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March 31, 2016

Debra A. Howland, Executive Director  
N.H. Public Utilities Commission  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301

Re: Docket No. DW 16-123 Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire  
Request for Monthly Billing  
Affidavits of Publication

Dear Ms. Howland,

Enclosed please find affidavits of publication documenting the Company's published notice of the Commission's prehearing in this docket. An original and six copies are being provided in this letter pursuant to the Commission's rules. Thank you in advance for your assistance with this filing.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. My direct line is (603) 496-6019.

Very truly yours,



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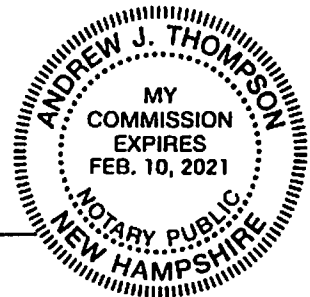
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State of New Hampshire  
Hillsborough County

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

18<sup>th</sup> day of MARCH 2016

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**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
DW 16-123  
AQUARION WATER COMPANY OF  
NEW HAMPSHIRE  
Petition for Monthly Billing  
ORDER OF NOTICE**

On January 25, 2016, Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire (Aquarion) filed with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a request to change the way it bills certain customers. The petition and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested or granted by the Commission, will be posted to the Commission's website at <http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2016/16-123.html>.

Aquarion serves approximately 9,000 customers in the towns of Hampton, North Hampton, and Rye. Aquarion bills metered and private fire customers on a quarterly basis, in advance of providing service, and requires payment from the customers within 30 days. Aquarion also charges the same monthly customer charge to all customers, regardless of the number of days within the billing period.

Pursuant to RSA 378:1, Aquarion seeks permission to change from quarterly billing to monthly billing for metered and private fire customers, on a service rendered basis beginning May 1, 2016. Aquarion also proposes to switch billing its service charges from in-advance to in-arrears; to change its payment due date from 30 days to 25 days; and to change from a uniform monthly customer charge to a customer charge calculated on a per diem basis depending on the number of days in the billing cycle. Additionally, Aquarion asks to defer its recovery of working capital related to the proposed billing changes, approximately \$23,000, until the company's next rate case. Aquarion contends that the changes are authorized by RSA 378:1 and are consistent with the public good for a number of reasons. Aquarion expects the costs of the proposed changes to be outweighed by the benefits to the company and customers.

The filing raises, *inter alia*, issues related to RSA 378:1 *et seq.* and whether Aquarion's proposed changes to the way it collects charges for services from customers are just and reasonable. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent the party at the party's own expense.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

**ORDERED**, that a Prehearing Conference, pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203:15, be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on April 7, 2016 at 1:30 p.m., at which each party will provide a preliminary statement of its position with regard to the petition and any of the issues set forth in N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203:15; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that, immediately following the Prehearing Conference, Aquarion, the Staff of the Commission and any intervenors hold a Technical Session to review the petition and allow Aquarion to provide any amendments or updates to its filing; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203:12, Aquarion shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than March 23, 2016, in a newspaper with general circulation in those portions of the state in which operations are conducted, publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before April 4, 2016; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that consistent with N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203:17 and Puc 203:02, any party seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall submit to the Commission seven copies of a Petition to Intervene with copies sent to Aquarion and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before April 4, 2016, such Petition stating the facts demonstrating how its rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interest may be affected by the proceeding, as required by N.H. Code Admin. Rule Puc 203:17 and RSA 541-A:32, l(b); and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that any party objecting to a Petition to Intervene make said Objection on or before April 7, 2016.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this ninth day of March, 2016.

Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director

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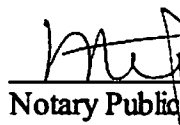


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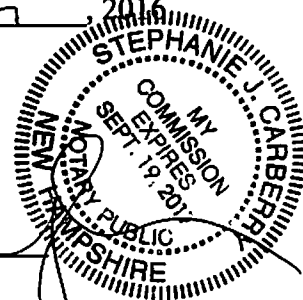
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COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM

Sworn to this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016

Before me,



Notary Public





# YORK COUNTY

KITTERY, MAINE

## Town awarded grant to continue cleanup

Route 1 businesses to install treatment systems for Spruce Creek

By Brian Early  
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KITTERY, Maine — The town was again awarded a grant to continue with the Spruce Creek Watershed Restoration Project that has been working to identify and mitigate polluted stormwater runoff and bacteria sources entering into Spruce Creek in Kittery.

