



August 10, 2026

Dear Peterborough Office of Planning and Building,

We understand that a part of New Hampshire (NH) RSA 41:14-a regulations is that any Town performing a real estate transaction must consult with the local Conservation Commission, among others, regarding the proposed disposition of land. Further, we understand that New Hampshire Ball Bearing (NHBB) has offered to purchase the South Municipal Well Site (South Well).

After careful review of the materials provided and discussion at our August 20, 2026 public meeting we recommend sale of the subject property based upon the following:

1. The South Well was decommissioned previously by the Town and will never be able to be used as a drinking water supply. Further, we understand that the recent interconnection with Jaffrey compensates for the lost supply.
2. The purchase by NHBB will allow them to better control land within the limits of the potential plume and assist in continued clean-up actions.
3. Despite NHBB's control of the property the fact that the chemicals of concern will ever likely be fully remediated remains a concern and this land sale will ensure that NHBB controls the land under which the plume lies.
4. Town Counsel has reviewed the proposal and concurs that the sale is a publicly responsible and financially wise act.
5. The Town will continue to receive information on continued clean-up efforts and sampling results from both NHDES and/or EPA or their successors.

Sincerely,

Peterborough Conservation Commission