

SPECIAL BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2007
5:30 P.M.

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Supt. Paul Rafuse and Jean Dinon – clerk.

Fran opened the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

Paul discussed/reviewed paying arrears due to Witch's Brook Water Company. Paul didn't have time to discuss with Town Accountant via email of town counsel's opinion. Town Counsel strongly discourages payment. Jack didn't like it from the beginning. Niles says to send letter and say to pay bill. You will not have any problem and start fresh with us. Paul agrees with Town Counsel. Paul is going to write a letter to Witch's Brook residents and tell them to pay bill and move on.

Paul discussed/reviewed Witch's Brook/Timberlee Park resident's deed regarding prohibiting the installation of any type of private well. Jack said control well after 30 years of living there. Niles said has issue with deed restrictions. Niles said to check with Rich Hanks, building inspector, or Board of Health on this. Jack said if someone is on town water and wants to put in well that it is pretty strict. Paul is going to get an opinion from Rich Hanks and Board of Health.

Paul discussed/reviewed invoice from Stantec for professional services to perform and administer the evaluation of the Witch's Brook water supply prior to purchasing. The Town Accountant says it has to go to town meeting. Funds that were not appropriated. Jack said if everyone was on board when we were buying Witch's Brook. It has to be approved by selectmen. Paul cannot use surplus funds to pay this bill of Acts of 1920 because it is not new construction. There was a time constraint involved. Paul is on the agenda for next week's selectmen's meeting. Niles feels it is a housekeeping issue and no mal intent was done. Fran said since when do selectmen have to give approval. Jack wants Paul to find out how much extra we have to pay in interest to Stantec. Fran asked if maybe some other town fund can pay it out of and then reimburse it at a later date.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean R. Dinon, Clerk