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Congratulations To Bill Boulanger— President of NHHWA



NHHWA President Bill Boulanger

Congratulations to Bill Boulanger, who was elected NHHWA President at the Annual Meeting on November 7th at the Centennial Inn in Concord.

Bill is the Superintendent of Public Works and Utilities for the City of Dover, N.H. Bill is a long-time member of NHHWA, and has been a member of the Board of Directors for the past 7 years. He has taught numerous classes for NHHWA and over the past few years has designed and developed and instructed the Association's 2-day advanced distribution class – one of NHHWA's most popular classes.

Bill was born and raised in the Dover area, and learned about hard work growing up on a dairy farm. He graduated from Somersworth High School in 1975 and at the age of 17 started his career in the construction field, laying pipe, operating heavy equipment, and absorbing as much as he could about infrastructure. He began his career with the City of Dover in the late 1970's as a sewer truck operator and working for the wastewater treatment plant. After leaving the City of Dover in 1984 and working in the construction industry, he returned to Dover in 1988 as the utility supervisor. During the late 1970's and 1980's, while working, Bill attended school in Lowell, Berlin Technical College and MacIntosh College, during the evenings. He has grade IV certification in water distribution, grade II treatment, grade III in wastewater treatment and

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grade IV in wastewater collection. During the past 25 years Bill has developed and implemented a directional flushing program and his expertise in this area is recognized throughout NH. Working with his valued staff, he installed SCADA in well stations and pump stations for both water and sewer, installed automated billing meters and implemented VUE works asset management for water distribution, hydrants, wells, pump stations, leak detection and more.

Bill lives in Somersworth with Katie, his wife of 36 years. He has two grown daughters, Helena and Sarah, and two grandsons, Lucas and Ari whom he cherishes and enjoys spending time with.

NHWWA very much looks forward to Bill's leadership during the next year.

NHWWA Board of Directors

At the Annual Meeting on November 7, the membership elected the following members to the Board of Directors for 2013-2014.

President, William Boulanger, Dover Community Services Department

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Director, Marco Philippon, Westford, Mass. Water Department

Member News

After 27 years of devoted service, **Peter Floriddia** retired from the Salem Water Department in June of 2012. Peter joined Salem Water/Sewer Department in 1985 and as it grew, he took on more and more responsibilities; he played an important role in the growth and success of the department and the start-up of the Water Treatment Plant in 1995.

Rodney Sewell retired from the Concord Water Department in September after 29 years with the city. His last position was that of Operations Supervisor which he held for six years. Prior to that he was Plant Operator.

Tammy Law of Lewis Engineering and Lewis Water Services celebrated her 25th employment anniversary this past October. Tammy is the office administrator at the companies' headquarters in Litchfield. Tammy handles all of the day to day administration of the company office, finances, and operations. Many folks know her for her pleasant presence at NHWWA's annual trade shows where she has provided home baked goods.

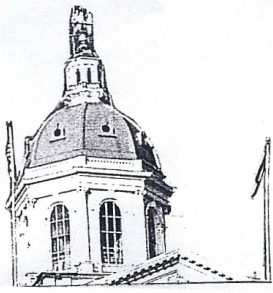
NHWWA Calendar of Events

Here are the NHWWA's winter and spring 2014 events:

<u>When</u>	<u>What</u>	<u>Where</u>
Jan. 8	Operator Basics Course*	Concord
Jan. 15	Operator Training	Portsmouth
Jan. 16	NEWWA/NHWWA Joint Technical Meeting	Portsmouth
Jan. 30	Asbestos Training	Dover
March 26	Operators' Training	Portsmouth
April 8&9	Advanced Distribution	Dover
April 17	Technical Meeting	TBA

*Operator Basics is held on Wednesday mornings beginning on January 8 through March 12, 2014.

Also view upcoming meetings and events at NHWWA's website at nhwwa.org.



2014 Legislative Session

The 2014 Legislative Session is shaping up to be very active for our industry. We

have identified (to date) 25 LSR's (bill titles) relating to drinking water. Fully written bills will be available after the first of the year.

Below are some of the LSR's that we have identified as being of interest.

2189-R relative to the authority of municipalities to enter into agreements for payments in lieu of taxes.

Sponsor (Prime) Laurence Rappaport

2243-R relative to waste from hydraulic fracking.

Sponsor (Prime) Timothy Horrigan

2251-R relative to large groundwater withdrawal permits.

Sponsors (Prime) Maureen Mann, John Reagan

2297-L relative to dues paid by municipalities to organizations.

Sponsor (Prime) Jordan Elery

2309-R relative to municipal monitoring of large groundwater withdrawals.

Sponsor (Prime) Karen Umberger

2383-R requiring a refundable deposit on beverage containers.

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2384-R requiring bottled water labels to indicate the source of water.

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2416-R relative to the definition of "stranded costs".

Sponsor (Prime) David Borden

2558-R exempting septic systems from certain requirements where there are grouted wells.

