



## TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON

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### **Minutes of North Hampton Water Commission Meeting 28-July-2005**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM on July 28, 2005. 7:00 PM. Present were Richard Bettcher, Henry Fuller, Tim Harned & Bob Landman.

#### *Election of Officers:*

Mr. Harned nominated Mr. Fuller for the Chairmanship of the commission. Mr. Landman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Mr. Harned nominated Mr. Bettcher for the Vice Chairmanship of the commission. Mr. Landman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Mr. Harned nominated Mr. Landman for the Secretary of the commission. Mr. Fuller seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

#### *General Discussion:*

There was a discussion and review of the Water Commission and the RSAs that established the Water Commission and its function. Mr. Landman asked as to what the powers of the commission were. There was no consensus answer so Mr. Landman offered to get copies of the relevant RSAs to the Commissioners so all would know what the extent of their authority was.

There was a general discussion of the fire hydrants, their cost to the town and maintenance. Questions regarding the rate charged versus number of hydrants were not answered. Mr. Landman recalled that when he was on the Planning Board that the town had a planning policy to discourage more hydrants to keep the cost down and instead require in new subdivisions that dry hydrants connected to cisterns be required.

There was a discussion of the Aquarion Water Works proposed rate increase. Various issues were discussed including the Water Commission's response, the Peabody Well, a previous appraisal of the water company by North Hampton and Salisbury's acquisition or their water utility.

There was a discussion of the Poland Spring's bottling plant proposal in Nottingham HN.

*Mr. Harned motioned to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Landman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.*