

# IT'S TIME TO CAST YOUR VOTE!



## What is the issue?

Municipalization of the Hanover water supply – to operate the water utility as a municipal service rather than as a private company

## When is the vote?

**Tuesday, October 27, 2009 at 7:00 pm**

As part of a Special Town Meeting Discussion and Vote  
AND

**Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> 7:00 am – 7:00 pm**

A Motion Will be Made at the Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> Town Meeting to allow ALL DAY VOTING for those voters who cannot attend the Special Town Meeting on Tuesday

**Where will voting take place?** All Voting will take place in the Hanover High School Gymnasium

**What is the vote?** *[see next page for more information]*

**If you vote YES** = The water utility will become a town municipal service. This will allow for more efficient and cost effective operations and less expensive funding of future capital projects to the benefit of the Water Company customers who pay for all the costs of water service. There will be no impact on property taxes.

**If you vote NO** = Water will continue to be supplied to Hanover customers by a private company, the Hanover Water Works Company (HWWC).

# Special Town Meeting

Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009 – 7:00 PM  
Hanover High School Gymnasium

Currently water is supplied to the Town of Hanover by a private company, the Hanover Water Works Company (HWWC). The HWWC is jointly owned by Dartmouth College (52.8%) and the Town of Hanover (47.2%), and is regulated by the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (PUC).

The Town believes that it is in the best interest of the rate payers to municipalize these services and approached the College last year to consider this change. Municipalization will allow for more efficient and cost effective operations and less expensive funding of future capital needs to the benefit of the water customers who pay for all of the costs of water service.

Municipalization will be accomplished by the HWWC transferring to the Town the hard assets (filtration plant, storage tanks, reservoirs, and dams, distribution system, etc.) and the liabilities (primarily bond debt) associated with those assets. Those assets and liabilities will be incorporated in a separate water enterprise fund for operating purposes, just as the Town's wastewater operation is now managed. The HWWC will retain most of the land it currently owns, but will change its corporate ownership structure to 50/50 between the Town and College.

**This change requires the approval of two separate Town Meeting votes.** The first vote in support of Municipalization occurred at the May, 2009 Town Meeting. The second vote will take place at a **Special Town Meeting**, which is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, October 27, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the Hanover High School Gymnasium.

**For additional information on the Municipalization process, terms, financial details & future land use, please visit the Town of Hanover website at: [www.hanovernh.org](http://www.hanovernh.org)**

**Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this important meeting...**

**Thank You!**

**WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

GRAFTON, ss

TOWN OF HANOVER

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF HANOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE, who are qualified to vote in Town affairs:

TAKE NOTICE AND BE WARNED, that the Special Town Meeting of the Town of Hanover, New Hampshire, will be held as follows:

ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2009 AT THE GYMNASIUM, HANOVER HIGH SCHOOL, LEBANON STREET, HANOVER, ARTICLES ONE THROUGH THREE WILL BE PRESENTED, DISCUSSED AND ACTED UPON BEGINNING AT 7:00 PM AT THE GYMNASIUM, HANOVER HIGH SCHOOL, LEBANON STREET, HANOVER.

ARTICLE ONE: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,570,916 through the incurrence of indebtedness in accordance with the provisions of the New Hampshire Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33 by the Town's assumption of the two existing loans originally made to the Hanover Water Works Company through the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund (NH DES DWSRF), which assumption has been consented to by NH DES DWSRF; and to take all action as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this vote. Although this debt will be a general obligation of the Town, it is intended and expected that funding for the debt service associated with these loans will be paid exclusively by water rates collected from users of the water utility. A two-thirds ballot vote is required.

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ARTICLE TWO: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$550,000 relating to the Town's assumption of an existing debt obligation of the Hanover Water Works Company currently held by Citizens Bank; and to authorize the Town to refinance this debt (and any related prepayment fees) through the issuance of not more than \$550,000 of bonds and notes in accordance with the provisions of the New Hampshire Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33; and to determine the rate of interest thereon as shall be in the best interest of the Town; and to take all action as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this vote. Although this debt will be a general obligation of the Town, it is intended and expected that funding for the debt service associated with this loan will be paid exclusively by water rates collected from users of the water utility. A two-thirds ballot vote is required.

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ARTICLE THREE: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1.00 for the purchase of the water utility assets owned by the Hanover Water Works Company, to include the water treatment plant, related water storage tanks, pump stations, distribution system, three (3) reservoirs, sufficient land within 250 feet around Reservoirs #1 and #2, all of the land around Reservoir #3, sufficient adjacent land to allow future expansion of the water treatment plant and storage tanks, and any other water utility assets required for the treatment and distribution of water, as allowed by RSA 38:2-a, and which is in the public interest, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and execute all documents required to complete the transaction as proposed. The remainder of the land which will not be transferred to Town ownership as part of this transaction will remain with the Hanover Water Works Company, and the Town's ownership share of that company will increase from the current 47.2% to 50% as part of the approved transaction. All of the related transactions shall occur on or about July 1, 2010. Completion of the transaction will be dependent upon the passage of special State legislation to enable the municipal water utility to continue to make semi-annual property tax payments to the Town, School Districts and County.

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Given under our hands and seal of the Town of Hanover this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2009.

TOWN OF HANOVER  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Brian F. Walsh, Chairman  
Katherine S. Connolly  
Peter L. Christie  
Athos J. Rassias  
Judith A. Doherty

<b>Town of Hanover Budget of the Town for Special Town Meeting – Tuesday, October 27, 2009</b>	
Purpose of Appropriations:	
Water Distribution & Treatment	\$1
Debt Service (Assumption of O/S Debt)	<u>\$9,120,916</u>
Operating Budget Total	<u>\$9,120,917</u>
Sources of Revenue:	
Inter-fund Operating Transfers In	\$1
Proceeds from Long Term Bonds & Notes	<u>\$9,120,916</u>
Revenue & Credits Total	<u>\$9,120,917</u>
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$0

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this important **Special Town Meeting...**  
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Hanover High School Gymnasium  
**“YOUR VOTE” is very important!!****

**Thank You!**

**Special Town Meeting on the  
Proposed Municipalization of the  
Hanover Water Supply**

**Town of Hanover  
Hanover Board of Selectmen  
PO Box 483  
Hanover NH 03755**