High concentrations of bacteria in the water levels in the creek have kept the area closed to shellfish harvesting since 2005 and a series of grants from the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Water Act Section 319 grant program has enabled workers from the

town and volunteers from the Spruce Creek Association to add systems in the watershed area to treat runoff water on both public and private properties. The recent funding is the fourth phase of the funding; projects for the third phase of funding took place last year.

This year's grant will provide funding to install localized stormwater treatment systems at two businesses along Route 1 as well as assist with stormwater management on residential properties, said Kittery's shoreline resource officer Jessa Kellogg.

"We are trying to capture stormwater that is going down the street and filter and treat it before it gets to Spruce Creek," she said. "As (water) runs over pavement it collects junk."

An installation of a bioretention system is planned at the Kittery Trading Post on

Route 1 that will use different types of soil and mulches to remove water pollutants. Another system is to be installed at the Kittery Premium Outlets, also on Route 1. This will be a subsurface gravel wetland installed in the ditch alongside McDonald's, Kellogg said. A third retrofit is also planned, but the location has yet to be finalized.

The grant will also allow project staff to provide homeowners in the watershed area technical assistance and recommend site specific stormwater conservation practices at no cost to the homeowner.

While the town and the Spruce Creek Watershed Association have made strides in reducing the amount of harmful bacteria entering into the water, there continues to be hot spots of high concentrations of bacteria.

"There are still some unanswered questions," Kellogg said.

Most of the unanswered questions are the sources of bacteria. Since water often does not flow in a straight line, it can be difficult to know where water picked up pollutants. Only run off or a failing septic can be some of the sources.

Since the restoration efforts began in 2008, there has been 64 projects completed, Kellogg said. This has led to the yearly reduction of five tons of sediment, 15 pounds of phosphorus, 115 pounds of nitrogen and removal of 567 billion bacterial colonies.

While the improvements to the creek has raised the water quality of certain parts of the creek to meet the state criteria for reopening shellfish harvesting, the Maine Division of Marine Services has told



Spruce Creek is shown near Route 1 in Kittery. PHOTO BY DEB CRAM/SEACOASTONLINE

the town the area cannot be reopened to shellfish harvesting until Portsmouth upgrades their water treatment facility to meet EPA guidelines, Kellogg said. The plant has violated the Clean Water Act since 1985.

"We are anxiously waiting for Portsmouth to do that," Kellogg said.

The Spruce Creek Watershed drains about 9.5 square miles, in Kittery and Eliot. About 90 percent of the watershed is in Kittery, according to the Spruce Creek Association website.

If homeowners would like to set-up a site visit, contact Lauren Bizzari at lauren@fbenvironmental.com.

### EDUCATION

## School Administrative District 35 receives increased state subsidy

District to receive additional \$348K

By Mark Pechenik  
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SOUTHBERWICK, Maine — School Administrative District 35 was granted a \$348,358 subsidy increase for its fiscal year 2017 budget, thanks in part to state legislative actions.

The announcement was made by Superintendent Mary Nash during the district's School Board meeting Wednesday, March 16.

The increased funds came from two sources, according to Nash. The first involved the district's claim that \$475,000 of a \$1,041,542 planned reduction in state Board of Education subsidies was due to data system miscalculations. Consequently, \$141,860 was returned to the district by the state.

The second source involved the Legislature's passage of an additional \$15 million in subsidy aid to local schools for next year's budget. Of this amount, the Marshwood school district will receive \$206,692.

