

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
FEBURARY 22, 2010
5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jack Caten, Niles Busler and Fran McNamara.

GUESTS PRESENT: Supt. Paul Rafuse, Doug Gardner, Pioneer Consulting Group, James Blanchard and Michael MacEachern.

1. The Board reviewed the rate study prepared by Doug Gardner from Pioneer Consulting Group. Doug explained that to determine a price point he had to first establish what we currently collect to what we need, including future projects. With that he explained that the prices need to be increased yearly to ensure that we have enough funds to complete these projects and stay within our budget. Doug gave the option to raise the rate all at once or in phases over the next three years. Doug also suggested that we include in our budget an Emergency repair fund that can be established a town meeting to use incase of main break or contaminated water etc. There was a lengthy discussion regarding what future projects, repairs are needed and what to do with Witches Brook.

Increases are needed just to balance this year's budget. Doug does not care what other towns charge for their water. Each town has a different scenario for producing water. The Board disagrees and wants the comparison to defend the increase to the people at town meeting. Doug will email the Commissioners, with the adjusted budget once he plugs in the new numbers. Doug will be available for a conference call if needed at our March 1, 2010 meeting.

The next scheduled meeting is Monday, March 1, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Boudreau-clerk