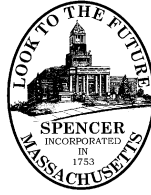


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Minutes of Public Hearing Meeting held December 20, 2021.

Meeting of the Board of Sewer Commissioners held at the Water Department, also, broadcast live from the Spencer Water Department, 3 Old Meadow Rd, Spencer, MA.

Members present: Francis "Frank" White
Lawrence "Larry" Dufault

Sewer staff present: James Laplante, Jr., Supt.
Debra Graves, Sr Clerk

Other present: John Howard, Selectmen
Spencer residents in person and remotely

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

(A Public Hearing handout is on file at the Utilities & Facilities Office)

Discuss Sewer Rates Increase:

- Sewer Commissioners plan multi-stage/year increases to meet appropriation for the upgrade at Wastewater Treatment Plant. Need to act now as this increase are necessary to pay for operations, maintenance and upgrade to the sewer systems. Sewer is an Enterprise Funds paid by sewer users only. No monies from Town, Government or State. Held meeting with Congressman McGovern in July of 2021 for help. Also, traditionally more expensive to run the Sewer plant then Water due to higher energy, chemical, mechanical processes. Sewer Commissioners are trying to reduce cost to user.

Resident questions and answers:

- Support from local and state officials for funding. Wright-Pierce and Tighe & Bond are pursuing any available grants or funding sources.

Larry made a motion to increase sewer user fee by 30% effective January 1, 2022, starting the fourth quarter (April 2022), Frank second the motion, all in favor with a roll call vote: Larry-yes, Frank-yes.

Sewer Usage (per quarter)		FY 2020 Rates	FY 2022 Rates
Cubic-feet per quarter		April 1, 2019	January 1, 2022
0 to 1,500-cubic feet	Flat Rate	\$123.37	\$160.38
1,500-cubic feet to	5,000-cubic feet	\$8.28/100CF	\$10.76/100CF
5,000-cubic feet to	8,000-cubic feet	\$9.03/100CF	\$11.74/100CF
8,000-cubic feet	And beyond	\$9.94/100CF	\$12.92/100CF

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Public Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm motion by Larry, Second by Frank, in favor.

The Board voted and approved minutes on 1/12/22.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debra Graves