Sponsor (Prime) Warren Groen

2584-R relative to notice of water release from dams.

Sponsor (Prime) Charlene Takesian

2749-L relative to aid for regional agreements of watershed municipalities.

Sponsor (Prime) Martha Fuller Clark

2757-R relative to the assessment of public utilities and other entities to fund the expenses of the public utilities commission.

Sponsor (Prime) Bob Odell

2789-R relative to the recovery of submerged vehicles by the department of environmental services.

Sponsor (Prime) Jeff Woodburn

In addition to the 2014 legislation, there are numerous NH Department of Environmental Services rules that will be readopted in 2014. These drinking water program rules include; public water system classification, well siting, design standards for all public water systems, backflow prevention, surface water source protection, grants, record keeping, best available technology, and more. Most of these have been scheduled for public hearings in January. NHWWA will be reviewing these in the next few weeks and the legislative agent will attend and testify at the hearings.

There is still time to join NHWWA's Legislative Program for 2014. By joining the program, you will receive the most up-to-date information available on drinking water related legislation and rule-making, including bills, scheduling of public hearings, amendments, and a monthly status report as the bills make their way through the House of Representatives and the Senate. The cost of subscribing to the program has remained the same for the past 23 years. For utility members the cost is \$.10 per service connection (a minimum of \$100 for very small systems), or a flat \$250 for non-utility members.

For additional information, please contact the NHWWA office at 18 N. Main Street, Suite 308, Concord, NH 03301, or e-mail NHWWA at nhwwa@worldpath.net.

Upgrades to Mittersill Water System Completed

by Bruce W. Lewis

Lewis Engineering in conjunction with the Mittersill – Franconia Water Commissioners have recently completed upgrades to the Mittersill Water System. The Mittersill Water System provides drinking water to the Mittersill Inn, and a number of homes located proximate to the Cannon Mountain ski area. Lakes Region Water Service Company is the certified operator, and was the low bidder for project improvements. Two of the onsite bedrock water supply wells have had new three phase power well pumps installed. The third remotely located well, automatically starts and runs in conjunction with Well 2. The old intermediate water storage reservoir, which was in very poor condition and its associated booster station have been replaced with the new well pumps and a new well control building. A new buried precast concrete control vault has also been installed proximate to the District's 200,000 gallon reinforced concrete standpipe. The system operates automatically using radio control transmitters and receivers for signal transmission. A level transducer to measure water level in the reservoir, and a R.E. Prescott automatic control panel at the well control building operate together to keep the standpipe filled, based on tank level. Wells 1, 2 and 3 are operat-



Well 1 entrance at Mittersill Water System.

ed using VFD's which start and run to regulate the flow of water from the wells at a fixed rate into the water system. Provision for chemical feed has also been incorporated into the operation. They system is now fully automatically monitored using a web-based SCADA system from Generating Solutions.

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Website Advertising Now Available

Advertising space is now available on the NHWWA website. Each ad links to the company's own website. Space is limited so first come, first served. To inquire, contact Susan Kowalski at (603) 415-3959 or nhwwa@worldpath.net.

2014 Drinking Water Festival

The NH Drinking Water Week Coalition is looking forward to another successful festival during National Drinking Water Week, May 4-10, 2014. The Coalition will begin meeting in January to plan the festival which is tentatively scheduled to take place at the Manchester Drinking Water Treatment Plant. The festival, which provides a number of water related activities for NH 4th graders, was held in Concord in 2013. For more information contact Susan Kowalski at, (603) 415-3959 or nhwwa@worldpath.net.

2013 Trade Show/Expo Success

“One of the best in many years” is what we heard from a number of our exhibitors and attendees at this year’s Trade Show! We had great attendance and significantly more booths than in the previous several years. Exhibitors reported good foot traffic. Of note is the fact that North East Biosolids and Residuals Association (NEBRA) held its two day event at the Grap-pone Center at the same time as NHWWA’s Trade Show. And in fact NHWWA and NEBRA created a couple of seminars designed for members of both organizations – and these classes worked out great.

NHWWA’s **2014 Trade Show/Expo** date has been set for **Wednesday, October 29, 2014**. See you there!

NHWWA wholeheartedly thanks all those involved in the Trade Show – it takes much effort to make this event the great success that it is year after year. We especially thank all the many volunteers including room monitors, prize booth and registration folks, room and coffee sponsors, prize providers and of course exhibitors and speakers! Last but not least, we want to thank the NH Department of Environmental Services for its financial support through the Small Systems Training Contract, and NE Water Works Association for its financial support of education at the trade show through the “Mission Sharing Program”.



Prize booth at the 2013 Trade Show/Expo.

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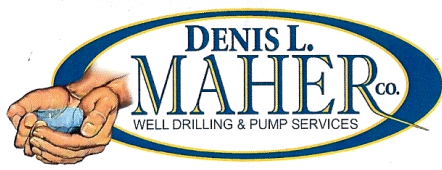
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