

HWRC meeting minutes of 2020-01-07

Meeting location: Town Hall

Present: J.McHale, L.Sarapas, K.Richards, P.Carideo, C.Cote

Present for part of the meeting: L. Reimitis

Minutes taken by J. McHale

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

7:00 pm Call to Order and Chairman Opening Remarks

Review and Approval of Minutes 2019-10-15 meeting

Motion to approve: P. Carideo, second: C. Cote; unanimous

Review and Approval of Minutes 2019-11-05 meeting

Motion to approve: C. Cote, second: P. Carideo; 4-0-1 (J. McHale abstained)

Old Business

1. None planned

New Business

1. None planned

Other Public Matters

1. None planned

HWRC Matters

1. Presentation of status of Goal 1 Hampstead water use, demands and quality - J. McHale
 - a. Handouts were provided to the committee and reviewed
 - i. Spreadsheet showing RWU Kgpy of Hampstead and neighboring towns since 2005; Shows how large are the straws in each town, and what is their trend
 - ii. Spreadsheet showing overall HAWC customer data (residential, commercial, industrial) for all of HAWC, data taken from HAWC annual reports on file at the PUC; Data from annual report table S-9.
 - iii. A second chart and data showing HAWC customer data for Hampstead; Taken from HAWC annual reports on file with the PUC; Data is from table A-6.

- iv. Spreadsheet showing Hampstead and surrounding towns water data; Number of PWS, population, growth, density, Kgpy extracted by RWU, etc; For 2000, 2017, 2018, and projected demand for 2027.
- v. Map of rough WHPAs of the RWU wells in Hampstead based on published PPVs (from HAWC annual reports, table S-5).
- vi. Summary document outlining wells drilled, number of housing units, demand based on RSA values vs amount of water pumped by RWUs and calculations based on RWU of average amount of water used by household, and delta of reported RWU pumping.
- vii. Discussion of apparent discrepancies in some annual report information.

2. Status report on plan and schedule; Goal 3 understand local water franchise – K. Richards

- a. Visual representation - where are the bedrock and overburden wells
- b. Lack of time is hindering

3. Random discussions:

- a. Discussion of adding alternates - look for those that would join the board; Lee raised issue of would the committee be allowed to interview candidates or if selectmen would appoint without HWRC recommendation, and the importance of wanting qualified candidates.
- b. Discussion of file review at DES and the fact DES requires everything be filed electronically
- c. Lee will pick up goal 3 from Ken.
- d. Lee will also focus on doing community outreach this coming year

4. Update on GWPO and next steps - Carideo

- a. Was moved to the warrant following the public hearing, with PB adoption of article

5. Public Water System Reporting Requirements warrant article

- a. Town attorney ruled it can't be a zoning article; it may go as a selectmen's health ordinance
- b. Issues of asking for data w/in 1mile of town, outside of Hampstead
- c. Metering of water flow in/out of town is still in the proposed article
- d. Paul working with town attorney on open issues
- e. Issue of whether its a PB or HWRC article; It's a PB article.
- f. Committee should put together a list of questions for the attorney related to water issues.
- g. Discussion of why the article wasn't shared with the committee by the HWRC chair who was in communication with the PB member proposing the article; the article was raised without prior notice to PB chair (but secretary was noticed) at a meeting, and without request for HWRC support.

6. Meeting on 1/21 : no need, nothing on the agenda.
7. Town forum -- Paul asked if HWRC would be there. Lee said he and Carl have it organized.
 - a. Jim requested the chair send to the committee the Rockingham Planning Commission WHPA map which Lee is using at the forum.
8. Discussion of correspondence raised by Carl. He felt all correspondence should go through the chair.
 - a. The issue was related to K.Richards comments to DES which were sent as a private citizen, with no mention of HWRC, and copied to the committee.
 - b. P.Carideo provided a summary of how correspondence is sent from PB, and pointed out we should have a set of rules and procedures, similar to what the PB has. Paul said he's send the chair the procedures.
 - c. Jim raised issue regarding the lack of sharing of information and claim that HWRC is working on legislative issues when no such issues have been presented to the committee.
 - d. A discussion of sharing of information, priorities and running of the committee ensued. No resolution.

Other Business

Motion to adjourn: J. McHale, 2nd by K. Richards; adjourned at 9pm; unanimous