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MEMORANDUM

TO: Town Manager

FROM: Tim Olson, DPW Director 

DATE: October 4, 2018

SUBJECT: Request to remove the mandatory water ban

The current mandatory water ban set by the Board of Selectmen in June 2017 was originally enacted based on the operational challenges faced at the Hamilton Water Treatment Facility. In July 2018 the Ipswich River flows dropped below the discharge rate of 52.5 cfs for three (3) consecutive days, which triggered a MassDEP mandatory water ban.

DPW would like to provide an update to the Town Manager and Board of Selectmen in regards to the status of the Ipswich River and Water Treatment Facility upgrades. The recent rainfall events observed in Hamilton has allowed the Ipswich River time to recharge resulting in the Ipswich River level to climb above the water ban conservation threshold. DPW would also like to inform the Selectmen and residents of Hamilton that the recent upgrades specific to the filtration process at the Water Treatment Facility are complete which has provided the ability to operate the plant as designed and to meet the public demand.

Although conservation is always necessary and encouraged, considering both of the favorable conditions presented above, the DPW requests the Board of Selectmen to remove the mandatory water ban in accordance with Town Water Conservation Law.

DPW would like to thank all residents and businesses for their understanding and cooperation.

cc: Jim Hankin, Conservation Commission Agent
Russ Stevens, Hamilton Police Chief
Patrick Reffett, Director of Planning and Inspections
Hamilton Water Department