

Discussion Set In Guilderland

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Guilderland Town Board will meet tomorrow night with town residents to informally discuss the development of a single water supply for the densely-populated sections of the community.

The meeting, expected to draw 500 people, will start at 8 p.m. in Guilderland Central High School auditorium.

It is expected the meeting will be a controversial one.

Three alternatives, proposed in December by J. Kenneth Fraser & Associates Engineering firm of Rensselaer, will be discussed.

The town has a choice of:

1. Entering into an agreement with the City of Watervliet and purchase its water from the city's reservoir located in Guilderland. The entire cost would be \$4,694,208.

2. Developing the Hunger Kill which feeds water into Glass Pond (Mill Pond) on Western Avenue at an estimated cost of \$5,924,208. This would give the town, which expects a population of 37,500 by 1990, enough water through 1985.

3. Developing Glass Pond at an estimated cost of \$4,618,042. This would meet the maximum daily water requirements through 1970.

The Rensselaer firm claims the annual charge for development and operation of the Hunger Kill would be \$120.60 per year and for development of Glass Pond \$104.04 per year for persons owning a home assessed at \$2,000.

According to the engineers a total safety yield of 1.1 million gallons per day of ground (located under the surface) can be found in the town.

Because the average daily requirement is expected to be 3.1 million gallons per day and the maximum 6.9 million by 1980, the engineers say the development of ground water sources is impractical.

Therefore, they say, it appears that development of a surface water supply of sufficient quantity to meet requirements for many years would be the wiser choice.