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Policy on Public and Private Use of Thomas Hill Standpipe

This policy, adopted on Sept. 19, 2001, reflects the following:

WHEREAS

the primary purpose of the standpipe is the storage of water for public consumption (public health) and for fire protection, and

Thomas Hill Standpipe is a National and American Water Works Association historic landmark, which is in excess of one hundred years old, and is not built to the modern requirements specified for uncontrolled access, and

the standpipe is a beautiful and unique structure that is identified with the City of Bangor, the "Queen City," and

this historic standpipe continues to have significant public interest, and provides important promotional potential for our area, and

a 1994 City of Bangor code enforcement and fire protection inspection of the facility indicated at least six personnel should be assigned to provide for safety and security when open to the public, and

the Bangor Water District typically assigns eight to nine employees to safety and security functions when the standpipe is open during quarterly public tours, and

current insurance coverage and costs are based upon the existing level of public access allowed,

THEREFORE

The Board of Trustees sets the following policy on public and private use of Thomas Hill Standpipe:

1. The District will provide public tours of the standpipe four times per year (once each quarter) unless prevented by extenuating circumstances.
2. Tour dates will be scheduled on an annual basis, with the dates communicated to the public via the District's web site, annual newsletter and other appropriate means.
3. The General Manager will ensure adequate staffing is assigned for safety and security of the standpipe whenever it is open for quarterly tours.
4. To the extent consistent with the District's other responsibilities and mission requirements, the District will support opening the standpipe to the public for educational functions, and significant community or public promotional opportunities, which benefit the District and City of Bangor.
5. Availability of the standpipe for general private or commercial use is not consistent with the purpose or historic condition of the facility, and accordingly the standpipe will not be made available for such purposes without the specific approval of the Board of Trustees.