

**TOWN OF BEDFORD
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
October 13, 2016
BEDFORD MEETING ROOM
10 MEETINGHOUSE ROAD**

1. ROLL CALL: A meeting of the Bedford Town Council was held on Wednesday, October 13, 2016 at the Bedford Meeting Room, 10 Meetinghouse Road. Present were Chairwoman Kelleigh Murphy and Councilors, John Schneller, Bill Duschatko, Chris Bandazian, Melissa Stevens, and David Gilbert. Also present was Town Manager Rick Sawyer. Councilor Aguiar was unable to attend.

Chairwoman Murphy opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilor Stevens.

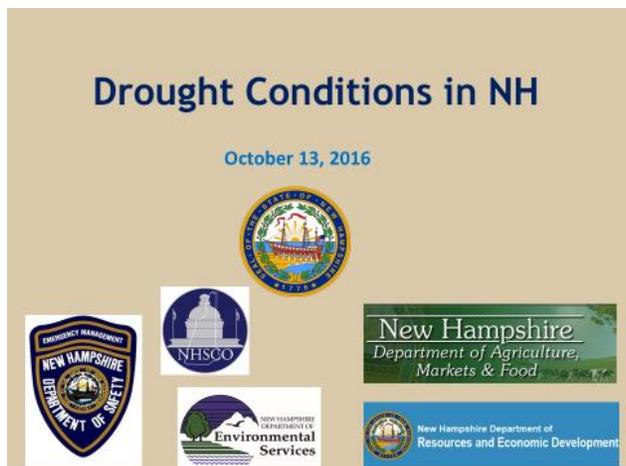
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Outside Water Use Restriction

Mr. Sawyer gave some background on the voluntary water ban and introduced Brandon Kernan from NHDES.

Brandon Kernan, NHDES, Hydrology and Conservation Program. They oversee coordination of drought management in the state. He stated that this drought is pretty drier and on a scale from 1-10, he would give it an 8 or 9. Hundreds of wells in the state have failed and people have had to spend tens of thousands of dollars to mitigate those impacts and at least 20 dairies have gone out of business; impacts are significant at this point. Mr. Kernan went through a Powerpoint presentation:



Drought Conditions in NH

October 13, 2016

NHDES Drought Emergency in New Hampshire

Recommended actions for Bedford:

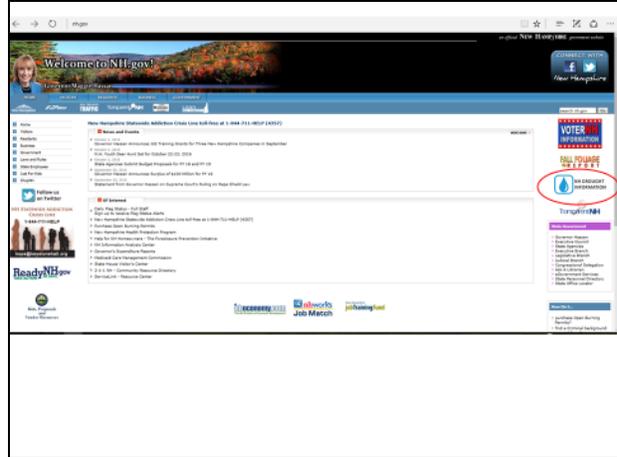
- Educate residents about the severity of the drought and the potential for impacts to occur through the winter
- Residential lawn watering ban (even for private well owners) – if not for the next few weeks, be familiar with it for the next drought
- Have homeowners report well impacts to NHDES using the reporting form online/share local well permit information with NHDES
- Encourage indoor water conservation
- Homeowner/Private Well Preparedness

41:11-d Restricting the Watering of Lawns. –

I. The local governing body may establish regulations restricting the use of water from private wells or public water systems for residential outdoor lawn watering when administrative agencies of the state or federal government have designated the region as being under a **declared state or condition of drought**.

II. The local governing body shall give notice prior to the implementation of the regulations in paragraph I. Notice shall be given at least 3 calendar days before the regulations are implemented. The notice required under this section shall not include the day notice is posted. Notice of the regulations shall be published in a paper of general circulation in the municipality and shall be posted in at least 2 public places.

III. The full text of the proposed regulations need not be included in the notice if an adequate statement describing the proposal and designating the place where the proposal is on file for public inspection is stated in the notice.



Go to www.des.nh.gov. Scroll down the "A-Z list" to Drought Management.



NHDES Current Drought Conditions

A Situation Summary for New Hampshire

Drought Conditions	Check weekly during continued dry weather for Drought Status in New Hampshire and Water Restrictions and Bans
US Drought Monitor Classification for New Hampshire	Updated Thursdays based on data as of 7:00 AM Tuesday at US Drought Monitor
Precipitation	Daily updates at Weather Service Precipitation Analysis Tool or Northeast River Forecast Center
Stream Flow Conditions	Daily updates at USGS WaterWatch - Streamflow conditions
Groundwater Levels	Updated monthly at USGS Groundwater Watch
Drinking Water Supply Reservoirs	Contact the Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau at 271-0660 for information.
Recreational Lake Levels	Lake water levels for several water bodies in NH can be accessed at DES Real-Time Data & Information for Watersheds in New Hampshire.
Fire Danger	Check daily. Conditions change frequently. (updates at NH Division of Forest & Lands)

1. The U.S. Drought Monitor is joint venture of the USDA, National Drought Mitigation Center, US Department of Commerce, and NOAA.

