

Chair: Melody Sachs: EUT Committee (211 Cross): members of the Committee and the public

My Name is Steve Gorden

I presently serve as Vice Chair of the Yarmouth Water District, am Chair of the Cumberland County Commissioners, and was the Vice President of Corporate Development for AWK. I'm a past Managing Director of the Detroit (Michigan) Water and Sewerage Department – the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest combined water / wastewater organization in the County, a Past President of the New England Water Works Association, and past President of the American Water Works Association - 65,000 international professional member organization.

I am here to support this Charter and organization. Have serving on many utility boards and governmental advisory councils, this utility is one of the better one with which I have been affiliated. Its Board and Management are conservative but entrepreneurial, its foresight and planning are for the life of its assets rather than its bonding and its outlook is for protecting its sources and more than meeting it quality requirements, all the while providing for the future economically. It looks to grow its services in the best interest of citizenry and the towns that it serves. But most of all it has developed, through its manager and its management, an elite young staff that will carry on these efforts.

Why is this important information? Because this Charter before you... is written in an effort to assist in carrying on these goals for the long term whereby its rates will remain conservative while its water potability will always meet the ever increasing governmental quality standards.

Please support our new Charter.

Thank You for your time and service.