

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
MARCH 1, 2010
5:30 P.M.

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Supt. Paul Rafuse, Michael MacEachern and James Blanchard.

Jack opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

The Board met to discuss the inevitable and necessary rate increase to our water. Niles prepared a power point presentation to assist in the process of determining what the unit charge and cubic foot and gallons charge will be to both systems. There was a lengthy conversation as to whether or not go up gradually over three years or all at once. Paul stated that we needed to cover the cost of the future projects and wants to upgrade the meters in a year to radio read. That will be an additional cost over two or three years of \$135,000.

After much discussion the board decided to raise the rate to \$75.00 unit charge for both systems and a rate hike to \$3.00 per hundred cubic feet and \$4.00 per 1,000 gals. In addition the Board agreed that we will begin the rate increase with the October 2010 billing for both systems. Witches Brook residents will be billed in April for three months as well to avoid a more costly increase and we will prorate the unit charge to \$25.00. Everyone will receive notice in their April billing. Paul will contact the town hall to see when the Water Department can hold a public hearing.

Jack adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Boudreau-clerk