

TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON WATER COMMISSION
NORTH HAMPTON, NH 03862



Henry Fuller, Co-Chair
Bob Landman, Co-Chair
Tim Harned, Secretary
Richard Bettcher
Jim Maggiore, Select Board Ex-officio

North Hampton Water Commission Meeting
March 30, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.
Heritage Conference Room
(Old) Town Office, 237 Atlantic Avenue

Approved

Commissioners in attendance:

Richard Bettcher
Henry Fuller, Co-Chair
Tim Harned, Secretary
Richard Stanton, Selectman Representative

Guests:

Carl McMorran, Aquarion
Wiggins Way Home Owners Assoc, Stratham, NH

Agenda Item 1:

Mr. Fuller called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Agenda Item 2:

MrMcMorrin introduced the Wiggin Way Home Owners Association. The Assoc and Mr. Mcmorrin presented to the Water Commission a proposal that the Wiggin Way Associs attempting to convert over from their private water system toAquarion as the water supplier for the homes in the Assoc.

In summary:

- Wiggin Way consists of 39 Homes relying on a small private community water system.
- Originally there were 3 production wells producing 30 gpm.
- 1 well was shut down due to high arsenic.
- 2 remaining wells produce 10 gpm.
- Arsenic levels have been increasing and have just tested over limit.
- NHDES has told Wiggin Way they have to improve water sources.

- Wiggin Way is proposing to connect their system to Aquarion at the Winterberry-Wiggin Way boundary.
- Required steps:
 - Stratham Public Works has approved the concept.
 - Working with the NHDES and NHDES supports the concept.
 - Home Owners Association needs to approve concept.
 - Stratham Planning Board approval required.
 - Stratham Select Board approval required.
 - New Hampshire Public Utility Commission (PUC) approval required.
- Wiggins Way would turn infrastructure over to Aquarion and it would become an Aquarion asset.
- Aquarion would decommission production wells.

The North Hampton Water Commission had several concerns:

- Were all other options considered?
 - Improve existing wells or drill new wells.
 - Treatment for arsenic in existing system?
 - Cost estimate \$20,000 to install and \$2000-3,000/yr.
 - Homes install individual wells?
- Aquarion not authorized to operate in Stratham.
 - Potential expansion of Aquarion
 - Increased demand of North Hampton water resources.
- If this ends up being approved:
 - It is one time only and no further expansion is allowed.
 - All associated costs paid by Wiggin Way Assoc.
 - This is not a precedent for any other hook-ups out of operating towns.

Mr. Fuller made a motion that if this does go before the NHPUC, the Water Commission will request intervenor status. Mr. Bettcher seconded the motion and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Fuller adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:15 pm.