More information at:
[DES Drought Management Program](#)
[DES Water Conservation Program](#)

U.S. Drought Monitor Northeast

October 11, 2016
 (Released Thursday, Oct. 12, 2016)
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Class	DROUGHT QUANTILES (Percent of Area)			
	None	DROG1	DROG2	DROG3
Classed	27.88	12.28	27.90	22.74
1-Week Update	34.88	45.12	48.95	2.18
3-Months Ago Update	35.97	41.13	22.73	0.00
Start of Calendar Year Update	47.18	28.80	1.11	0.00
Start of Water Year Update	29.73	48.70	48.30	0.00
One Year Ago Update	41.03	25.87	7.71	0.00

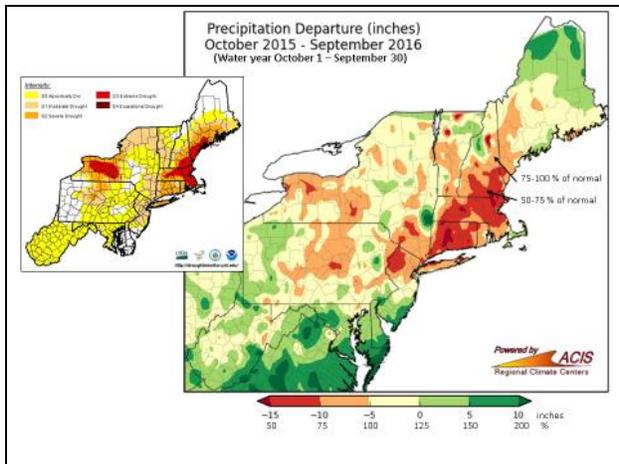
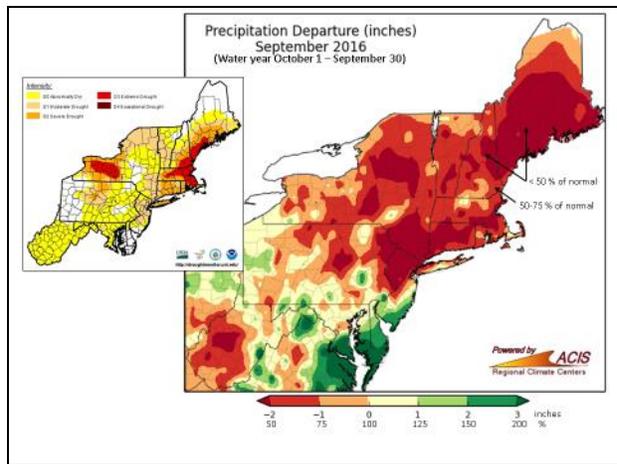
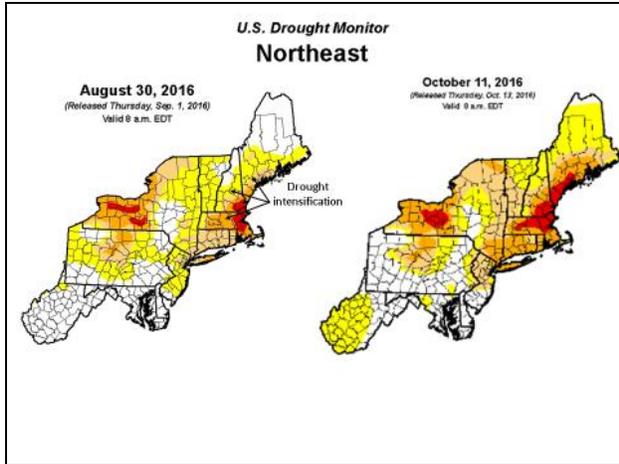
Intensity:
 Yellow: DROG1 (1-3 Months Drought)
 Orange: DROG2 (3-6 Months Drought)
 Red: DROG3 (6+ Months Drought)

The Drought Monitor focuses on DROG1 and DROG2 conditions. For more information see www.drought.gov. See an interactive tool, summary, or flowchart at www.drought.gov.

