

THOMASTON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY  
PUBLIC HEARING 10/18/2011

**Present:** Ch. Mueller, Vice-Ch. Fainer, Comms. Piscopo, Ciarlo, Keutzer and Madow, Plant Supt. Rich Tingle and Patricia Bidmead, WPCA Secretary.

**Others Present:** Anthony Durso, Cindy Doyle, Diane LaBonte, Leon Totten, Mary Totten, David Boisvert, Beverly St. Pierre, David Ernst, Jeannings Stella and Alec Johnson.

This Public Hearing was held in the matter of increasing the sewer user fee from the current charge of \$6.25 per thousand gallons to a proposed increase of \$6.61 per thousand gallons pursuant to the provisions of Section 7-255 of the Connecticut General Statutes. This meeting was taped for future reference.

Ch. Mueller called the hearing to order at 7:00PM and then proceeded to read the Public Hearing notice that was published in the newspaper. He then introduced the Board members and staff to those present.

At this time Ch. Mueller opened the floor to those present for public comment.

A lengthy discussion ensued between the residents and Board whereas the residents expressed their concerns of the increase. The following letters were read from those who could not attend , 2 from business owners David LaManna and Gary LaManna and 1 from a single mom, Heather Hill, who rents an apartment on Pleasant St. from these business owners. All Board members gave their input on these concerns, answered all questions and explained the need for this increase.

At this time Vice-Ch. Fainer referenced the budget process that is used to arrive at the new figures as well as his concern for the appropriate sinking fund requirements. Comm. Piscopo stated how the Board discussed at great length all the same ideas that were brought up at this meeting and that it was not an easy decision for the Board. Comm. Madow stated how it is a tough balance to weigh for the Board to assure that the facility runs efficiently so that there are no problems for the residents. He also stated that the Board will give careful consideration with regards to what was discussed at this meeting.

On a motion by Piscopo, seconded by Madow, it was voted to close the Public Hearing at 8:18PM. Motion carries.

Patricia Bidmead  
Secretary WPCA