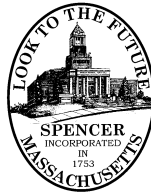


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### **Minutes of Public Hearing Meeting held March 29, 2023**

Meeting of the Board of Sewer Commissioners held at the Memorial Town Hall (McCourt Social Hall), 157 Main St., Spencer, MA.

Members present: Francis "Frank" White  
Lawrence "Larry" Dufault  
Francis X. White, Jr

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

Others: Michael Schrader, Tighe & Bond  
Ryan Siegel, Tighe & Bond

Meeting was called to order at 6:31pm.

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

### **Discuss Sewer Rates Increase:**

- Review Tighe & Bond Sewer System Rate Evaluation. Rates will be reevaluated each year to meet appropriation for the upgrade at Wastewater Treatment Plant. These increases are necessary to pay for operations, maintenance and upgrade to the sewer systems. Sewer is an Enterprise Funds paid by sewer users only. 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 25% for FY2024 effective April 1, 2023, starting the fourth quarter (April 2023), Francis Jr. second the motion, all in favor, Frank. with a roll call vote: Larry-yes, Francis Jr.-yes, Frank-yes.

Sewer Usage (per quarter)		FY 2022 Rates	FY 2024 Rates
Cubic-feet per quarter		January 1, 2022	April 1, 2023
0 to 1,500-cubic feet	Flat Rate	\$160.38	\$200.45
1,500-cubic feet to	5,000-cubic feet	\$10.76/100CF	\$13.45/100CF
5,000-cubic feet to	8,000-cubic feet	\$11.74/100CF	\$14.68/100CF
8,000-cubic feet	And beyond	\$12.92/100CF	\$16.15/100CF

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Residential sewer fees for property deriving its main supply of potable water from a source other than “Municipal Water Supply” will be charged \$200.48 for a single bedroom and \$65.40 for each additional bedroom per quarter.

Public Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm motion by Larry, Second by Frank, in favor Francis Jr.

*The Board voted and approved minutes on 4/12/2023*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debra Graves