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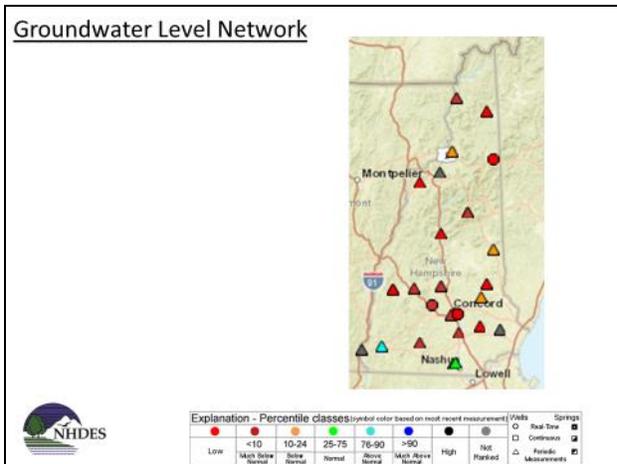
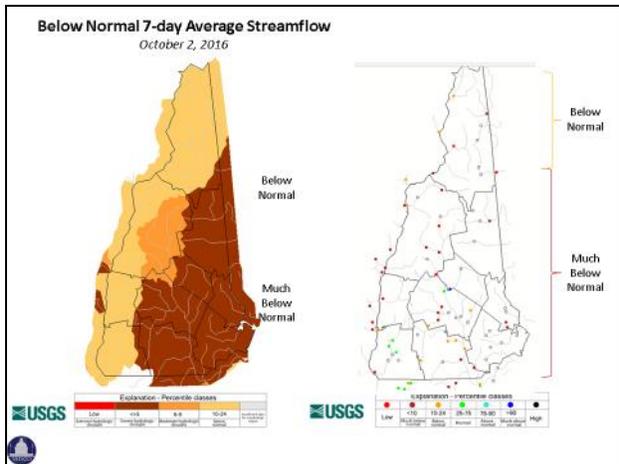
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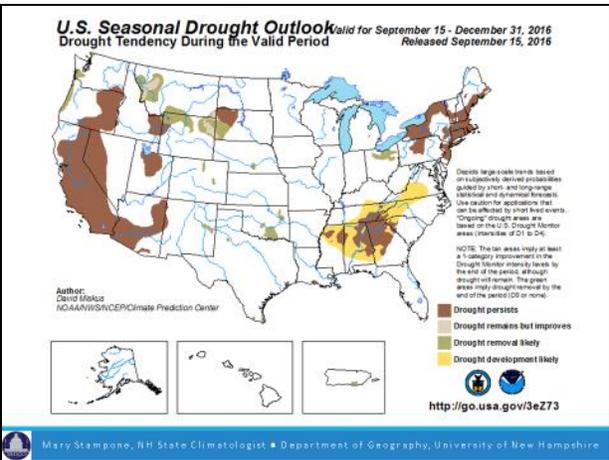
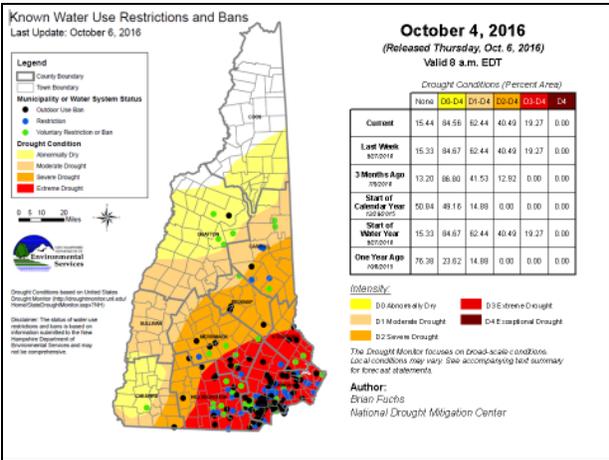
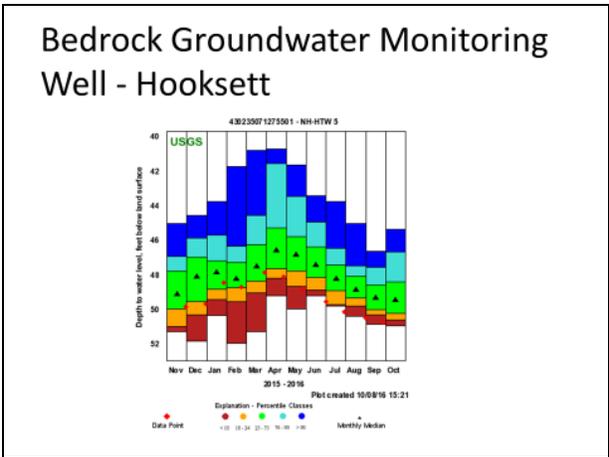
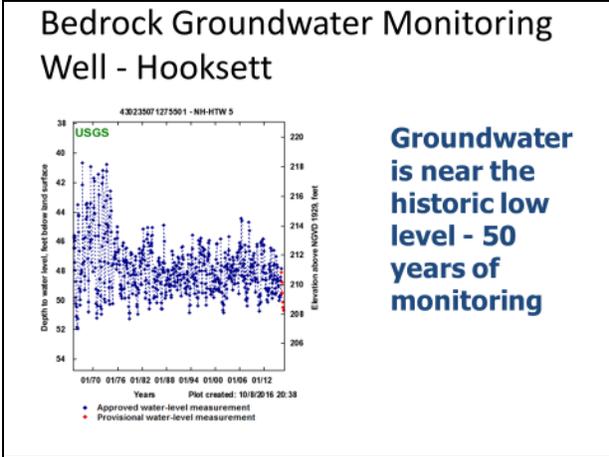
The map shows the Northeast region of the United States, with color-coded areas indicating drought intensity. Yellow areas represent DROG1 (1-3 months of drought), orange represents DROG2 (3-6 months), and red represents DROG3 (6+ months). The map includes state boundaries and major cities.



