

# Portsmouth Water and Fire District

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Dear Sir,

The Administrative Board of the Portsmouth Water and Fire District (PWFD) has recently become aware that a section of the proposed Comprehensive Community Plan deals with water and includes various references to PWFD. The Board has not reviewed this section nor had the opportunity to provide any input. It is my understanding that the District's Water Supply Management Plan was sent to Gary Crosby in November of 2017. When the General Manager received the Comprehensive Community Plan – Water Element over a year later, it was only reviewed in relation to the document that was provided to Mr. Crosby.

At its April 16, 2019 PWFD meeting, the Administrative Board voted to request of the Portsmouth Town Council that any formal adoption of this section be delayed until PWFD has received final approval of its Water Supply Management Plan Five Year Update from the Water Resource Board. It is imperative that various planning documents be complementary and consistent. As part of the same vote, PWFD wishes to thoroughly vet any provisions of the Comprehensive Plan that affect PWFD.

The PWFD realizes that the Comprehensive Plan is the responsibility of the Town Council. Nonetheless, there have been unfortunate situations in the past where failure to cooperate and communicate by the Town has resulted in undue and unnecessary expense to the residents of Portsmouth.

Sincerely,



Philip T. Driscoll

Chairman of the Administrative Board of the Portsmouth Water and Fire District

cc: Members of the Portsmouth Town Council  
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