

North Hampton Water Commission  
Minutes: 10/27/05 7pm  
Mary Herbert Conference Room

(Waiting for guests and selectman representative) meeting was called to order at 7:15pm by Chairman Henry Fuller. Those present: Commissioners Henry Fuller, Richard Bettcher and Bob Landman; Mark S. Gearreald, Town Attorney for Hampton, NH (guest); Jenifer Landman (resident).

Minutes of the previous meeting 8/24/05, prepared by Bob Landman, moved by H. Fuller, 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Bettcher, approved unanimously;.

At 7:17, the Chair recognized Bob Landman to distribute hand-outs of recent correspondence and updates, which concluded the secretarial report to the commission. The Chairman added that he had asked the PUC for a service list which had not been received to date.

The Chairman distributed copies of the "data requests" from Aquarion as well as the NHPUC and the replies by Aquarion, and mentioned that he was very disappointed in the printing service which photocopied this material. They didn't bind this large report, and they didn't re-bind the original. He will speak to photo service about this matter (will members get their copies binded by the company?).

At 7:28, the Chairman stated that his comments, representing the North Hampton Water Commission, were on record with the PUC that using like-towns or average,

- 1) we didn't like the grossly high costs of hydrants, and
- 2) we questioned the costs for the large water pipes which were to service Hampton Beach.

A discussion about the Aquarion proposed rate-hike of 23% ensued at length. The citizens would become enraged soon, or at least when they receive their first billing reflecting the increase. People would really revolt if they knew the state average for service and hydrant costs. It was mentioned that the Boy Scouts paint the hydrants, so what are the real maintenance costs?

Bob Landman asked Mark Gearreald if the town (Hampton) was upset about Aquarion proposed rate increase. He mentioned the 60% increase regarding the Unitil electric rate and also the increased costs to operate the sewage/waste water treatment plant. He stated that Hampton supported the "temporary 10% increase" by the NHPUC.

At 7:38pm, a motion was made, seconded and moved to go into non-public session, per RSA 91-A:3 to discuss legal matters.

At 8:24pm, a motion was made by the Chair to adjourn the non-public session, seconded by R. Bettcher.

H. Fuller made a motion to adjourn, R. Bettcher seconded, the vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted by  
Robert Landman, Secretary, pro-tem