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Subject: HAWC Loan Request - One More Point



Hello,

I wrote you earlier today regarding my concerns over HAWC's petition for a loan, and their project as a whole. It is now clear to me, and many others to whom I've spoken with, that from the time HAWC started drilling their new wells it was their intent to finish the wells, lay the new pipeline with the intent of piping water to Hampstead, and request the water franchise for the town of Atkinson. The public was informed of the pipeline, and franchise requests when that information could no longer be withheld. For instance, a Special Town Meeting was held in August to vote on three citizen petitions to further protect Atkinson's water. The announcement for the pipeline loan request was made the next day. I believe that was no coincidence.

Last May HAWC held a public information session where their consultant, Emery & Garrett Groundwater, made a presentation two and half hours long that was so technical in nature, only a few in the audience with either a technical or educational background, understood the content. Afterwards, there was a Q&A. One of the questions to Harold Morse was, would any of this new water leave Atkinson. I can only conclude, based on the previous paragraph, that Mr. Morse lied, and that the NH DES, whose representatives were present, knew it because the wells were being dug under their authorization.

What is most troubling about this whole project, given its scale and potential impact to the public, is the fact that the citizens of Atkinson have not had a chance to formally ask questions and get information. The Information Session does not count because questions were not encouraged, and in many cases Mr. Morse refused to answer questions that were asked. This project has progressed without any formal public hearing for the people of Atkinson. It is only through the hard work of a few concerned citizens, we know as much as we do.

I urge the PUC to deny HAWC's loan request. Between HAWC's lack of candor, and the inability of the citizens to fully express their views and get their questions answered, this project should be stopped.

Regards,
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