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Hooksett Village Water Precinct

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Hooksett Launches New, User-Friendly Website Design

Granite State Rural Water Association virtually interviewed Superintendent Mike Heidorn with Hooksett Village Precinct in regards to the new and improved website design. After multiple phases of improvement, the website, officially launched in 2019, now features an optimized search engine, online payment portal, budget page, and history section. Heidorn describes the website as a basic public outreach tool that is a must-have in the age of technology. In addition, he says cost is minimal for what it is worth.

In fact, Hooksett Village Precinct's focus was on content rather than cost. Working with website developers, Heidorn describes a multiphase approach with goals to make it more useful, easier to navigate, and more transparent. The website now contains more content, website links, and pictures in an effort to improve professionality. Hooksett Village Precinct has received positive feedback from customers, municipal and state officials who appreciate the improvements. Heirdon describes the new website as an "excellent way to showcase the department and get information out to cus

tomers." The website will continue to undergo edits and updates to keep the information and functions relevant to customers and stakeholders. When asked about the editing process, Heidorn explained that it is a fun and creative endeavor, allowing Hooksett Village Precinct to add their own spin to the design .

If your town, system, or department is interested in an improved website, please consider Rural Water Impact design services as described on page 11.

Our Mission

Supporting public water and wastewater systems by providing training, onsite technical assistance, and legislative representation.

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Board Director's Message

Dear Member,

The men and women who work in the water and sewer industry are no strangers at overcoming adversity. Whatever issues get thrown at us, we are able to assess, adapt, and overcome any obstacle to keep our systems running and our customers happy. Aging workforce, outdated infrastructure, poor record keeping, emerging contaminants, and of course COVID-19 are just some of the issues we need to work through every day. Even during the troubling COVID-19 times, GSRWA employees have showed up to work every day. Our circuit riders have adjusted their face to face interactions to be better socially distanced. GSRWA has worked hard to acquire funding for PPE to be distributed throughout the state.

The organization has also seen a large amount of turn over during these times but we have not missed a beat. In the past few months, we have said hello to a new Source Water Specialist, a new Training & Member Services Director, and a new Executive Director. All employees have been hard at work learning their new roles in order to provide our members with the continued level of service that they are used to. If you call the GSRWA office in Walpole, please make sure to say "Hello" to our new (and promoted!) employees.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact our new Executive Director, Heidi Lauricella, and she will be more than happy to assist you.

Sincerely,
Tony Cavaliere,
Vice President, Board of Directors

From the Executive Director



Dear Member,

These past few months, I have been reflecting on how joining GSRWA four years ago has been a returning to my roots. Most of my professional career has been tied to science, education and supporting non-profit organizations. Focusing on water and wastewater takes me back to my childhood and maybe the reason I am here today.

I believe I was raised with a greater awareness of water and wastewater than the typical kid. My father, now retired, was a civil engineer who specialized in designing wastewater treatment facilities. One of my favorite photographs is of him emerging from a manhole decked out in his not-too-frequently washed coveralls and grinning from ear to ear.

On vacation road trips, my dad would point out pump stations, clarifiers and lagoons as we drove past. Occasionally, this would lead to an impromptu tour. Peering into a settling tank was definitely not on our itinerary and at the time, we would groan and complain. Now those vacation side-trips are a part of family lore.

Lastly, to show off his pride in the profession, my dad used permanent marker to carefully print the word SLUDGE and SEP-AGE across the brim my sister's and my canvas sunhats. I think I was "Sludge" but it was a long time ago and memories are not always precise.

These reflections remind me that by choosing to embrace and celebrate our own work we inspire others.

To our members I ask, who inspired you?

With hope for the future, Heidi Lauricella Executive Director

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February 4, 2021

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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Stephen Lago and I am the Manager of the Longwoods Mobile Home Park in Deering, New Hampshire, which is property owned by Spednik, LLC. We provide water and wastewater management services to over 100 mobile home lots and their residents. We contacted the Granite State Rural Water Association in the summer of 2020 to assist us with mapping the property's water systems, more specifically, the curb stops at each lot and the control valves on the main water lines throughout the park.

