

## February 2026 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 2/11/2026

Meeting Start Time: 6:37 p.m.

Location: via Zoom only

Attendees: Darlene Johnson, Paul Johnson, Wade Pelham, Pete Johnson, Pauli Johnson, Rhonda Chasse, Greg Chasse, Mandie Hagan, Larry Maznek, Ashley Morgan

January 2026 meeting minutes were reviewed, and no objections were raised. Darlene made a motion to pass the meeting minutes as presented. This motion was seconded by Rhonda. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Treasurer Report – Mandie Hagan**

#### Regular Business Checking:

Total Amount: \$5,940.59

Interest: \$0.04

Deposits:

\$2180 for dues & class fees

Payments Out:

\$693 Ashley check

\$12.39 Thank you cards

\$16.79 Tracphone

\$57.40 Post office

\$16.99 Zoom

#### 18 Months Certificate:

Total Amount: \$6,548.73

Interest: \$15.89

#### Scholarship Fund:

Total Amount: \$3,187.68

Interest: \$0.12

Deposits: 2 donations

#### Get Pumped:

Total Amount: \$1,084.79

Interest: \$0.01

#### Confined Space Entry Class:

Revenue: \$4,680

Two refunds

Net: \$4,460

Class Cost: \$2,308

Profit: \$2,168

18 Months Certificate- renewal status is May 10. Mandie discussed looking into other options to see if Franklin Savings Bank is still the best option. Mandie also brought up possibly moving some of the regular business checking funds to a CD.

### **Voting vs Associate Member- Mandie**

A discussion was held regarding the differences between Voting and Associate members, as outlined in the membership dues application, which states:

Voting Member: \$120

Must be actively engaged in pumping and transporting contents of subsurface disposal systems.

Associate Member (non voting): \$95

Defined as any person, firm, or corporation who is associated with the pumping, manufacture, installation, construction, or design of subsurface disposal systems, or who is engaged in an occupation or profession related to the inspection or regulation of such systems...upon approval of the Board of Directors and after payment of your annual dues.

It was discussed the membership application verbiage be updated for 2027 and beyond, as the current definitions for 'Voting' and 'Associate' members appear similar and need clarification. Voting members were intended to include all septic pumpers, septic haulers and portable toilet companies. The definition needs to be updated to include these groups. Non voting members were intended to include any other related businesses. A third membership option was discussed for sponsors, including potential benefits such as advertising on NHASH's website, meetings, and social media platforms. NHASH currently has 10 associate members and 9 out of 10 are pumpers. It was agreed to honor their associate membership dues for 2026 and correct the application for next year.

Ashley will work on verbiage for the 2027 membership dues application for board approval. This is an ongoing discussion to be discussed at future meetings.

**Wade Pelham- DES Report**

Wade is reminding businesses to submit their annual report. On the annual report forms, it was indicated the form does not allow for multiple disposal sites. It was suggested you add another line on the chart to allow for different disposal sites. He is asking you to ensure the volumes reported as picked up match the volumes reported at the plants. The plants report the total volume received from each hauler, but they do not report by town. The goal is to reconcile the volumes reported by the pumpers with the volumes reported by the plants to ensure they match. Please note plants do not account for town-specific information.

Waste Water Treatment- Exeter started taking material again from surrounding towns up to 20,000 gallons a day. Unsure of the protocol, whether you have to call before or if it is first come first served. Pricing is about 12 cents a gallon.

Wade is going to email Ashley where the best place is to bring in septage and Ashley will email this information out to NHASH.

House of Environmental and Agriculture Committee- HB 1275— The committee is proposing a 5 year moratorium on bio solids applied to agricultural lands to the state of NH which can create a capacity issue with the waste water plants. On the NH General Courts website you can read the full House Bill. There was a committee meeting and there were a lot of testimony in favor. Wastewater Treatment Facilities may have to reduce or eliminate receipt of septage at their facility in order to reduce solids if they cannot manage them efficiently. You can also go online to offer your testimony as well- Wade is going to email Ashley this link and Ashley will forward this out to NHASH. Legislation just had a hearing for the house however there could be

additional hearings you can go to. Wade will update NHASH as to when the next public hearing will be (it is in the house now).

Wade Pelham discussed how many people view the landfill as the final destination for waste. However, the collection system continues beyond that point- the leachate is collected and sent back to the wastewater treatment plant for processing. So even sending the solids to a landfill, could still affect the operational costs at the WWTP.

