. No February meeting.

6:27 pm - D. Rollins a motion to adjourn. Second by M. Bunker. Vote unanimous.