

# TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON WATER COMMISSION

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Richard Bettcher  
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North Hampton Water Commission Meeting  
March 23, 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:

Mr McMorrin introduced the Wiggin Way Home Owners Association. The Assoc and Mr. McMorrin presented to the Water Commission a proposal that the Wiggin Way Assoc is attempting to convert over from their private water system to Aquarion 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 8:15 pm.