

## Annual Report of the North Hampton Water Commission

### Commissioners

Henry Fuller, Co-Chairman

Bob Landman, Co-Chairman

Richard Bettcher

Don Gould, Selectmens Representative

Tim Harned, Secretary

The North Hampton Water Commission (NHWC) has worked with the town's private water company (Aquarion) to try to resolve our townspeople's concerns. The primary complaints have been: the cost of water service; water hydrant fees; inadequate fire hydrant maintenance, and the negative affects of excessive drawdowns from Aquarion's commercial wells located within North Hampton.

Water is a precious commodity. Ever increasing demands for it will escalate future delivery and infrastructure costs, leading to subsequent rate increases. There are costs associated with stewardship of this natural resource. The town must rely upon the NHPUC, the regulating authority, to only approve requests for water rate increases which can be substantiated and to rely upon Aquarion to minimize expenses.

The NHWC has reviewed comprehensive data with the company's rate consultant that justify the hydrant fees. Aquarion has demonstrated this past year that they are directing more resources to maintaining and replacing hydrants and are in the process of increasing the size of some of the water mains for improved water delivery to households and hydrants.

The North Hampton Water Commission strives to fulfill its directive and will continue to work in behalf of the community, considering its limitations due to the fact that the water company is a private corporation not directly under the town's control. As volunteers serving the residents of North Hampton, we thank you for your support and suggestions.

Respectfully submitted by  
The North Hampton Water Commission

The Town of North Hampton Water Commission (NHWC) was formed in 1957 by town vote. The Commission was charged with certain watchdog duties and responsibilities, including:

- ♦ Supervision of extensions/improvements to the corporately-owned water system;
- ♦ Planning for improvements/extensions/alterations to said water system;
- ♦ Studying the water system and preparing long-range and comprehensive programs and methods of financing improvements/alterations/extensions in order 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"; and

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.