

Groton Water Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Of the  
Board of Water Commissioners  
Tuesday, January 13, 2021  
Virtual Meeting using Zoom

**Minutes**

Present are Chairman Jack McCaffrey, Vice Chairman Greg Fishbone, Member James Gmeiner, Superintendent Thomas Orcutt and the Office Assistant Ann Livezey.

Mr. McCaffrey called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Water Rates and Fees – Public Hearing continued

The Chairman opened the continued public hearing on water rates and fees by discussing the revised and corrected spread sheets prepared by the Business Manager after consulting with our billing software vendor, Northern Data. The revised spread sheet now accurately depicts the proper water usage and # of customers in each tier 1 thru 4.

Whitney Pond Well #3:

The Water Superintendent and Mike Ohl updated the Board on the test well work at the Whitney Pond Well Site. The well drillers started today, Tuesday, January 26, 2021 and should be here all week and hopefully wrap up phase #1 of the drilling efforts. Proposed well site #1 only went to a depth of 35 feet on 2 attempts. There is limited water quality testing to be done at 1<sup>st</sup> phase. The location will be moved 10 to 15 feet and re-drilled. Mike Ohl will be submitting a Design Scope and Fee proposal for review and a work flow schedule will be developed.

Superintendent's Report: Water Levels and Pumping, Water Conservation Program

Water Level graphics were sent to the Board earlier this week. Lack of precipitation and snow fall to date does not look promising for the aquifer. February is typically a big snow month, so we need to wait and see. January did see some good rain events, but there was very little improvements to the water levels.

Manganese Open Forum: continuation of discussion

Tom will reach out to the local cable department to set something up.

Other Business: Bills, Minutes, etc.

There were no minutes to approve at this meeting

Mr. McCaffrey made a motion to adjourn at 9:45pm, Mr. Gmeiner seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas D. Orcutt

Water Superintendent