As to what will be done with this money, Nash summarized three top priorities reviewed with the district's school principals earlier in the evening. The top priority, according to Nash, is to "further lower the total district assessment" for Eliot and South Berwick taxpayers who help fund local schools. While firm figures have not yet been determined, the superintendent indicated lowering the planned budget increase for the coming fiscal year from 3.15 percent to 2.5 percent would "require

approximately \$100,000." The second leading priority, as noted by Nash, is to invest "some \$700,000" in the district's cash reserves.

Finally, Nash asked local school principals to prioritize initiatives in the district's Programmatic Improvement Plan for possible funding from the increased state subsidy. The plan contains objectives such as an increase in teachers and staff who instruct gifted and talented students, creation of a college and advisor staff position, and funding for indoor track, baseball and softball teams.

In other business Board member Paul Stanley of the finance and facilities committee reported the district saved \$50,000 in energy expenses due to lower fuel costs.

The committee also noted a new boiler will be installed in Central School and maintenance will soon be performed on Marshwood High School's tennis courts "because they have not weathered well due to winter," according to board member Fred Wildnauer.

Wildnauer also encouraged local residents to support Marshwood Middle School "We The People" team's efforts to compete in Washington, D.C. this spring. The team, which needs to raise \$4,000 by April 1, is seeking to enter a national competition testing students' knowledge of the U.S. Constitution.

### ELIOT, MAINE

## Selectmen decline to take a side in development dispute

Approval of elderly housing subdivision under appeal

By Ralph Morang  
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ELIOT, Maine — The Select Board on Thursday decided to take no action on the town's role in legal action against a Board of Appeals decision.

The Select Board made its decision after a conference call in executive session with legal counsel.

At issue was a Board of Adjustment decision in January in which the BOA sided with abutters in an administrative appeal against the Planning Board granting approval of an elderly housing subdivision.

In December, the Planning Board gave final approval for the Libbey elderly housing project on about 78 acres at 1172 State Road, across from town offices.

Applicant and developer Joseph Falzone of Stratham, New Hampshire, and owner Barbara Libbey of Eliot, have filed a Rule 80B (review of government action) complaint against the BOA in York County Superior Court.

"The concerned citizens are hoping and expecting the town to defend the BOA decision if/when it comes to court," said resident Helen Goransson, who is working with the

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— Helen Goransson, resident

abutters. The Planning Board granted waivers to exempt a sewer requirement and to increase the unit size. Town ordinances require town water and town sewer for elderly housing projects, and limit the maximum square footage of the units.

In January, Judith Hill, the Hill Family Trust, Orland McPherson, James W. McPherson and Lynn McPherson, all abutters of the subdivision, filed an administrative appeal on the Planning Board's approval with the BOA.

Attorney Matthew D. Manahan of Pierce Atwood represented the appellants at the January BOA meeting. He presented a list of 12 items where he said the Planning Board erred in approving the subdivision.

His assertions included that the subdivision was not elderly housing but purposed to avoid the growth ordinance; the subdivision would have an adverse effect on a historic site; the board waived the maximum floor area for elderly housing structures without explanation; and the board waived the requirement for connection to town sewer.

Town Planning Assistant Kate Pelletier answered for the Planning Board. She took Manahan's points one by one and said the Planning Board has no authority to define elderly housing, that several aspects of building the subdivision are the concern of the code enforcement officer, not the Planning Board. She said a historical site report

was not relevant because there is no historic site. A report submitted by the Historical Society on Libbey Lane, an old road in the lot, was not read by and was rejected by the Planning Board.

Resident Jennifer Fox said elderly housing projects receive a "density bonus" because of the sewer connection requirement. The Planning Board waived the sewer requirement and the waiver was not substantiated, she said.

Board of Adjustment members ruled three of Manahan's points were valid arguments; that the subdivision did not meet the definition of elderly housing, that the Planning Board did not consider evidence of adverse effect on a historical site and that the board did not have jurisdiction to waive the maximum floor requirement for elderly housing. The board voted 3-0 to approve the appeal.

This month, Falzone and the Libbey family filed their appeal with the York County Superior Court. In addition to the Board of Adjustment, the appeal names the group of abutters who presented the appeal to the town as interested parties.