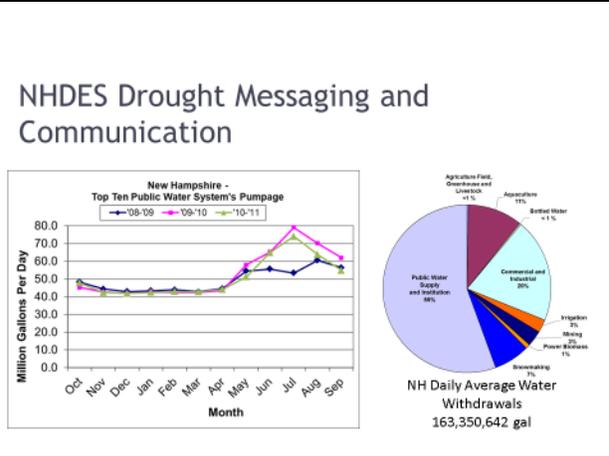
Precipitation & Deficit (October 3, 2016)

County	Precipitation (6 months) (inches)	Deficit (6 months) (inches)	Precipitation (1 year) (inches)	Deficit (1 year) (inches)	Deficit (1 year) %
Belknap	14.96	-8.16	30.93	-14.28	32%
Carroll	17.43	-8.22	36.78	-14.00	28%
Cheshire	16.26	-7.72	31.30	-15.57	40%
Coos	20.55	-5.14	37.26	-10.08	22%
Grafton	19.71	-5.75	37.08	-10.89	23%
Hillsborough	13.72	-9.77	29.78	-17.19	37%
Merrimack	14.68	-8.88	30.80	-15.42	33%
Rockingham	12.78	-10.26	30.09	-16.48	35%
Strafford	13.02	-10.49	31.45	-15.76	38%
Sullivan	15.52	-8.11	30.23	-15.14	33%





- ### NHDES Drought Management Team 2016 Drought
- Meetings
 - July 22
 - August 18
 - September 16
 - **Next meeting on October 20th**
 - Actions
 - Recommended public messaging
 - Financial assistance guidance documents
 - Initially encouraged conservation
 - As drought conditions persisted, strongly recommended mandatory residential lawn watering bans be enacted by municipalities
 - Guidance on impact assessment





**Drought Emergency in New Hampshire
Recommended Measures for NH Residents**

Reduce Water Use Immediately

- Lawn Watering
- Sink Faucets
- Showerheads
- Clothes Washers
- Toilets

Private Well Owners

- Manage Your Water Use
- Address Water Supply Problems Before Winter
- Financial Preparedness
- Well Location and Basic Information
- Be Safe



**Drought Emergency in New Hampshire
Impact Reporting**

- Drought impacts can be reported using forms on NHDES' homepage
 - Private wells
 - Businesses
 - Public water Systems
- Well drillers report deepened or replaced wells to NHDES (90 day reporting deadline)
- Water systems report water emergencies



Drought Economic Impact Survey for Households on Private Wells

Created: September 2016

As part of the state's emergency response efforts to the drought, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) is gathering information related to private well water availability and drought related economic impacts. The information requested in the below survey will assist the state in identifying the location and severity of drought impacts for assessing drought response needs.

Who should submit this form?

Households on a private well experiencing problems with water supply due to the ongoing drought or households that were experiencing problems, but made repairs to mitigate water supply issues. (This does not include homes on public water systems.)

Why is the information needed?

- To identify and assess drought response needs of individuals not served by public water systems.
- To identify where adverse impacts associated with drought are occurring.
- To quantify the specific economic impacts associated with drought to support potential disaster assistance requests.



Drought Economic Impact Survey for Institutional, Commercial, Industrial, Public Water System and Agricultural Water Users

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Who should submit this form?

Industrial, commercial, institutional and agricultural water users on private wells experiencing problems with water supply due to the ongoing drought or who were experiencing problems, but made repairs to mitigate water supply issues. (This does not include water users solely on public water systems.)

Why is the information needed?

- To identify and assess drought response needs of those not served by public water systems.
- To identify where adverse impacts associated with drought are occurring.
- To quantify the specific economic impacts associated with drought to support potential disaster assistance requests.



2016 Drought Assistance for Homeowners on Private Wells

- Answer calls from private well owners
- Conservation tips
- Well failure symptoms
- Well improvement options
- Private Well Information
- Licensed well drillers and pump installers
- Financial Assistance – USDA loan/grant for very low income households
- Coordinate with local officials to establish emergency water sources
 - NHDES conducts testing if the source is not already a public water system
- Guidelines & prohibitions on “filling” dry wells with bulk water



2016 Drought Guidance for Municipalities and Public Water Systems

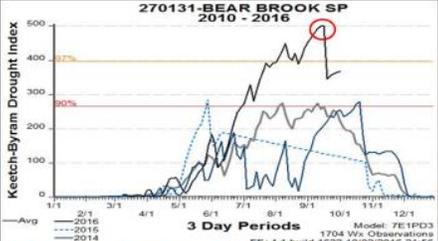
- Drought condition summary
- Water use restriction examples
- Examples available for implementing voluntary and mandatory restrictions
- Promote relationship between towns and community water systems.