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services has been enforcing record drawing regulations in New Hampshire. With the help of Granite State Rural Water Association, and the EPA Training & Technical Assistance program, we are nearing completion of updated, compliant record drawings. These drawings are already improving the quality of water service we provide to our tenants, as we no longer need to turn off water service to the entire community when we experience leaks or other damages to our system.

We are extremely grateful for the valuable service and continued support that the staff of the Granite State Rural Water Association provides to its members.

Sincerely,

Stephen Lago Spednik, LLC

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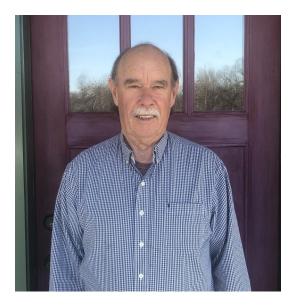
Staff SPOTLIGHT: GSRWA's Policy Analyst, Bill Hounsell

Bill Hounsell works for GSRWA as our Policy Analyst. In this role he keeps tabs on issues that pertain to the water industry and advocates on behalf of our members. The work Bill does includes following legislative bills (primarily at the state level), attending hearings, testifying when appropriate and reporting back to our board.

With the goal of making water, wastewater and energy infrastructure affordable to construct and maintain, Bill connects federal and state funding to the communities taking on improvement projects. The process requires a keen understanding of how Acts are linked to funds and how funds are put into budgets. Continually educating municipalities and creating partnerships is a major focus of Bill's work

Alas, while policy is established in law at the federal and state level, it is not always funded. To address this issue, Bill now facilitates a joint effort between multiple water related associations including GSRWA. By working together, this coalition is able to get the attention of our New Hampshire delegates and make sure they understand what is at stake when essential funds are not attached to enacted laws. When asked about his facilitator role, Bill described himself at the catalyst for a reaction. His mission is to bring collaborative success to municipalities and stakeholders while remaining anonymous in the movement.

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Bill Hounsell, Policy Analyst for GSRWA



GSRWA Welcomes Morgan Carpenter!

Granite State Rural Water Association welcomes Morgan Carpenter as the new Training and Membership Services Director. Morgan has a professional background in management and leadership. Additionally, she comes with educational experience in marketing and a wealth of skills in customer service, account management, and training. Prior to her new role, Morgan worked for a non-profit where she revised the human resource policy and created a tech space for entrepreneurs to pivot during the Covid-19 pandemic.



Morgan Carpenter, GSRWA's new Training and Membership Services Director.

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Morgan Carpenter Joins GSRWA (continued from page 6)

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In her free time, Morgan enjoys spending time with friends and family, camping, hiking, and traveling. She is also involved in choir.

For inquiries regarding training and membership services, please contact Morgan at 603-756-3670 or Morgan@granitestatewater.org

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Much of Bill's work is connected to the State Aid Grant. Bill helps communities through the application process and alerts everyone when there are changes in the program. Currently Bill is monitoring amendments that would eliminate the total amount of State Aid Grant from the Governor's budget. These funds were originally a part of House Bill 412 and House Bill 398. GSRWA and Bill understand the importance of State Aid Grant program and support its reinstatement.

Elected officials, water professionals and water customers all want safe drinking water and clean waterways. Bill is the person who is able to connect these stakeholders thus increasing the odds of making this desire become a reality. We are lucky to have Bill Hounsell as our policy analyst and legislative advocate.







