

HWRC MINUTES of 7-November-2023

HWRC meeting at Hampstead Public Library at 6pm

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

Attending via zoom: K. Wheeler, 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

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

2. Old Business

- a. **Hampstead Hospital water assessment** - R. Weimar is on the environmental committee for the Hampstead Hospital expansion. It has been determined that there currently are not sufficient water resources to satisfy the fire protection needs with the 40,000 gallon cistern. There are four wells on the site with just two of them currently in use. It may be possible to connect to the HAWC network via an adjacent road (Garland Drive/Hazel Drive?) A study will be done for utilities and other infrastructure and will have to be approved by NHDES. R. Weimar wants HWRC to have some role in this process. There is a need to compare the current water demand to the anticipated demand with the added building. HAWC met with Hampstead Hospital many years ago about potential services but no action was taken. Building a water storage tank on the site would provide fire protection and also benefit the community. The planners will be meeting with HAWC. HAWC may want to take over the four wells as part of a plan to include pipes for water access and a storage tank. Due to the size of the Hampstead Hospital facilities, they will need a public water system, not a community system. The building plan target is for ground breaking in early summer 2024. R. Weimar is going to meet with Senator R. Birdsell about the Hampstead Hospital plans. He will also bring up the former proposal to extend a pipeline to Hampstead via Main Street.
- b. **Rain Barrel sale for Spring 2024 schedule** - D. Rollins sent a message to committee members prior to the meeting announcing the dates -
3/10/24: Rain Barrel purchase window closes
3/23/24: Rain Barrel pick up
- c. **Water testing week planning** - S. Spyvee contacted John Lyons at Granite State Analytical about sponsoring another water testing week. John was very enthusiastic and noted that he met someone from NHDES who does talks to kick off these types of events. S. Spyvee will work on setting up a date in April for the testing. She will also set up a date for the NHDES kickoff presentation. Granite State Analytical in Derry now does their own PFAS testing on site instead of sending it out.

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- d. **Weather station discussion with DPW** - R. Weimar will follow up on this with the Town of Hampstead DPW director, Jim Lavacchia, and report back to the committee.
- e. **HAWC update** - L. Warnock and S. Spyvee went to the October PUC hearing regarding the settlement agreement for the Step 2 increases. Update after meeting: on Nov 8 the PUC approved the Step 2 increase.
There was a discussion about the expansion of the HAWC network into Sandown and Chester for developments in the Wells Village area. Planning applications in those towns are in early stages but would impact Hampstead if the pipelines are extended since well water from Hampstead is intermingled with SNH Pipeline water in the Hampstead/Atkinson core. The committee will monitor plans and seek to work with NHDES to ensure Hampstead's water supply is not adversely affected if those developments are approved. Questions arose about the franchise agreement between Hampstead and HAWC. R. Weimar will look into this.

3. New Business

- a. **Future meeting** - Due to a conflict, the December meeting will be moved to December 12th. The January meeting will be held on January 30th. The committee will not meet in February.

4. Review and Approval of Minutes -

10/3/23 HWRC meeting minutes - M. Bunker made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Second by R. Weimar. Vote to approve was unanimous.

5. Adjourn

6:54 pm - S. Spyvee made a motion to adjourn. Second by M. Bunker. Vote unanimous.