 **2016 Drought Response**

- Governor’s September 16th state-wide conference call with municipal officials, health officers and emergency response officials
- Briefing to the Legislature on October 4th.
- Continue to explore private well financial assistance options

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Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI)- specific fire potential assessment, representing net effect of evapotranspiration and precipitation in producing cumulative moisture deficiency in deep duff and upper soil layers. It relates to the flammability of organic material in the ground.



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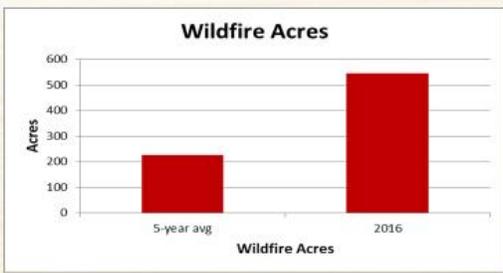
Keetch-Byram Drought Index

3 Day Periods

Department of Resources and Economic Development

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2016 Fire Season YTD: approximately 242% of average acres burned. Most fires this summer and fall have been small, but have burned deep into the ground (> 2 feet) requiring extensive labor. Also, water supplies to suppress fires are dry.



Wildfire Acres

Acres

5-year avg 2016

Department of Resources and Economic Development

Chairwoman Murphy asked about instituting a mandatory lawn watering ban now to give them through the spring to educate people on it. Mr. Kernan stated they could do it now or wait until the spring if the drought persists. She also wanted to know if he would testify in support of a bill to widen the current RSA to encompass commercial businesses and Mr. Kernan stated that he would have to work through their senior management.

Councilor Stevens asked for a list of reliable companies to have water delivered to fill up their wells. Mr. Kernan stated that they have a list for hauling emergency water to small water systems. It’s on their website under Bulk Water Hauling.

Councilor Stevens stated that in some cases public water has been put in, but the houses decided not to connect. She wanted to know what the appropriate steps would be in order for those with wells that have gone dry to see if they can connect. Mr. Kernan stated that they would go to the water company and they would have a process on how to assess the cost with putting a service line in and connecting into the water system. Councilor Duschatko explained the possible costs based on the work that needed to be done.

Councilor Bandazian thanked Mr. Kernan for all of the information he provided. He wanted to know if there were any major winter season uses of water that they should be discouraging. Mr. Kernan stated that their water system data shows that water usage declines substantially in the winter. Chairwoman Murphy wanted Mr. Kernan to explain again how to test the toilet to see if it was leaking. Mr. Kernan said to put a little bit of food coloring in the tank of the toilet and see if it emerges into the bowl of the toilet without flushing within a few minutes. If it does, they should fix the 'flapper' or get a new toilet if it's old.

Mr. Sawyer explained that they had the option of leaving the temporary water ban in place or making it a mandatory ban. Chairwoman Murphy thought the Town's recommendation in the staff report was that a mandatory ban be put in place due to the severity of the situation. Mr. Sawyer stated that it was based on the request that came from the Governor's office on September 16th. Councilor Bandazian liked the voluntary ban because it applied to businesses owners too. Councilor Duschatko thought they were better off maintaining a voluntary ban to hopefully capture a larger percentage of the users. Mr. Sawyer mentioned that there were two flyers that were developed by the Assistant Planning Director to help inform the residents about the ban. Councilor Duschatko mentioned a town wide mailer. Mr. Sawyer thought a town wide mailer would be expensive, but he would pursue that if that's what the Council wanted to do. Chairwoman Murphy mentioned handing out postcards to voters on Election Day along with their ballot. Mr. Sawyer didn't think they could hand it out with the ballot, but they could have a table with information. Chairwoman Murphy suggested handing out postcards out to voters as they exit out the door. Councilor Duschatko suggested putting something on the tax bill before they went out.

Councilor Schneller agreed with Councilor Duschatko, Councilor Bandazian and the Town Manager. Councilor Gilbert also agreed and suggested some sort of presentation at the Town Office. Chairwoman Murphy stated that there was a discussion at the BCTV Board meeting about programming to get the word out.

Councilor Stevens thought if they could put the information in car registration or on the tax bill that would be good. She thought it would be good to do it at the polls in November and in March.

Councilor Bandazian was hoping that in the spring there would be a statute that is broadened to be able to deal with this.

Bill Jennings, BCTV and WBNH manager, explained how they have been trying to get the word out through their media. He thought direct mailing would be the best way to get the word to the residents, but he thought handing out postcards at the election would be good. Chairwoman Murphy thought maybe they could hand out a postcards at the Town Office when residents go to register their vehicle. Other suggestions and ways to get the word out were discussed. Chairwoman Murphy didn't think people would take it seriously until it was a mandatory ban. She wanted to know what point in the spring Mr. Kernan would recommend instituting a mandatory ban. Mr. Kernan

thought it depended on the type of winter they have, but he suggested late March, early April and that the Town should start tracking things in February with the type of winter they are having. Councilor Bandazian suggested that at the first meeting in April the Council could address a mandatory ban if they had poor winter. Councilor Duschatko suggested it even if they have a great winter they may want to look at it.

