

**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY (WPCA)  
PUBLIC HEARING & SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
Town Hall Meeting Room  
Wednesday, June 30, 2021 – 6:30 pm**

1. **Call to Order** – A Public Hearing and Special Meetings of the East Granby WPCA was held on Wednesday, June 30, 2021, at the East Granby Town Hall. First Selectman James Hayden opened the meeting at 6:32 pm. Selectman Doering and Selectwoman Wimpfheimer were present.
2. **Public Hearing on Sewer Rates.** First Selectman Hayden read the legal notice for the Public Hearing which was posted in the June 21, 2021, edition of the Hartford Courant.

*“Notice is hereby given that the East Granby Water Pollution Control Authority will conduct a Public Hearing at the East Granby Town Hall on Wednesday, June 30, 2021, at 6:30 pm for the purpose of setting the sewer user rates effective July 1, 2021. The WPCA will hear comments and accept written communication from users concerning proposed sewer user charges. A copy of the proposed sewer user charges are on file in the Office of the East Granby Town Clerk.*

*James M. Hayden  
First Selectman  
6/21/2021*

***Proposed 2021/2022 Sewer User Charges***

*Whereas the current sewer user fees are a flat fee of \$300.00 and \$5.15 CCF for water usage above 40.08 CCF per half year. The WPCA proposes that effective July 1, 2021, each residential sewer user is to be charged a fixed sewer use charge of \$320.00 per half year billing periods 07/01/2021 – 12/31/2021 and 1/01/2022 – 6/30/2022.*

*Each commercial/industrial sewer user is to be charged a minimum sewer use charge of \$320.00 per half year billing periods of 7/1/2021 – 12/31/2021 and 1/01/2022 - 6/30/2022 for water usage up to 40.08 CCF. All water usage above 40.08 CCF is to be charged at a rate of \$5.41/CCF per half year billing periods 7/1/2021 – 12/31/2021 and 01/01/2022 – 6/30/2022.*

*All rates are to remain in effect until amended. The WPCA will meet immediately after the Hearing to consider and act upon enactment of the proposed rates.”*

First Selectman Hayden reviewed information for the public record that included the following:

- MDC fees increased 10% in 2018; 12% in 2019; 17% in 2020 and 3.1% in 2021.
- East Granby charges are “pass through” and the WPCA tries to recoup what is paid to MDC. Currently the WPCA is running a deficit which we are looking to gradually resolve over a 3–5-year time frame.

- East Granby WPCA charges resident's actual usage which means there is a 9-month lag when MDC raises prices and the town collects. (i.e., January thru June bills are not sent out until September and are due in October. When MDC rates go up it takes the WPCA 9-months to begin to recover the increased costs.
- The proposed increases are 6.5% on the flat charge and 5% on the usage above 40.08 CCF.
- The WPCA is still playing "catch up" with the significant increases by MDC in 2018, 2019 and 2020.
- Estimated expenses through 12 months are \$425,500, current revenue through 12 months is \$316,456 for an anticipate FY21 loss of approximately \$100,000.
- Future consideration should be given to a consultant to evaluate rates, systems and a 5-year plan.

The hearing was closed at 6:38.

### **3. New Business**

- a. Set Sewer Rates for FY 21/22 – Selectman Doering made a motion to set the FY21/22 sewer rates as presented. Seconded by Selectwoman Wimpfheimer. **Motion Approved Unanimously**

- 4. ADJOURN:** Selectwoman Wimpfheimer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Doering. **Motion approved unanimously** at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
James M. Hayden, First Selectman