

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY (WPCA)
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday – June 24, 2020
Virtual Zoom Meeting – 6:15 pm

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – A Virtual Public Hearing of the East Granby WPCA which consists of the Board of Selectmen (BOS) was held on Wednesday, June 20, 2020 via Zoom. First Selectman James Hayden opened the hearing at 6:15 pm. Selectman Doering and Selectman Ziobro were present.
2. **PUBLIC HEARING ON SEWER RATES** – No residents or customers attended the virtual hearing which was duly posted on the Town website, signpost and was published in the June 16, 2020 edition of the Hartford Courant under legal notices.

First Selectman Hayden reviewed the proposed rate increase with the WPCA. The town acts as a “pass through” for charges from the MDC to residents since the town does not maintain its own facility. The last town sewer rate increase was in 2018 and since that time the MDC has raised the sewer CCF rates by 25.6%.

Current fees are a fixed residential rate of \$255.00 per six-month period and a fixed commercial customer rate of \$255.00 per six-month period plus a \$4.10 CCF charge for water usage above 40.08 CCF per six-month period.

The proposed rates, if approved, will be effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Sewer bills reflect actual usage and are billed to residents semi-annually. As a result, residents would see an increase in their bills that they will receive in April 2021. The rapid escalation of rate increases by MDC and the time lag of the billing has resulted in sewer fund deficits. It is projected that the sewer fund will sustain a loss of \$105,000 in the current fiscal year. The proposed rate increase will not catch the sewer fund up completely in FY21 but it will reduce the amount of the annual loss. Selectman Ziobro commented that he wants the Town to be very aggressive in communicating to the MDC that fee increases like this can’t continue to happen and that the MDC needs to reduce costs especially regarding legacy retirement benefits.

3. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. **Set Sewer Rates for FY20/1921** – Selectman Doering made the following motion:

Each residential sewer user is to be charged a fixed sewer use charge of \$300.00 per half year billing periods 7/1/20 – 12/31/20 and 1/1/21 – 6/30/21.

Each commercial/industrial sewer user is to be charged a minimum sewer use charge of \$300.00 per half year billing for water usage up to 40.08 CCF. All water usage above 40.08 CCF per half year is to be charged at a rate of \$5.15/CCF for the billing periods 7/1/20 – 12/31/20 and 1/1/21 – 6/30/21.

Rates are to remain in effect until amended.

Seconded by Selectman Ziobro. **Motion approved unanimously.**

4. **ADJOURN:** Selectman Ziobro made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Doering. **Motion approved unanimously** at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
James M. Hayden, First Selectman