

# HWRC Minutes - January 30, 2024

## HWRC meeting at Hampstead Public Library at 6pm

**Present in room:** S. Spyvee, M. Bunker, R. Weimar, and T. Dudgeon

**Attending via zoom:** S. Nolan, K. Wheeler, Select Board Liaison L. Warnock

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

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

### 2. Old Business

- a. **Hampstead Hospital update** - R. Weimar reported on the meeting he attended for the Hampstead Hospital expansion as a member of the environmental committee. The Hampstead Hospital property has four wells. Two of them are currently in use. The inspecting consultant did not know if one is potable water. One is for fire protection. The status of the other wells is unknown. The past water testing at the hospital showed no major water safety concerns, just common natural contaminants such as iron. Current water quality information is not available so the new management will be testing the wells. R. Weimar inquired at the Hampstead Hospital meeting about the possibility of replacing the current Hampstead Hospital water system by connecting to HAWC. They said they would look into it. R. Weimar expressed the concern to them about other area wells being impacted by the increased water usage at Hampstead Hospital with the expansion. They will be investigating the four wells and will update R. Weimar later in February. They will think about fire protection and possible need for more storage on site. A storage tank on site would benefit the town.  
With regard to stormwater concerns, R. Weimar reported that Hampstead Hospital needs to consider offsite flows toward Faith Drive which is already subject to flooding. The new building and parking area will be adding about 1 to 1 ½ acres of additional impervious area to the site. R. Weimar suggested that one solution may be for Hampstead Hospital to purchase the adjacent lot on East Road for runoff collection.  
L. Warnock is meeting tomorrow with the new head of Hampstead Hospital and Regina Birdsall to address safety concerns of first responders. Hampstead Hospital has added fencing and they are working on setting up emergency protocols. There is some discussion of keeping some residents housed at Hampstead Hospital longer than previously suggested and expanding the size.
- b. **Rain Barrel sale update** -  
3/10/24: Rain Barrel purchase window closes  
3/23/24: Rain Barrel pick up East Coast Lumber

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Publicity - Articles appeared in the past 2 editions of the Carriage Towne News. S. Nolan will contact Tina about posting the info on the Town Hall sign the week of Feb. 12th. S. Nolan will also contact Howie Steadman that week about putting the info on the electronic sign in town. S. Nolan will ask D. Rollins to speak with his East Coast Lumber contact about posting a flyer about the rain barrel sale at East Coast Lumber.

c. **Weather station discussion with DPW - Link to access data -**

Data is available online now from the weather station under town purview on Stage Road - <https://www.wunderground.com/dashboard/pws/KNHHAMPS32/table/2023-11-27/2023-11-27/daily>

S. Spyvee said discussions with the library have led to the realization that the library may not be a good fit for displaying the rain monitoring data for the public. Uncertainty remains about how to make the data easily visible for residents. R. Weimar will be consulting with the Hampstead School District Technology Director, Joe Dionne, and asking for assistance.

d. **HAWC update- Sandown/Chester development** - M. Bunker informed the committee that the developer has obtained an additional 100 acres so they are planning to build more than the original 92 units. They will not be building on the additional 100 acres but that land allows them to increase the density on the other area. Test pits on the development site have not generated sufficient water for wells to be the water source.

The HWRC committee discussed the need to communicate the water supply concerns when the time is appropriate if the proposed solution is to connect to the HAWC pipeline network. If that were to be the case, Hampstead would request assurances from NHDES that there would be no increase in water withdrawals from Hampstead wells to provide the extra capacity. There is a recently built development, Jenkins Farm, which has 75 single family homes with 75 individual wells. Jenkins Farm is across the street from this newly planned development.

### 3. New Business -

- a. **Feedback from Meet and Greet** - Thanks to S. Spyvee for representing HWRC. S. Spyvee reported that it was well attended. At least 4 or 5 people spoke with S. Spyvee about water issues. People new to town had questions about water. S. Spyvee met Jim Lavacchia from Hampstead DPW at the Meet and Greet and she invited him to attend a HWRC meeting
- b. **Set date for Water Testing Week** - S. Spyvee has been working on plans for Water Testing Week in April. Granite State Analytical will provide a discount on the testing. S. Spyvee will contact them to finalize plans. S. Spyvee will find a date for Amy from NHDES to make a presentation at HPL to kick off testing week. The target date for that presentation is Saturday April 6th, if scheduling works out. HWRC will not subsidize tests this time but will include a way for people in need to seek assistance with the testing expense.

### 4. Review and Approval of Minutes -

**11/7/23 HWRC meeting minutes** - S. Spyvee made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Second by M. Bunker, Vote was unanimous.

**12/3/23 HWRC meeting minutes** - M. Bunker made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Second by K. Wheeler. Vote was unanimous.

### 5. Adjourn

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The next HWRC meeting will be on March 5th. No February meeting.

6:55 pm - R. Weimar made a motion to adjourn. Second by M. Bunker. Vote unanimous.