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## **Board of Selectmen Water Bond Hearing 02/14/2012**

Town of Hillsborough  
Board of Selectmen's  
Water Bond Hearing  
February 14, 2012

Present: Selectmen Russell Galpin, Lou Ann Rousseau, and Steven Venezia, Town Administrator John Stetser, Larry Baker, Douglas Parker, Philip Harvey, Herman Wiegelman, Thomas McClure, Tamara McClure, Dana Brien, Lauralee LoMonaco, Denise DeForest, Dennis DeForest, William Goss, James Bailey, Robert Hill, Chief David Roarick, Chief Kenneth Stafford, Luke Levesque, Peter Mellen, Peter Brigham, Douglas Hatfield, Arlene Johns, Kevin Belanger and Selectmen's Secretary Iris Campbell.

8:00 p.m. Mr. Galpin called the hearing to order.

Mr Galpin read: "Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Hundred Four Thousand Dollars (\$904,000) to complete the design, engineering and construction for the purpose of installing a Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) filtration system to the existing water treatment process, along with any related activities; and to authorize the Selectmen to enter into an agreement with the State of New Hampshire NHDES to borrow up to Nine Hundred Four Thousand Dollars (\$904,000) from the State Revolving Fund. Principal and interest shall be repaid through user fees. This will be a special, non-lapsing, non-transferable appropriation for a period of two years per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is complete or by December 2014. [Explanation: This project is to resolve the disinfection by products issue in the water system.] 2/3rds majority, ballot vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen."

Mrs. Johns said this sounds like the same thing we have voted on before. She asked what the difference was.

Mr. Parker said yes this is the same thing because all the other attempts to resolve the issue have not worked. We are doing a GAC study to be sure this method will work.

Mr. Venezia asked if they had spoken to other towns who have the same problem.

Mr. Parker said yes. He said the other towns are adding another chemical to their system which we don't want to do if we don't have to.

Mr. Wiegelman said they have to find a solution because they are on a time line and will be fined if they don't.

Mrs. Johns said if they aren't sure what will work why are they asking for the money.

Mr. Wiegelman suggested pulling the article and waiting a few months for more information then scheduling a special town meeting.

Mr. Mellen said they are doing a pilot study right now but the first test result showed no improvement. He said by town meeting they should have more test results.

Mrs. Johns asked about installing wells.

Mr. Parker said they would do that but digging wells is tricky because you never know what you are going to get.

Mr. Venezia asked if home filtration systems work.

Mr. Parker said he didn't know.

Mr. McClure asked if this was the only solution.

Mr. Parker said yes.

Mr Hill asked how much this would cost the tax payers.

Mr. Wiegelman answered nothing, only the users.

Mr. Hatfield suggested not pulling the article but just adding the words "or alternative system" to the wording of the proposed article.

Mr. Parker said by town meeting they should have seven test results.

Mr. Belanger asked if there are any bonds being paid off and what the water price will be.

Mr. Wiegelman said one will be paid off in 2014.

Mr. Belanger asked if they know how much the bills will go up.

Mr. Parker answered about 7%.

Mrs. Campbell asked if the 7% increase included this article.

Mr. Parker answered no.

8:20 p.m. Mr. Galpin adjourned the public hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

Iris Campbell  
Selectmen's Secretary

Approved by:

Dated: February 28, 2012

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Russell S. Galpin, Chairman

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Lou Ann Rousseau

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Steven J. Venezia  
Board of Selectmen