Resident Helen Goransson said she and others paid the legal fees for the abutters during the BOA appeal. She said Thursday, "If this goes on and it is necessary, the abutters will be fund-raising to pay additional legal fees. Hopefully, they won't have to."

**NOTICE OF PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE**  
Petition for Monthly Billing  
Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire  
April 7, 2016 – 1:30 PM.

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The Commission has scheduled a pre-hearing conference to be held at the Commission's offices in Concord on April 7, 2016 at 1:30 PM. At the pre-hearing conference, the Commission will hear preliminary statements from Aquarion and other parties and will consider requests for formal intervention status. Any party seeking to intervene shall submit to the Commission seven copies of a petition to intervene with copies sent to Aquarion and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before April 4, 2016. Any party objecting to an intervention shall file an objection no later than April 7, 2016. Customers and other interested parties are welcome to attend the pre-hearing conference.

Customers are also welcome to submit written comments to the Commission at: New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission, 21 South Front Street, Suite 10, Concord NH 03301 or via email at pu@nhpac.nh.gov. For more information, please contact Aquarion Water Company at 1-800-926-3319, ext. 2.

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**NOTICE OF PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE**  
Petition for Monthly Billing  
Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire  
April 7, 2016 — 1:00 PM.

On January 21, 2016, Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire filed a petition with the NH Public Utilities Commission to change from quarterly to monthly billing for metered and private fee customers, on a service rendered basis. The requested change would be effective May 1, 2016. Aquarion proposes to switch billing for its service charges from in-service to in-service to change its payment due date from 30 days to 25 days that not the date after which payment is considered late to change from a uniform monthly customer charge to a pro-rata customer charge; and to defer its recovery of approximately \$23,000 of working capital related to the proposed billing change until the company's next rate case. Aquarion states that the changes are authorized by RSA 378:1, an act consistent with the public good, will help it better attract funds, and promote water conservation.

The Commission has scheduled a pre-hearing conference to be held at the Commission's offices in Concord on April 7, 2016 at 1:00 PM. At the pre-hearing conference, the Commission will hear preliminary statements from Aquarion and other parties and will consider requests for formal intervenor status. Any party seeking to intervene shall submit to the Commission written copies of a petition to intervene with copies sent to Aquarion and the Office of the Commission Advocate on or before April 4, 2016. Any party objecting to an intervenor shall file an objection no later than April 7, 2016. Comments and other interested parties are welcome to attend the pre-hearing conference.

Customers are also welcome to submit written comments to the Commission at: New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission, 21 South Park Street, Suite 310, Concord NH 03301 or by email at: [publicinput@publicutilities.com](mailto:publicinput@publicutilities.com). For more information, please contact Aquarion Water Company at 1-800-926-5116, ext. 2.



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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

## Honoring the life and times of Ruth Stimson

By Kathryn McLaughlin

HAMPTON — In honor of Women's History Month, the Hampton Historical Society (HHS) will be highlighting the life of Ruth Stimson, a long-time Hampton resident.

A woman of many interests, talents, skills and abilities, Ruth was highly accomplished both professionally and civically. She was a well-known personality throughout Rockingham County.

In March, HHS will tell you about her life. The story will in large part be told by Ruth, who was also a chronicler, using her 6-volume autobiography, "Our Lives Are Albums."

The story will unfold throughout March with a daily posting on the HHS Facebook page, and each week in the Hampton Union. The Tuck Museum is also hosting an exhibit about Ruth.

HHS hopes you'll enjoy learning about Ruth, from Ruth's perspective, in the story titled "One of a Kind."

### Work to save mother earth

In 1973, the National Association of Extension Home Economists honored Ruth for her pioneering recycling efforts. She was one of eight recipients of the prestigious Florence Hall Award, which recognizes those who implement outstanding responses to emerging issues.

"Since I knew Florence, it was a real pleasure," Ruth says. A former field agent with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Florence Hall initiated the award with a \$200 grant to be used by the recipient for professional improvement.

Ruth received the award for her Solid Waste Disposal Project, which she had been conducting in Rockingham County. Ruth traveled to Liberty, N.Y. and gave a presentation about her project to 1,500 fellow Extension Home Economists. "It was one of the highlights of my professional career," she says.

