

**EAST LYME WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING I
Tuesday, OCTOBER 25th, 2016
MINUTES**

The East Lyme Water & Sewer Commission held a Public Hearing on October 25, 2016 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 Sewer System.

PRESENT: Mark Nickerson 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, Attorney Mark Zamarka - Town Counsel
Anna Johnson, Finance Director

ABSENT: Dave Bond

FILED

Pledge of Allegiance
The Pledge was observed.

Oct 28 20 16 AT 16:02 AM/PM
(Karen Zmitruk)
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Public Hearing I

♦ **Proposed Revisions to rates and charges for connection to and the use of the East Lyme Sewer System**

Mr. Nickerson noted that the legal notice had been published in The Day on October 14, 2016. (Copy attached)

Joe Bragaw, Public Works Director explained the proposed 8% increase in the sewer rates and the 10% rate increase for the highest users. An increase is also being proposed for Inspection Services. The rate increases are due to the loss in revenues from the prison due to the declining prison population. He noted that there would be no new equipment purchased this year and that there is a need for this increase due to the aging sewer system. (Information attached)

Mr. Nickerson called for any member of the public who wished to comment – There were no comments.

Mr. Nickerson asked if any of the Commissioners had any comments or questions. Hearing none –

Mr. Nickerson called for a motion to close this Public Hearing.

****MOTION (1)**

Mr. DiGiovanna moved to close this Public Hearing.

Mr. Spencer seconded the motion.

Vote: 8 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

Mr. Nickerson closed this Public Hearing at 6:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Zmitruk,
Recording Secretary

TOWN OF EAST LYME
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION
NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF SEWER RATES

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 25, 2016 to consider proposed revisions to the rates and charges for connection to and the use of the East Lyme sewerage system. The sewer rate public hearing will commence at 6:30PM. The proposed sewer rates and charges are as follows:

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

	Rate
Minimum charge per six month period, for usage up to a maximum of 3,500 gallons per six month period	\$36.85
3,501 gallons, to 2,500,000 gallons per six month period	\$7.67/1,000 gallons
3,501 gallons, to over 2,500,000 gallons per six month period	\$7.81/1,000 gallons
Unmetered, per six 6 month period	\$201.70

SCHEDULE II - MISCELLANEOUS SEWER CHARGES

Application for Connection Permit	\$100.00
Class 'A'- Residential	\$200.00
Class 'B'- Multi Family and Commercial	\$500.00
Class 'C'- Industrial	\$50.00
Demolition/Disconnect-Any Class	\$50.00

Cost, incl. shipping, plus 12% admin. fee	
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INSPECTION SERVICES

During Normal Working Hours	\$70.00/hour
After Normal Working Hours	\$105/hour

These proposed rates and charges would be effective on November 1, 2016. Rates for usage shall be payable at six month intervals. All other rates shall be payable at the time services are rendered.

The owners of properties against which the revised rates and charges are to be levied and other interested persons are invited to attend and be heard.

Dated at East Lyme, Connecticut on this 14th day of October 2016

EAST LYME WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION

Mark Nickerson, W&S Commission Chair

10-14-16

TOWN OF EAST LYME
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION
NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF WATER RATES

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 25, 2016 to consider proposed revisions to rates and charges for connection to and the use of the East Lyme water system. The water rate public hearing will commence immediately after the conclusion of a public hearing to be held on said date at said place regarding the sewer rates. The proposed water rates and charges are as follows:

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

	Rate
Minimum charge per six month period, for usage up to a maximum of 3,500 gallons per six month period	\$57.85
3,501 gallons, to 40,000 gallons per six month period	\$4.26/1,000 gallons
3,501 gallons, to 675,000 gallons per six month period	\$4.70/1,000 gallons
3,501 gallons, to 2,500,000 gallons per six month period	\$5.13/1,000 gallons
3,501 gallons, to over 2,500,000 gallons per six month period	\$5.65/1,000 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)	\$100.00
Frozen Meter Repair (after normal working hours)	\$150.00
Install/Disconnect Meter (normal working hours)	\$100.00
Install/Disconnect Meter (after normal working hours)	\$150.00
All Meter Tests	\$75.00

SALE OF WATER DEPT. STOCKED MATERIALS
Cost, incl. shipping, plus 12% admin. fee

INSPECTION SERVICES
During Normal Working Hours \$70.00/hour
After Normal Working Hours \$105/hour