Chairwoman Murphy took the Slip and Fall Policy out of order.

b. Adoption of Slip, Trip & Fall Policy

Mr. Sawyer explained that Captain Scott Hunter was there representing the Joint Loss Management Committee who worked on this early in the year. The reason for bringing this forward is that the policy would take them a long way into being able to hopefully reduce their workers comp rates and property and liability insurance rates by 2½%.

Scott Hunter, Captain Bedford Fire Department, and member of the Joint Loss Management Committee (JLMC), explained that the JLMC is charged with decreasing workers comp injuries and injuries to the public at Town facilities. They don't have a big problem in Town, but they do get injuries from trips and falls. They've never had a policy on it and the reason this came up was because the JLMC works closely with the Town insurer Primex who offers their Workers' Comp as well as Property & Liability insurance. It was the suggestion from Primex that they have a policy specific to this. He stated that the policy is mostly their suggested language and he reviewed some of the language in the policy. He stated that the cost savings would be 2½% reduction in costs each for Workers' Comp and Property & Liability through Primex. If the Council decides to move forward with this, they may advise the Town Manager to move forward with applying for the program called Primex Prime. Mr. Sawyer clarified that in order to be part of the Primex Prime program, they have to have it documented that they do those things, so that's the reason for the policy.

Councilor Bandazian thought there was a grammatical error under Procedures, #4, and read the sentence, which included, '...who shall endeavor to maintain...' He explained that normally in municipal government they have a lot of discretion in terms of how they allocate resources and they have immunity from liability, because of that, when something is taken out of that discretionary arena and made an administrative task, then there is a liability if they don't fulfill the administrative task. Mr. Sawyer stated that it was the same paragraph that the Town attorney highlighted and he had some re-writing of it that they didn't fully pull in and they thought they covered it. Councilor Bandazian didn't see the recognition of prioritization for the Town's resources; he saw a guarantee of limitless resources to achieve perfection and Chairwoman Murphy agreed. Mr. Sawyer stated that they would work on it and get back to them. Chairwoman Murphy asked for the original language and the rewrite.

MOTION by Councilor Schneller that the Bedford Town Council table this to the next meeting. Seconded by Councilor Duschatko. Vote taken – Motion Passed – 7-0.

Chairwoman Murphy thanked Captain Hunter and acknowledged all the work he has done with Primex in a number of different areas to make sure that the Town is operating as best as it can. She mentioned that he was in the Emerging Leaders Program.

Chairwoman Murphy took the BVI sign out of order.

c. Request for sign for Bedford Village Inn on Town property

Karen McGinley, attorney with Devine Millimet & Branch, represented the Bedford Village Inn companies. They looking for approval from the Town Council for a small directional sign on a small parcel of land at the intersection of Old Bedford Road and Old Bedford Way. The parcel in in the Town's right of way.

Jack Carnevale, president of BVI, explained the issues he's had with people trying to get to the property since the left in/left out is no longer permissible and the need for the sign and how it would help direct them to the property.

Chairwoman Murphy wanted to know about how the sign was positioned. Ms. McGinley stated that the sign was double sided. Mr. Carnevale was working with the sign company to make sure that it doesn't obstruct traffic. He explained that they don't want people to overshoot and have issues finding their property. Ms. McGinley explained that one of the goals was to prevent extra traffic from going down Old Bedford Road North and turning around in someone's driveway or in the school. Hopefully the sign will catch their eye and they will be able to turn where they are supposed to turn. Mr. Carnevale talked about the sign. Councilor Duschatko wanted to know how people would see it at night if it wasn't lit and Mr. Carnevale explained that it is reflective gold leaf and there is also a streetlight there. Ms. McGinley stated that they had to have it far enough back so that snow removal could occur without damage to the sign.

Ms. McGinley stated that she was requested by the Town to change the document from an easement to a license. She could make that change and any other changes the staff has if the Board approves it. They discussed Old Bedford Way and who use and/or access it.

Councilor Bandazian suggested that the Town transfer title to the parcel and they granted the Town an easement for everything DPW needed it for. Chairwoman Murphy pointed out that it wasn't a parcel; it is a right-of-way. Mr. Sawyer stated that they would have to create a non-conforming parcel. They could do a lot line relocation if they discontinued that portion of right-of-way. Councilor Bandazian was concerned about an off-premises sign and an off-premises sign on Town property. Mr. Sawyer stated that they would still have to discontinue that portion of the right-of-way and they would have to merge it into their parcel. They would have to hold public hearings and do the proper notice for a discontinuance. They would have to come up with a price to sell the property. Ms. McGinley noted that the Carnevale property that abuts it is wetlands and would assume that piece would be as well.

Ms. McGinley wanted to know if they would consider approving the license for the sign so that it could be installed now. Chairwoman Murphy was okay with that, but thought the motion should reflect their intent to cede the right-of-way otherwise it leaves the door open. Ms. McGinley mentioned a directional sign on Route 101.

