

# TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON WATER COMMISSION

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Henry Fuller, Co-Chair  
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Richard Bettcher  
Jim Maggiore, Select Board Ex-officio

North Hampton Water Commission Meeting  
May 23, 2017 – 8:30 a.m.  
Heritage Conference Room  
(Old) Town Office, 237 Atlantic Avenue

## (APPROVED)

### Commissioners in attendance:

Richard Bettcher  
Henry Fuller, Co-Chair  
Tim Harned, Secretary  
Robert Landman, Co-Chair  
Jim Maggiore

### Guests:

Carl McMorran – Aquarion Water Co

Mr. Fuller called the meeting to order at 8:43 a.m.

### Agenda Item 3:

There was a general discussion of color coding fire hydrants based on water capacity. Aquarion is not receptive to the concept even though it is recommended by industry groups. At a previous rate case Aquarion agreed to color code hydrants.

Aquarion will run their water capacity simulation models and report back to the commission with the results. The discussion will be continued at that point.

### Agenda Item 2:

At 9:10 per RSA 91-A:3.II(e) to consider litigation re: Wiggin Way Home Owners Association/Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire before the State of New Hampshire Water Council, Mr. Landman moved and Mr. Fuller seconded a motion for the Commission to move into a non-public session. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously.

At 9:40 per RSA 91-A:3.II(e) to consider litigation re: Wiggin Way Home Owners Association/Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire before the State of New Hampshire Water Council, Mr. Landman moved and Mr. Fuller seconded a motion for the Commission to exit a non-public session. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously.

No action was taken in the non-public session.

Mr Landman moved and Mr. Bettcher seconded a motion to seal the minutes of the non-public session.

Mr. Fuller adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:45 am.

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### **(DRAFT)**

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The non-public session was entered at 9:10 a.m.

There was a general discussion of the status of various items relative to the appeal of the DES order to the Water Council. All paperwork required at this point has been submitted and we are currently awaiting the discovery stage.

A temporary water hook-up has been made to supply water to Wiggin Way. The connection is at the town border in the Winterberry subdivision.

Mr. Fuller is working on soliciting quotes from outside vendors to determine a cost for installation and long term operation of arsenic treatment for the members of the Wiggin Way Home Owners Association.

Mr. Landman led a discussion of possible approaches to determine a reasonable valuation of the Wiggin Way "buy in" to the Aquarion water system. That is, existing Aquarion customers have effectively invested considerable money in the development and maintenance of the Aquarion system. If out of Franchise region customers become a part of the Aquarion system, there is a dollar value to their becoming part of the system and should be included in any cost estimates.

There was a discussion of the existing Wiggin Way water system and did it meet typical Aquarion standards. Specifically, does the Wiggin Way system meet the standards Aquarion would impose on a developer putting in a new subdivision that would have Aquarion supplied water? If not, what will be the short and/or long term cost of upgrading the Wiggin Way system to Aquarion standards? Who will be responsible for any upgrade costs?

Mr. Harned volunteered to contact the NHDES regarding other subdivisions in Stratham and determine which ones (if any) have arsenic issues and how they have dealt with those arsenic issues.

The non-public session was exited at 9:40 with no action taken.