

Town of Hampton



Press Release

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Hampton Force Main Break Official Update

Hampton, NH – The Town of Hampton has been working with NHDES to identify potential sources related to high bacterial contamination near Tide Mill Creek, which flows into Hampton Harbor. On Tuesday, February 2, 2016, a sewer force main failure was identified between the Church Street Pump Station and the Hampton Waste Water Facility. This failure resulted in the discharge of effluent waste water into the Tide Mill Creek Salt Marsh area. The source was located by Hampton DPW Staff and NHDES Officials. Since the discovery, the use of the failed force main has been discontinued and the associated waste water flows have been transferred to a secondary force main. The Church Street Pump Station remains functional.

The Town has notified all appropriate authorities and continues to work with NHDES and other federal, state and local agencies regarding the need to further investigate and remediate this failure. The Hampton Board of Selectman have met in an emergency meeting called on Wednesday afternoon with the Public Works leadership.

The results of recent testing vary in concentration (ranging from 11 MPN/100ml to 1600MPN/100ml) based on the location of the test, and are significantly higher in areas located in the vicinity of the failed force main. Water quality testing on area beaches is ongoing, the results of which will be available on Thursday February 4, 2016.

The Town of Hampton Officials continue to vigorously monitor this situation.

All inquiries, point of contact Town Manager's Office.