

**EAST LYME WATER & SEWER COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEARING II  
Tuesday, OCTOBER 22nd, 2019  
MINUTES**

The East Lyme Water & Sewer Commission held a Public Hearing on October 22, 2018 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. Chairman Nickerson opened this Public Hearing at 6:38 PM immediately following the previous Public Hearing.

**PRESENT:** Mark Nickerson, Chairman, Dave Bond, Dave Jacques, Dave Murphy,  
Carol Russell, Roger Spencer, Dave Zoller

**ALSO PRESENT:** Joe Bragaw, Public Works Director  
Ben North, Municipal Utility Engineer  
Kevin Seery, BOS Ex-Officio  
Mark Zamarka, Town Counsel

**ABSENT:** Steve DiGiovanna, Joe Mingo

The Pledge was previously observed.

**Public Hearing II**

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

Chairman Nickerson called this Public Hearing on the proposed Water rates to order at 6:38 PM.

Mr. Bragaw explained that these rates had undergone the same process. The water side had an approved 2.75% operating budget increase with the 2% rate increase across the board on all rates. He said that he does not see any reason to deviate from this. He noted that there are 8500 water customers and 3500 sewer customers. He said that everyone should be seeing the November bill in a few days. He added that the ad had run in the newspaper for both Public Hearings. Also, the new meter project will be unfolding very soon and the first reimbursement payment on the meter deposits should be commencing with the May 2020 billing.

Mr. Nickerson called for any members of the public who wished to comment –

Hearing no one –

Mr. Nickerson asked if any of the Commissioners had any questions –

Hearing none –

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

**MOTION (1)**

Mr. Murphy moved to close this Public Hearing.

Ms. Russell seconded the motion.

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

Mr. Nickerson closed this Public Hearing at 6:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Zmitruk,  
Recording Secretary

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Oct 29 2019 AT 10:14 AM/PM

Karen Zmitruk  
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

**TOWN OF EAST LYME  
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION  
NOTICE OF PROPOSED 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 22, 2019 to consider proposed revisions to the 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 time and 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.

	<u>Rate</u>
Minimum charge per six-month period, for usage up to a maximum of 3,500 gallons per six-month period	<b>64.13</b>
<u>3,501 gallons</u> , to 40,000 gallons per six-month period	<b>\$4.72/1,000 gallons</b>
<u>3,501 gallons</u> , to 675,000 gallons per six-month period	<b>\$5.21/1,000 gallons</b>
<u>3,501 gallons</u> to 2,500,000 gallons per six-month period	<b>\$5.69/1,000 gallons</b>
<u>3,501 gallons</u> to over 2,500,000 gallons per six-month period	<b>\$6.86/1,000 gallons</b>

**SCHEDULE II – MISCELLANEOUS WATER CHARGES**

State Assessment Fee from CT DPH divided up equally over the year (\$1 per 6-month bill)	\$2.00/customer/year
Meter Service/Maintenance Fee divided up equally over the year (\$12.50 per 6-month bill)	\$25.00/customer/year
Application for Connection Permit	
Class 'A'- Residential	\$105.00
Class 'B'- Multi Family and Commercial	\$210.00
Class 'C'- Industrial	\$525.00
Demolition/Disconnect-Any Class	\$55.00
 ANNUAL PRIVATE HYDRANT CHARGE	 <b>\$215.00</b>
 ANNUAL FIRE SPRINKLER CHARGE	 <b>\$215.00</b>
 SALE OF WATER DEPT. STOCKED MATERIALS	 Cost, incl. shipping, plus 12% admin. fee

## METER CHARGES (FLAT RATE)

Frozen Meter Repair (normal working hours)	<b>\$107.10</b>
Frozen Meter Repair (after normal working hours)	<b>\$165.75</b>
Install/Disconnect Meter (normal working hours)	<b>\$107.10</b>
Install/Disconnect Meter (after normal working hours)	<b>\$165.75</b>
All Meter Tests	\$80.00

## INSPECTION SERVICES

During Normal Working Hours	<b>\$75.00/hour</b>
After Normal Working Hours	<b>\$112.00/hour</b>

## TURN ON/SHUT OFF (FLAT RATE)

During Normal Dept. Working Hours (includes turn on & off and Charged at the time of the turn on)	\$80.00
After Normal Dept. Working Hours	\$125.00

## CONNECTION CHARGES

All services	\$2,500.00 min (actual cost)
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These proposed rates and charges would become effective on November 1, 2019 if approved. Rates for usage shall be payable at six months intervals. All other rates shall be payable at the time services are rendered unless otherwise noted.

The owners of properties against which the proposed 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019

EAST LYME WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION

Mark Nickerson, W&S Commission Chair