TURN ON/SHUT OFF (FLAT RATE)
During Normal Dept. Working Hours (includes turn on & off and charged at the time of the turn on) \$75.00
After Normal Dept. Working Hours \$120.00

CONNECTION CHARGES
All services \$2,500.00 min (actual cost)

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Dated at East Lyme, Connecticut on this 14th day of October, 2016

EAST LYME WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION

Mark Nickerson, W&S Commission Chair

Attachment

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PUBLIC HEARING ON SEWER RATES

**October 25, 2016
6:30PM at the EL Town Hall**

Attachment PHI WES 10/25/16

PUBLIC HEARING ON SEWER RATES

October 25, 2016 6:30PM at the EL Town Hall



What are the proposed changes?

1. We are proposing an 8% rate increase for all accounts up to 2,500,000 gallons per six month period
2. We are proposing an additional usage category for over 2,500,000 gallons per six months for our highest users, which is being proposed for a 10% rate increase.
3. Inspection Services are proposed to go up from \$65/\$97.50/hr (Reg/OT) to \$70/105/hr.

Why the increases are needed?

1. We are seeing a 38% decrease in flows from the prisons since March of this year causing a reduction in revenue from FY 15-16 of \$177k. The prisons are by far our largest customer.
2. The Commission approved a 1.5% operating budget increase in April for this fiscal year. Because of the reduced revenues, we are making mid-year cuts in the amount of \$135k from our current year budget. This will make this year's budget \$104k less than last year's (4.93% reduction)
3. There will be no new equipment purchased in this fiscal year.
4. The sewer system is now over 20 years old and we are seeing more needed repairs throughout the entire system. Some of the major pump station repairs can be over \$20k at any one time.
5. We need this rate increase to provide the revenue to maintain our aging system.

East Lyme Water and Sewer Commission

**Analysis of Proposed Sewer Rates (8% Increase)
Six Month Billing Period
10/20/2016**

	Use Category	Gallons	Existing Rate (per 1000 gal)	Charge per 6 mo.	Rev. Rate (8% Incr.) (per 1000 gal)	Charge per 6 mo.	Difference per 6 mo.
1	Low User						
	10,000 gal/6 mn	10,000	\$7.10	\$71.00	\$7.67	\$76.70	\$5.70
2	Medium User						
	40,000 gal/6 mn	40,000	\$7.10	\$284.00	\$	\$306.80	\$22.80
3	High User						
	150,000 gal/6 mn	150,000	\$7.10	\$1,065.00	\$	\$1,150.50	\$85.50
4	Very High User						
	1,000,000 gal/6 mn	1,000,000	\$6.93	\$6,930.00	\$	\$7,670.00	\$740.00

**TOWN OF EAST LYME
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PROPOSED SEWER RATES**

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

Rate

Up to 2,500,000 gallons per six-month period	\$7.67/1,000 gallons
2,500,000 gallons and over per six-month period	\$7.81/1,000 gallons
Unmetered, per six 6 month period	\$201.70

SCHEDULE II – MISCELLANEOUS SEWER 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
Sale of Stocked Material	Cost, incl. shipping, plus 12% admin fee
Inspection Services	
During Normal Working Hours	\$70.00/hour
After Normal Working Hours	\$105.00/hour

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The owners of properties against which the revised rates and charges are to be levied and other interested persons are invited to attend and be heard.

Dated at East Lyme, Connecticut on this 14th day of October 2016

EAST LYME WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION

Mark Nickerson, W&S Commission Chair

**TOWN OF EAST LYME
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION
NOTICE OF ADOPTED SEWER RATE AND CHARGES**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 27, 2015, the East Lyme Water and Sewer Commission approved the following revised schedule of rates and charges for connection to and use of the East Lyme sewerage system.

	<u>Rate</u>
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
 Sale of Stocked Material	 Cost, incl. shipping, plus 12% admin fee
 Inspection Services	
During Normal Working Hours	\$65.00/hour
After Normal Working Hours	\$97.50/hour
 Usage, based on metered water readings at billing intervals	
Metered	\$7.10/1,000 gallons
Unmetered, per six 6 month period	\$177.50

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

The owners of properties against which the revised rates and charges are to be levied are hereby notified that any appeals from the revised rates and charges must be taken within twenty-one days after the date this notice was filed with the East Lyme Town Clerk on October 30, 2015.

