

SPECIAL WATER COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
JANUARY 21, 2003  
7:30 P.M.

Meeting held at Memorial Hall 272 Main Street, in the Board of Selectmen chambers.

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Dunbar and Francis McNamara; Samuel Briguglio was absent.

GUESTS PRESENT: Supt. Paul Rafuse, Atty. Jacob Diemert, Paul Concemi, Peter Collins, Daniel Murphy, Jim Johnson, Atty. June Riddle, Eric and Judith Aaltonen, Dave Funiolo, Townsend Times, Michelle Carter Sentinel and Enterprise and Brenda Boudreau: clerk

David Dunbar opened the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Paul Concemi asked that Attorney Diemert to review the changes made to the current Enabling Act draft.

Attorney Diemert explained that he mailed a primary list of changes in his January 15<sup>th</sup> letter addressed to Paul and cc to the Selectmen and town counsel. In sub section 6 changes were made that better defines the area excluded from the proposed Water District that is Timberlee Park, currently served by the Witches Brook Water Company. After reviewing the records at the Planning Boards Office, Jake was able to determine that the records were entered by the street names to which he referenced by exclusion.

In section 4 a major change was made in regards to Peter Collins suggestion to adopt a provision to use revenue bonds rather than general obligation bonds unless the taxing authority was exercised by a super majority vote.

In section 6 a reference was added that the super majority vote of 70% is needed at the district meeting as well as a 70% vote on a ballot question, which would be submitted to either the annual or special district election to be held thereafter. This will leave the option open of a general obligation bond only if that vote were to be taken.

In section 13 a minor change was made that referenced a "private water company" to "Witches Brook Water Company" since this is the only water company and excluded territory.

Section 19 added some language to make it clear that the district could use the present method that the town has accepted of collecting water bills and to lien the property to which the water is being supplied.

Peter Collins expressed that with the current crisis of funds and fiscal impact on the town that we should be prepared with the facts and figures that would reasonably represent the intent of the Water Department or the voters will throw it out the window.

Paul Concemi addressed the issue of what would constitute a district meeting? Jake suggested that before the article goes to town that he would draft general bylaws for the impending district.

Paul stated that there might be a few more revisions that could be added but wants to see what demands he needs to address on the issue of as written.

Attorney June Riddle stated she would like to review the district meeting bylaws before the town meeting and feels that we should have a formal financial impact presentation and bylaws in writing in order to be prepared for the town meeting.

The next meeting is unscheduled.

DECISION: The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda A Boudreau, Clerk