### **Larry Maznek**

Larry Maznek went on a tour of Allenstown WWTP with Jeff Backman, Superintendent, looking at grease disposal. Jeff advised him that Allenstown's contract for disposing of their solids in Rochester ends in July 2027 and they will have to renegotiate.

Jeff Backman spoke to Larry Maznek about 'Aries Clean Technologies' which is a plant in Linden, New Jersey that provides gasification technology to convert biosolid waste to energy. They claim their technology can remove up to 97% of PFAS from biosolids and reduce the overall volume of biosolids by approximately 95%. They are supposed to build a plant in Sanford, Maine. Larry has offered to accompany Jim Talvy on a tour of their plant.

Larry Maznek discussed how Casella operates the Rochester landfill, which is expected to reach capacity and be capped within the next few years. Casella is planning to develop another landfill in northern NH; however local residents have opposed the project. Casella is challenging this opposition, but the process is ongoing. Dan Driscoll from Concord WWTP currently sends 75% of his solids to Canada and 25% to the Rochester landfill. However, there is concern if Canada ever closes its borders to US waste in the future, then what.

### **Water Council- Larry Maznek**

Larry Maznek said the discussion during this meeting focused solely on community wells; no wastewater topics were not addressed.

### **GSOWA- Larry Maznek**

Larry Maznek discussed the upcoming Seminar on March 30 and 31; Monday and Tuesday in Manchester.

Larry Maznek is attending the NH Water Pollution Control Association's annual legislative breakfast on Thursday March 5 from 7 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. located at The Hotel Concord on 11 S. Main Street in Concord, NH. Mandie paid the \$300 contribution/ sponsorship. The keynote speaker is Catherine Grady "Wastewater Surveillance – A Community Diary of Infectious Disease." Ashley will email a response confirming Larry Maznek will attend on behalf of NHASH and will cc Larry on the email.

### **Social Media Update – Ashley**

A Facebook pinned post was created with 2026 Member logos. She has emailed a handful of businesses to provide theirs for the page. Wade has suggested doing a member “classy” truck post. Ashley will email members for these photos.

It was suggested NHASH purchase Chat GPT to help with creating social media posts. Chat GPT is already set up with NHASH email and Mandie will assist in purchasing this out of the business checking. It is about \$20 a month.

Rhonda made a motion for NHASH to pay for Chat GPT out of business checking. This was seconded by Mandie Hagan. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Electronic Payments for Membership Dues - Darlene and Ashley**

Ashley emailed Rich to inquire if an electronic payment section can be added to the NHASH website. Rich said he uses Stripe which charges about 3.5% per transaction and it would take him about 3-6 hours to make these changes to the site. Mandie looked up Stripe and PayPal to see if there is a discount for nonprofit companies on transactions fees: PayPal offers nonprofits 1.99% plus 30 cents per transaction. Venmo can be used for nonprofit however you first would need to verify NHASH is nonprofit with PayPal and once verified you then would need to create a charity profile on Venmo for a fee of 1.9% plus a \$.0.10 donation.

Darlene made a motion for Ashley to check with Rich to confirm whether PayPal can be used, and if not, to proceed with Stripe as the alternative through the business account. Mandie seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Carrying Over Membership Dues From Late 2025 to 2026 – Darlene**

It was discussed whether a member whose dues were paid late in 2025 can be carried over into 2026 membership.

Mandie made a motion to honor dues paid from October of 2025 through December of 2025 as 2026 members, and that going forward NHASH will charge a flat-rate fee regardless of the join date. Rhonda seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Shaker Village Sponsorship- Darlene**

Shaker Village in Canterbury is revamping its historic outhouse/ privy and has reached out to businesses for sponsorship. They are seeking \$7,500 in total but welcome contributions of any amount. Supporters would receive acknowledgement on the unit itself. Their sponsorship package benefits include: signage at the village property, recognition in print and social media advertising, website links, invitations to special tours and events, preference for rental space, and free tickets for regular admission or special events. Sponsorship levels include: \$500, \$1000, \$2500, \$5000 for the packages. Shaker Village conducts historical tours. It is unclear who will

perform the renovation work. Darlene to collect more information to be reviewed at a future meeting.

### **Discover Wild NH Day- Darlene**

Discover Wild NH Day is hosted by NH Fish and Game and will be held on 4/18/26 at Fish and Game Offices on 11 Hazen Drive in Concord, NH at 10:00 a.m. It is free to the public. Mark wanted to know if the pricing of portable toilets should change. Darlene will follow up individually with those who volunteered. As no one has volunteered, NHASH will not be offering a booth again this year.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. by Darlene. Seconded by Mandie.