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To all involved in decision making:

I am a resident of Hampstead, NH. I am writing about my concerns for the above request of HAWC.

The increase of the fire hydrant cost seems exorbitantly high and with little justification. It would increase our town budget by approximately over \$50, 000.00. This would significantly increase our taxes. We are a couple contemplating retiring and will have a very tight budget. It also seems a very thoughtless time to increase the burden of the people. Covid 19 has taken its toll on everyone.

However, I have grave concerns about the conflict of interest of a water company being owned by a development company in a town where there is no competition for the water supply. I also have been following the said company and their lack of concern for private owners of wells when they form their developments.

I would respectfully ask that the questions and concerns written in the Hampstead Water Advocates Letter be explored and addressed. I also ask that the HAWC company would be held accountable for explaining their water loss numbers. The PUC should demand a more detailed explanation of the water mitigation efforts and how water is moved around in the Hampstead-Atkinson Core system before awarding them a bonus for performance.

Thank you,

Chris and Rob Seuss Hampstead, NH