MOTION by Councilor Bandazian that the Bedford Town Council authorize the placement a sign within the right of way at the intersection of Olde Bedford Way and Old Bedford Road for the Bedford Village Inn and Bedford Grand subject to the following conditions:

- 1) The sign is subject to approval of a Conditional Use Permit by the Planning Board.**
- 2) A temporary license agreement will be approved by the Town Attorney, signed by the Town Manager and recorded at the cost of the applicant on the condition that the applicant and Town Manager will exercise due diligence to extinguish the right of way so that the location of the sign comes under the ownership of the applicant with suitable easement rights reserved to the Town.**
- 3) The final location of the sign will be approved as part of the Conditional Use Application with review by the Director of Public Works for compliance with acceptable sight distance.**

Seconded by Councilor Duschatko. Vote taken – Motion Passed –7-0.

Chairwoman Murphy took the BCTV request out of order.

d. Request for use of 2016 BCTV Miscellaneous Funds

Mr. Sawyer explained that the request is to be able to purchase a back-up transmitter, so they don't have the radio station going down again. The use of the BCTV Miscellaneous Funds has always been subject to approval of the Council.

Mr. Jennings explained that they were lucky to get another transmitter overnighted to them. The 2nd transmitter has always been something they've looked at and the plan was to do it in 2017, but they felt it was important to do it now rather than later. Initially the transmitters will be set up so that if one goes down, someone has to be there to move cables. They would like to have that be an automatic process so that the unit is set up so that when one system is down, the other one will automatically come back up.

Mr. Sawyer mentioned that their technology consultant, Randy Prothero, got the alerts that something was going wrong and got to the station very early in the morning. Mr. Jennings added that they have software that will alert him; it was 5:30 in the morning. He was at the station by 6:30. He actually walked from his house, because his car was unavailable and he lives three miles away. Mr. Jennings mentioned that they got the new transmitter within 24 hours, but they were reminded that it was an exception and not normally the rule. Mr. Sawyer thanked Randy for his dedication and service to the community.

MOTION by Councilor Stevens that the Bedford Town Council authorize the use of BCTV miscellaneous funds for the purchase of a second radio station transmitter. Seconded by Councilor Schneller. Vote taken – Motion Passed – 7-0.

Mr. Jennings mentioned that there hadn't been one article in the Bedford Bulletin about the drought or the voluntary watering ban. He thought they should have an article in the paper and the focus would be 'What you should know, what you should do' and it should be on the front page with quotes from Rick.

e. Schedule a Public Hearing on Ordinance-2016-04 to amend Chapter 212, Sewer Use, to add Appendix D, Unbilled Sewer Service Policy

Mr. Sawyer explained that the Water & Sewer Advisory Committee met this morning and did recommend moving the policy forward with one minor change, to add the letter A. He gave the background about unbilled sewer service. If there are any other properties out there, they have a policy in place. Under the policy they would receive a bill for the previous 18 months and then receive bills going forward.

MOTION by Councilor Bandazian that the Bedford Town Council schedule a Public Hearing on Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at 7:00 PM for consideration of Ordinance-2016-04 amending Bedford Town Ordinance, Chapter 212, Sewer Use, to add Appendix D, Unbilled Sewer Service Policy. Seconded by Councilor Duschatko. Vote taken – Motion Passed – 7-0.

f. Adoption of Social Media Policy

Mr. Sawyer explained that this started in 2015 with a committee that was formed that included members of the Council and various departments. It was chaired by Lt. Lambert of the Fire Department. He thanked the committee for all of their work and bringing it together. He thought it was important to have a policy in place. This would be an amendment to the Personnel Policy Manual.

Chairwoman Murphy stated that she and Councilor Stevens were both on the committee and she thought it was definitely the work of everybody in the room. Everyone did their research to make sure the policy reflected what was common in other governmental organizations. They looked at federal departments as a guideline and also looked at small municipalities and saw what they were doing with social media and looked at recommendations that were made. She acknowledged the work of Aaron Lambert who single handedly drafted the first version.

Councilor Bandazian was impressed with the body of work. It was very comprehensive and there are some unique considerations because they are government. He was very impressed with the effort. He thanked Councilor Stevens and Chairwoman Murphy and all of the people who worked on it.

MOTION by Councilor Bandazian that the Bedford Town Council adopt the Social Media Policy as an amendment to the Personnel Policy Manual, Section V, On The Job, new Subsection P. Seconded by Councilor Duschatko. Vote taken – Motion Passed – 7-0.

g. Other New Business – None.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. PFC Update

