

**WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE
TOWN HALL
MINUTES – MARCH 13, 2007**

Members in attendance: Rick Mattila, Chair; Dave Irwin, Vice-chair; Malcolm Brown; Tom Burns; John MacLeod; Joan Meschino; Ed Petrilak.

Not in attendance: Bob Hunter.

Also in attendance: Joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen. Other noted attendees were Mark Forest, Congressman Delahunt's office; Phil Lemnios, new Town Manager; Larry Bingaman, Aquarion Water Co.; Robert Roland, Aquarion Water Co.; Jeff Musich, Wright-Pierce; Paul Weisman, Wright-Pierce.

Meeting Called to Order: 7:40 p.m.

Jeff Musich made the Wright-Pierce presentation to the Board of Selectmen on the results of the study. See attached Slide titles and talking points.

Board of Selectmen asked questions and discussed study results.

Joint meeting concluded and the WRC meeting recessed at 9:00 p.m.

Meeting resumed at 9:10 P.M. in the second floor meeting room.

Selectman-Member Joan Meschino remained at the Board meeting. The chair reviewed what he heard as a directive from the Board: to determine the next steps or tasks that need to be accomplished in moving the project forward, provide a cost estimate for those tasks and incorporate that in an article for the annual town meeting. The Board Chairman suggested the WRC could submit that draft article to the Board by their March 27th meeting, the cut-off date for articles.

The chair directed Wright-Pierce to review their recommended next steps and detail the costs of those steps. The Committee would then meet on Monday, March 26th to finalize the draft of the article.

Discussion commenced on alternative ways these next steps could be funded should town meeting determine it was not affordable at this point. Member John McLeod asked Larry Bingaman for Aquarion, whether the company might consider funding this work as it could benefit them in the future as an additional water source. Mr. Bingaman indicated he could discuss this with management but did not have an immediate answer. He discussed the status of their current plans regarding their effort to improve the efficiencies of their current wells and status of the Free Street Well number 4.

The Committee then discussed having a public meeting. The consensus was we should try for a meeting in April prior to the May Annual Town Meeting. Wright-Pierce indicated they could be

ready for such a meeting to be held tentatively on Saturday, April 21st. They would check their availability for that date.

It was decided that the Committee will meet next on March 26th at 7 PM. John McLeod would look into the availability of the Senior Center. At the meeting in addition to the discussion of the Town Meeting Article and public meeting, we would also discuss the “Considerations for a Facilitated Conversion” survey that we deferred from previous meetings.

Moved to adjourn by D. Irwin, second by J. McLeod. Voted unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 P.M.