



# AQUARION

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## **Aquarion Donates Truck to Monroe Public Works Department**

MONROE — Recognizing that municipal budgets are tighter than ever, Aquarion Water Company, which has a facility on Rte. 111, has given Monroe a 2001 GMC Sierra truck that it is retiring from its fleet. This will help fill a gap in the Public Works Department.

Monroe First Selectman Thomas Buzi accepted the truck's keys from Bev Doyle, a Monroe resident and Customer Accounts Manager at Aquarion. Buzi said he was grateful for the donation. "We don't have a lavish budget," he said. "It's more like a shoestring, so this donation will make a big difference for Public Works."

According to Public Works Director Art Baker, the truck will help his department with an important need — a vehicle for the mechanics to stock and drive. "We've always been looking for a mechanics' truck but never had money to afford one," he said.

The truck will save the department time and expense, Baker said, because the mechanics will be able to stock it with materials and tools and drive it to sites where town vehicles and heavy equipment have broken down.

"Before this," he said, "the mechanic would have to drive out to the site, determine what caused the breakdown, and then have the vehicle or heavy equipment towed back to the main garage to work on it. Now everything will be on the truck, so the mechanic will be able to make repairs right at the site.

Baker said the truck also will assist with snow removal.

Aquarion President and Chief Executive Officer Charles V. Firlotte said that, while the company primarily strives to deliver high-quality water and fulfill its role as stewards of the environment, he also recognizes the importance of contributing to the communities Aquarion serves. "Our customer service center and information technology department are in Monroe, and

we wanted to do something that would benefit the town,” Firlotte said. “I’m proud that we were able to fill a need for the Public Works Department.”

Aquarion Water Company, headquartered in Bridgeport, is a water utility company serving 680,000 people in 36 communities throughout Connecticut. It is among the seven largest investor-owned water utility companies in the U.S. and the largest in New England.

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