Dated at East Lyme, Connecticut on this 27th day of October 2015

EAST LYME WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION

By _____
Mark Nickerson, W&S Commission Chair

Sewer Rate Survey - 2013

By Tighe & Bond

No.	System	Annual Cost	No. of Accounts
1	Redding, Town of / Georgetown Sewer District	1,469.00	78
2	New Hartford, Town of	1,467.36	NR
3	Tolland, Town of	860.40	70
4	Ledyard, Town of - WPCA	748.00	NR
5	Trumbull, Town of	679.00	NR
6	Litchfield, Town of	671.00	300
7	Woodstock, Town of	636.48	
8	Norwich, Public Utilities	635.06	7,270
9	Sprague, Town of	589.00	518
10	Bethel, Town of	579.84	NR
11	Bridgeport, City of	570.82	29,500
12	Wesport, Town of	561.60	NR
13	Portland, Town of	536.00	1,700
14	Winchester / Winsted	533.12	2,643
15	Jewett City - Department of Public Utilities	524.00	1,200
16	Watertown Fire District	519.84	NR
17	Newtown, Town of	504.79	1,200
18	Colchester, Town of	495.76	2,000
19	Waterford, Town of (Utility Commission)	484.14	6,900
20	Wallingford, Town of	467.00	15,000
21	East Lyme, Water & Sewer Commission	462.24	3,360
22	Stamford, City of	449.00	100,000
23	Ellington, Town of	440.00	NR
24	Stonington, Town of	434.00	10,600
25	Vernon, Town of	421.92	18,250
26	Plainville, Town of	420.00	17,000
27	Southington, Town of	415.68	28,500
28	Deep River, Town of	415.00	1,000
29	New Milford Water Pollution Control Authority	408.00	NR
30	West Haven, City of	408.00	27,500
31	Ridgefield, Town of	400.00	2,000
32	Meriden, City of	394.68	60,000
33	Manchester, Town of	393.60	10,121
34	Greater New Haven WPCA	392.80	49,000
35	Stratford, Town of	375.00	NR
36	South Windsor, Town of	374.00	21,600
37	Cheshire, Town of	370.00	5,000
38	East Granby, Town of	370.00	285
39	Putnam, Town of	367.40	3,000
40	Montville, Town of	352.00	3,500
41	Windsor Locks, Town of	351.36	4,981
42	Hebron, Town of	350.00	744

43	Waterbury, City of	345.00	25,000
44	Groton, Town of	336.00	5,835
45	Seymour, Town of	336.00	4,400
46	Simsbury, Town of	335.00	4,595
47	Thompson, Town of (WPCA)	335.00	NR
48	Thomaston, Town of	333.00	2,764
49	New London Public Utilities	332.00	7,000
50	East Windsor, Town of	326.00	NR
51	Canton, Town of	321.60	2,144
52	Berlin, Town of	313.92	2,450
53	East Hampton, Town of	310.00	9,250
54	Avon, Town of	306.00	4,235
55	Milford, City of	306.00	29,000
56	Morris, Town of	300.00	300
57	Killingly, Town of	292.92	3,500
58	Coventry, Town of	290.00	887
59	Suffield, Town of	283.00	3,110
60	Farmington, Town of	282.00	24,000
61	Fairfield, Town of	278.40	16,500
62	Metropolitan District - Hartford, CT	278.00	93,000
63	Middletown, City of	276.28	11,299
64	Norwalk, City of	275.00	84,500
65	Windham, Town of	273.00	4,200
66	New Britain, City of	272.64	70,000
67	Naugatuck, Borough of	265.00	NR
68	Derby, City of	256.80	NR
69	Granby, Town of	256.80	633
70	Somers, Town of	255.00	240
71	Glastonbury, Town of	252.48	17,800
72	Plymouth, Town of	250.00	NR
73	Salisbury, Town of	250.00	600
74	North Haven, Town of	245.00	17,800
75	Enfield, Town of	244.00	23,000
76	Plainfield, Water Pollution Control	240.00	15,000
77	Bristol, City of	238.00	53,100
78	Stafford, Town of	236.00	2,247
79	Brooklyn, Town of	234.00	550
80	Danbury, City of	199.00	9,488
81	Shelton, City of	198.00	24,000
82	Torrington, City of	196.00	11,850
83	Cromwell, WPCA	195.00	4,878
84	Wolcott, Town of	185.00	3,021
85	Middlebury, Town of	100.00	1,700
86	Greenwich, Town of		17,748

Based on "typical" annual residential cost assuming consumption of 72,000 gal/year