Ruth included her speech, which she noted was limited to three minutes, in her autobiography. Here is how she began, and concluded.

"Solid waste disposal is a real down to earth project. Each of us has to dispose of about 5 pounds daily, or 1,525 pounds a year. Multiply that by the number of people in your town or city. It's a staggering community problem that must be handled in a sanitary manner. Otherwise air, water and land pollution problems will result..."

Solid waste disposal in a sanitary manner is critical in every community, small or large, today and every day in the future. If every one of us adopts the simple truth: "I can help save our Earth," we can achieve much together: Extension Home Economists working with and encouraging concerned citizens. Those you're willing to try."

Ruth developed a scorecard to help towns rate the effectiveness of their waste disposal. It was part of the information on waste management that Ruth provided to homemaker and other



Ruth Stimson

### Battling mosquitoes in town

Ruth began her crusade against mosquitoes in 1959. Her observation of Hampton's mosquito problem is recorded in Peter Randall's history of Hampton: "Ye gods, I never saw so many mosquitoes in my life as there were here."

And with that observation, Ruth started lobbying for legislation to create mosquito control districts. In 1965, the state law was passed, but Hampton didn't take action until 1973, when there was an encephalitis outbreak.

That year, Ruth notes in her autobiography, "Many horses died, which aroused horse lovers and the general public to the seriousness of the problem."

It was Ruth's cue to renew her fight, using the Extension Service's motto to learn by doing. "County citizens needed to learn how to petition to form a mosquito control district under New Hampshire law. The mechanism was there, but lying dormant. It tried out the process step by step as a citizen of Hampton before I publicized the details."

In 1975 the town approved a mosquito control district, with a \$10,000 budget, under the direction of a commission, with Ruth as Chair.

Because mosquitoes travel from town to town, Ruth pushed for a regional approach to mosquito abatement in the many talks she gave throughout Rockingham County. By 1975, ten other towns had also created mosquito control districts.

Always the educator, Ruth applied for and received a \$500 Innovative Award from the Extension Service to develop materials about mosquito control.

"I thought there was need of a manual and a quarterly



Stimson was one of eight recipients of the prestigious Florence Hall Award, which recognizes those who implement outstanding responses to emerging issues.



Ruth Stimson began her crusade against mosquitoes in 1959.

### The price of fame

As Ruth approached 40 years of service as an Extension Home Economics Agent, she received a National Grange Public Service Award. "Over four decades I had worked closely with Granges in Rockingham County," she says. Ruth called the award a "first," since she was a "non-Granger."

At the end of 1981, newspapers published articles about the Grange award as well as Ruth's numerous accomplishments over the course of her 40-year career.

In The New Hampshire Almanac, Curt Mackall writes: "Today, Ruth G. Stimson has lost none of her enthusiasm for continuing education. She reaches people with her workshops and demonstrations on practical home economics topics, which now also include furniture restoration, budgeting, energy conservation and family life, for example, as well as with educational radio broadcasts and newspaper articles. She has conducted innovative teaching programs for the hearing and visually impaired... And, as a senior member of UNH's Extension Home Economists, Stimson feels that the challenge of her work is as fresh today as it was nearly 40 years ago."

Ruth received her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of New Hampshire.

Ruth was also 1 of 11 "Women of Accomplishment" featured in a 1981 Seacoast Woman publication.

Fame led to quite a bit of attention.

"When we went grocery shopping, Mother took the shopping cart and her list, and went on ahead as people approached me in the store," says Ruth. "That way it didn't take so long as she didn't like standing and waiting - wasting time. I understood her line of reasoning."

Next week is the conclusion of the four-part series honoring the life and times of Hampton resident Ruth Stimson.

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Customers are also welcome to submit written comments to the Commission at New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission, 21 South First Street, Suite 10, Concord NH 03301 or via email at [publicinfo@nh.puc.gov](mailto:publicinfo@nh.puc.gov). For more information, please contact Aquarion Water Company at 1-603-526-1378, ext. 2.



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