Mr. Sawyer gave an update on the work that the Merrimack Valley Water District was doing. He stated that the initial results that they've received on the properties near the Merrimack Landfill were below the 70/ppt. Since then, there was some concern that those readings had gone through a different laboratory than all of the other readings they had seen and that maybe there was something wrong with some of those readings. The property with the highest level was retested and sent out to the original lab and it has unfortunately come back with a reading in excess of 100/ppt. It's a remote area so he doesn't know how the State and the Town of Merrimack will solve this situation. DES is now going back and looking at the abutters to that property and doing further expansion of those original tests to see if the problem is isolated to that one property. Regarding the Bedford Landfill, they received two monitoring wells that were in excess of the 70/ppt and DES started a study. They've taken 27 samples and received 22 back and all of those have been very low levels. The Town's own water well that supplies the Transfer Station came back with a reading of 58/ppt. It's not a well that they use for drinking water. Regarding the Saint Gobain study area, about two weeks ago the State sent out 1,000 new requests around the Saint Gobain study area to ensure they have found the outer limits of the contamination. They are meeting tomorrow with the consultant that the Town hired to review the 11 options that Pennichuck Water provided for extending public water to that portion of Bedford. That's the primary solution for them long term. They hope to find out from the consultant which option is the best one to move forward with and a better understanding of cost so they can continue to work with DES and Saint Gobain to bring that construction work forward in 2017. He stated that for weeks they've been saying that those on bottled water would also be receiving in home point of use filtration for drinking water. Now DES might be reconsidering that slightly and only offering that to properties that had tests over the 70/ppt. He has no written confirmation that that change is happening. They are working with DES to try and find a meeting date for those properties that are on bottled water to update them on who would be receiving it, the in-house treatment, and also the process of extending municipal water.

b. Council Retreat Items – None

c. Other Old Business – None.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Public Session – September 28, 2016

MOTION by Councilor Bandazian to approve the minutes of the public session of September 28, 2016. Seconded by Councilor Duschatko. Vote taken – Motion Passed – 7-0

7. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

- 1) The Market and Main mixed use project received conditional approval from the Planning Board on September 26th for the redevelopment of the former Macy's site.
- 2) Pedestrian bridge project has been scored by SNHPC as the top ranked project of all of the project submitted for that grant in our region. There were six communities that submitted a total of six projects and Bedford's project came out number one. That ranking is forwarded from the SNHPC on to NHDOT who makes the ultimate decision on funding and ranking and they use that as a very small percentage of the decision making, but it's good to know that that project has received that recognition for being top in our region for projects to move forward.
- 3) Facilities – Work on the replacement of the parking lot lighting and apparatus bay roof at the Safety Complex has started.
- 4) Roads Program - A full update on the roads program will be presented to the Council at the October 26th meeting. Work continues on Wallace Road between Brick Mill Road and Route 101 and is scheduled to continue into November. Work on Lindahl Road has progressed and base pavement was scheduled for this week. Worthy Road reconstruction mobilization has occurred.
- 5) Personnel – One of our longest serving (28 years) DPW employees, Wayne Harressey has announced his retirement at the end of the year. Wayne has a wealth of knowledge about our fields and facilities having spent many years focused on recreation and he also is an excellent plow operator and will be hard to replace.
- 6) The Fire Department had their open house and it was well attended.
- 7) October 16th – Adult & Senior Movie Matinee, at the Library, 2:00 PM.
- 8) October 31st - Trick or Treating will be on Monday, between 6-8 PM.
- 9) November 8th – General Election, Bedford High School, 7 AM – 7 PM
- 10) November 11th – Veteran's Day, Town Office, Library, Transfer Station closed

8. COUNCILOR COMMENTS

Councilor Schneller mentioned the successful employee appreciation luncheon. He thanked the owners of The Draft, the Sanborns, and T-Bones, Copper Door and all of the businesses that donated gift cards.

Councilor Duschatko thanked Councilor Schneller for all his work in coordinating stuff and getting it done and the work the Chairwoman put in.

Councilor Bandazian appreciated the Councilors who worked hard as well as all of the businesses that contributed.

Councilor Stevens stated 'Go Pats!'

Chairwoman Murphy stated that the Town employees in the Town of Bedford are the people that really do all of the heavy lifting and all of the hard work for the Town every single day. They are the ones that make sure that the streets get plowed and that the potholes are fixed and that calls are answered in a timely manner and whatever questions or concerns the residents have, they are the first to respond. Bedford is a premier community in the State of NH if not the premier community and it is so because of the people that work for the Town. They would not be the town that they are without the employees that they have and she is extremely grateful for all of them and thanked them. The luncheon would not be possible without the generous donations of a number of small businesses throughout the community including Chen Yang Li, Dunkin Donuts, Starbucks; all of the small businesses and restaurants have consistently donated gift cards and helped everybody else out; Councilor Duschatko's title company has consistently and always donated for this event; Tom Boucher and Bill Greiner at the Copper Door who have donated as well as Andy and Laurie Sanborn who own The Draft. Without the support of the people in Town they wouldn't be able to do such things as make sure the Town employees regularly get gift cards to local establishments that they can frequent and truly feel appreciated for all of the hard work that they do.

Mr. Sawyer stated that the employees always come up to him and tell him how appreciative they are that they put this on every year and the words that were said today and repeated tonight; it means a lot to them and he appreciates it as well.

9. NON-PUBLIC – RSA 91-A:3 (if necessary)

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Councilor Duschatko to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Stevens. Vote taken – Motion Passed – 7-0.

The meeting ended at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Boufford