

**Annual Report of the Town of North Hampton
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ARTICLE VII. To see if the voters of the Town of North Hampton will vote to establish a permanent Board of Water Commissioners, such Board to have the following duties and responsibilities:

- (1) To enter into contracts and to supervise extensions and improvements to the present water system owned by the Hampton Water Works Company within the Town limits and legally authorized by the legal voters in public meeting by virtue of Annual Town Meetings of specially and legally convened Town Meetings.
- (2) To plan for improvements, extensions and alterations to said water system.
- (3) To present to the legal voters of the Town of North Hampton at Annual Town Meeting, or especially convened Town Meetings, reports, both physical and financial, of these activities and recommendations, such reports to be in writing.
- (4) To conduct all business relating to the aforesaid water system and in which the Town of North Hampton is concerned with the Hampton Water Works Company and/or other private or interested parties.
- (5) To maintain records, files and plan records of the aforesaid water system including all relating correspondence, reports, recommendations, contracts, plans and all Board meetings. Such records shall be maintained in a separate file in the Office of the Selectmen of said Town, shall be open to public inspection upon request of any legal voter of said Town, and shall become a permanent record of all contracts, procedures and operations relating to the aforesaid water system.
- (6) To prepare articles relating to the aforesaid water system for recommended work to be included in the annual Town Warrant or especially convened Town Meetings.
- (7) To recommend to Town Warrant articles methods of financing improvements, alterations and extensions and to include a realistic cost estimate of work recommended.
- (8) To study the present aforesaid water system and to prepare a long range and comprehensive program for extension, improvement and alteration to insure that in due time all major and worthy areas of the aforesaid Town will receive adequate fire protection by virtue of an organized and properly conducted municipal water system.
- (9) To elect, within themselves, by majority vote, a Chairman and a Secretary.

- (10) To receive the legal petitions of not less than ten (10) legal voters of said Town relating to improvements, extensions, and alterations to aforesaid water system. Evaluate the need, urgency and priority of such requests and incorporate them, in proper sequence and priority, into a comprehensive development plan of the aforesaid water system.
- (11) To hold, if legally petitioned by not less than ten (10) legal voters of said Town or determined necessary by the Board of Water Commissioners, and upon public posting in two public places within said Town limits, public hearings relating to legal petitions for alterations, improvements and extensions of aforesaid water system for publicly evaluating such requests and establishing priorities within a comprehensive development plan of aforesaid water system. Notice of such hearings shall be publicly posted not less than 14 calendar days prior to the date of such hearings.
- (12) To conduct any other business, investigations or work related to the aforesaid system whether mentioned herein or not upon authorization by the vote of the legal voters of said Town in Annual or especially convened Town Meetings.

Herein aforesaid Board of Water Commissioners to consist of five (5) members, four (4) of which shall be appointed by the Town Moderator, one (1) of which shall be the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen in said Town. Each appointed member shall be for the term of four (4) years and shall be a legal and registered voter of said Town.

The Town Moderator shall initially appoint four (4) members to the Board of Water Commissioners, one for a one-year term, one for a two-year term, one for a three-year term, one for a four-year term, after which one member shall be elected at the Annual Town Meeting for a four-year term. The Selectmen shall further appoint a temporary member to serve out the term of any member vacating his position on the Board.

The Budget Committee shall, in the preparation of the annual budget, budget in the proper category for the sum of \$50.00 annually for the use of the Board of Water Commissioners in the conduct of its duties and responsibilities. Such sums shall not be cumulative and unexpended balances occurring at the end of a fiscal year shall be returned into the General Fund. (By petition)