



Regional Water District Update:

On April 29, 2002, it was announced that Pennichuck Corporation (Pennichuck) was under agreement with Philadelphia Suburban Water Company to purchase the NH based water utility for approximately \$106 Million. The sale was pending approval from the NH Public Utilities Commission (PUC). An ad hoc group, organized by Barbara Pressly along with communities served by Pennichuck, filed as interveners to the impending deal. On February 4, 2003, Philadelphia Suburban Water Company and Pennichuck Corporation, decided to terminate the merger between the two water utilities. The Regional Water District continued with its goal of purchasing Pennichuck Water Work Co., keeping the operation and management of Pennichuck in New Hampshire. The ad hoc group formed a Regional Water District Committee represented by 16 communities as follows: **Amherst** - Selectman Marilyn Peterman (Chair of Committee); **Bedford** - Councilor Michael Scanlon; **Derry** - Water Superintendent Tom Carrier; **Hollis** - Mary Jeffery; **Hooksett** - Town Manager Mike Farrell; **Hudson** - Selectman Ken Massey; **Litchfield** - Ray Peeples; **Londonderry** - Town Manager Dave Caron; **Merrimack** - Town Manager Dean Shankle; **Milford** - Selectman Cynthia Herman; **Nashua** - Alderman Fred Britton (Vice Chair of Committee); **Pelham** - Selectman Jean-Guy Bergeron; **Pittsfield** - Town Manager Fred Walsh; **Raymond** - Public Works Director Dennis McCarthy; **Salem** - Town Manager Jeff Towne; **Windham** - State Rep. Kevin Waterhouse; Stephen Williams - Nashua Regional Planning Commission and Karen White - Town of Bedford (Research Staff)

On January 2, 2003, the Londonderry Town Council, after a presentation by Karen White, Town of Bedford and Andre Garron, Londonderry Planning & Economic Development Director, voted to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to support moving forward with the Regional Water District. 15 other communities also signed the MOU.

Representatives of the Regional Water District (RWD) worked every month from January 2003 through February of 2004 to create a charter by which the new RWD will be governed. The RWD meetings were all open to the public and time was set-aside at the beginning of each meeting to solicit public input on the charter. The RWD held two public hearings in December of 2003. Each amendment proposed by the public at the public hearings were individually noted and discussed by the RWD Committee.

The Regional Water District Charter Committee now presents to each representative community a final draft charter for review and comment. The RWD Charter Committee strongly recommends that each community accept this document as written; but again, welcome each community's input.

Copies of the Regional Water District Charter are available at the Town Clerks office, Library and the Planning & Economic Development Office. A copy of the Charter will also be posted on the Town of Londonderry's website (<http://www.londonderry.org/images/RWDCharter.pdf>).

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Thank you.