

**EAST LYME WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING I
Tuesday, OCTOBER 27th, 2015
MINUTES**

The East Lyme Water & Sewer Commission held a Public Hearing on October 27, 2015 at Town Hall, 108 Pennsylvania Avenue, Niantic, Connecticut to hear comments regarding proposed revisions to rates and charges for connection to and the use of the East Lyme Water System.

PRESENT: Kevin Seery, Acting Chairman, Steve DiGiovanna, David Jacques, Dave Murphy, Joe Mingo, Carol Russell, Roger Spencer, Dave Zoller,

ALSO PRESENT: Brad Kargl, Municipal Utility Engineer
Joe Bragaw, Public Works Director
Attorney Edward O'Connell, Town Counsel

ABSENT: Mark Nickerson, Chairman, Dave Bond

FILED IN EAST LYME
CONNECTICUT
OCT 29 2015 AT 2:35 AM
William Zoller, Jr.
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was observed.

Public Hearing I

◆ **Proposed Revisions to rates and charges for connection to and the use of the East Lyme Water System**

Acting Chairman Seery called the Public Hearing to order at 6:32 PM. He noted that the notice had been published in the local newspaper, The Day with the Publisher's Certificate dated October 16, 2015 attached. They would hold the public hearing on the Sewer rate changes separately after the close of this public hearing.

Mr. Bragaw, Public Works Director noted that the proposed rates represent a 1½% increase and recapped that last year they had an 5% increase and that in years prior to that the increases also were quite substantial as they were trying to get back on track. He said that the main items here are the cost of electricity, wages and benefits and a new truck. He noted that the differences from the current rates are minimal.

Mr. Seery asked if there were any members of the public who wished to comment –
There were none.

Ms. Russell asked about the current billing period and how they came out regarding revenues. Mr. Bragaw said that they came in a bit lower than expected. He noted that March was a very difficult month and they had for the first time in a long time read all of the meters. As they had previously estimated those that they could not read, this is sometimes the outcome as the adjustment is made when the meter is actually read. He said that this puts them on a good footing to have all of the meters read going forward.

Mr. Seery asked if there were any other comments –
Hearing none –
Mr. Seery called for a motion to close this Public Hearing.

****MOTION (1)**

Mr. Murphy moved to close this Public Hearing.

Mr. DiGiovanna seconded the motion.
Vote: 8 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

Mr. Seery closed this Public Hearing at 6:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Zmitruk,
Recording Secretary

PUBLISHER'S CERTIFICATE

State of Connecticut
 County of New London, ss. New London

Personally appeared before the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for said County and State, Gabrielle Hodge, Legal Advertising Clerk, of The Day Publishing Company Classifieds dept, a newspaper published at New London, County of New London, state of Connecticut who being duly sworn, states on oath, that the Order of Notice in the case of

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A true copy of which is hereunto annexed, was published in said newspaper in its issue(s) of

10/16/2015

Cust: TOWN OF EAST LYME WATER & S
 Ad #: d00624951

TOWN OF EAST LYME WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING RE WATER RATES AND CHARGES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of a Public Hearing to be held by the East Lyme Water and Sewer Commission at the East Lyme Town Hall on Tuesday October 27, 2015 to consider proposed revisions to rates and charges for connection to and the use of the East Lyme water system. This water rate public hearing will commence immediately after the conclusion of a public hearing to be held on said date at said place regarding sewer rates. The proposed water rates and charges are as follows:

SCHEDULE I - RATES FOR USAGE based on meter readings at six month intervals.

Minimum charge per six month period, for usage up to a maximum of 3,500 gallons per six month period	Rate
	\$50.33
3,501 gallons, to 50,000 gallons per six month period	\$4.06/1,000 gallons
3,501 gallons, to 675,000 gallons per six month period	\$4.48/1,000 gallons
3,501 gallons to over 675,000 gallons per six month period	\$4.89/1,000 gallons

SCHEDULE II - MISCELLANEOUS WATER CHARGES

Application for Connection Permit	
Class 'A'- Residential	\$100.00
Class 'B'- Multi Family and Commercial	\$200.00
Class 'C'- Industrial	\$500.00
Demolition/Disconnect-Any Class	\$50.00
ANNUAL PRIVATE HYDRANT CHARGE	\$200.00
ANNUAL FIRE SPRINKLER CHARGE	\$200.00
METER CHARGES (FLAT RATE)	
Meter Deposits	
5/8-3/4"	\$70.00
1"	\$93.00
1 1/2"	\$140.00
2"	\$187.00
3"	\$280.00
Frozen Meter Repair (normal working hours)	\$75.00
Frozen Meter Repair (after normal working hours)	\$120.00
Install/Disconnect Meter (normal working hours)	No Charge
Install/Disconnect Meter (after normal working hours)	\$120.00
Meter Test (accurate within 2%)	\$75.00
Meter Test (meter error > 2%)	No Charge
SALE OF WATER DEPT. STOCKED MATERIALS	Cost, incl. shipping, plus 12% admin. fee
INSPECTION SERVICES	
During Normal Working Hours	\$65.00/hour
After Normal Working Hours	\$97.50/hour
TURN ON/SHUT OFF (FLAT RATE)	
During Normal Dept. Working Hours	No Charge
After Normal Dept. Working Hours	\$120.00
Seasonal Customer Turn On/Off > 1 per year	\$100.00
Turn On (after shut off for nonpayment of water bill, during normal working hours)	\$75.00
CONNECTION CHARGES	
All services	\$2,500.00 min (actual cost)

The revised rates and charges shall be effective on November 1, 2015. Rates for usage shall be payable at six months intervals. All other rates shall be payable at the time services are rendered.

Dated at East Lyme, Connecticut on this 15th day of October, 2015

EAST LYME WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION

By _____
 Mark Nickerson, W&S Commission Chair

(Signature)

 Subscribed and sworn to before me
 This Friday, October 16, 2015

(Signature)

 Notary Public
 My commission expires 3/31/19

Attachment Water Rates PH 10/27/15