Training Class Schedule



New trainings are always in the works

Please periodically visit our website for the latest information

Date	Course	TCH' s	DES Approved	Mem/Non-Mem	Location
5/4/21	Lead & Copper: New Regulations & Control	2	dw & ww	\$28/\$36	Zoom Webinar
5/13/21	USA Bluebook Lagoon: Managing your Water- front	3	ww	\$35/\$50	Zoom Webinar
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5/20/21	Basic Safety for Water/Wastewater Operators	3	dw & ww	\$35/\$50	Zoom Webinar
5/27/21	Locating Buried Utility	2	dw & ww	\$28/\$36	Zoom Webinar
9/23/21	PFAS New Regulations & Funding	3	dw & ww	\$35/\$50	Zoom Webinar
9/30/21	How to Protect Your Utility from Cyber Attacks	2	dw & ww	\$28/\$36	Zoom Webinar
10/13/21	Handling Distribution Components	6	dw &ww	\$99/\$130	Concord, NH
10/14/21	Chemical Feed: Staying with the Flow	3	dw &ww	\$35/\$50	Zoom Webinar
10/26/21	Backflow, Cross Connection and Meter Change-out	4	dw	\$65/\$88	Franklin, NH
11/2/21	Dealing with High Strength Discharges & Brewery Tour	6	ww	\$99/\$130	Keene, NH
11/4/21	PFAS New Regulations & Funding	3	dw &ww	\$35/\$50	Zoom Webinar
11/16/21	Handling Distribution Components	6	dw &ww	\$99/\$130	Chesterfield, NH
12/9/21	Basic Safety for Water/Wastewater Operators	3	dw & ww	\$35/\$50	Zoom Webinar
12/16/21	Intermediate Blueprint Reading	6	dw & ww	\$99/\$130	Hinsdale, NH

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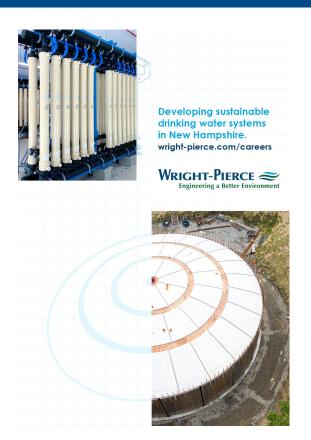
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With any question please contact our training coordinator Morgan Carpenter

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Date: September 14, 2021

<u>Location</u>: Mount Sunapee Resort Newbury, NH

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Once logged in you can add staff member names and emails, renew your membership, check on your renewal date, sign up for classes at the membership rate, access the online membership directory, and download newsletters.

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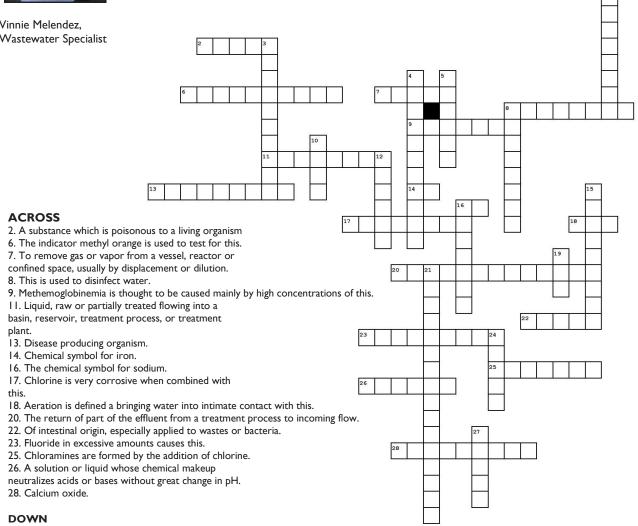




Vinnie Melendez, Wastewater Specialist

Vinnie's Puzzle Corner

Operators, test your general knowledge of water and wastewater systems. Enjoy! -Vinnie



- I. Adsorption operates on the principle of this.
- 3. Centrifugal pump noises will most likely be due to this.
- 4. Water treatment chemical copperas.
- 5. An insect or other organism capable of transmitting germs or other agents of dis-
- 8. The water leaving a centrifuge after most of the solids have been removed is referred to as this.
- 10. A chemical commonly used for coagulation in water treatment
- 12. Having a cloudy or muddy appearance
- 15. A toxic substance is always considered as this.
- 16. A pH value of 7.0.
- 19. Temporary cloudiness in a freshly drawn sample of tap water may be caused by this.
- 21. The amperometric titration method is used to measure this.
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