

**TOWN OF GRANBY
GRANBY WATER POLLUTION
CONTROL AUTHORITY
SPECIAL MEETING**

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April 17, 2023

Members Present: First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino
 Selectman Frederick A. Moffa
 Selectman Kelly O. Rome
 Selectman Margaret Q. Chapple
 Selectman Mark C. Neumann

Others Present: Scott A. Nolan, Town Clerk
 Abigail Kenyon, Community Development Director
 Kimi Cheng, Finance Director
 Kirk A. Severance, Public Works Director

The Hon. Mark H. Fiorentino, First Selectman called the special meeting of the Granby Water Pollution Control Authority (GWPCA) to Order at 6:48 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room 15 North Granby Road, Granby, CT 06035.

I. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Granby Water Pollution Control Authority (GWPCA) Setting Sewer Rates

First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino reminded members of the Granby Water Pollution Control Authority that each year the Granby Water Pollution Control Authority assesses users for the cost of sewer use and that user costs cannot be passed on to the general taxpayers. First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino further explained that the sewer use fees are deposited into the sewer utility fund which is then used to pay the Town of Simsbury for the use of the water treatment plant.

First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino noted to members of the Granby Water Pollution Control Authority that under current rates, residential users are charged \$220 per unit up to 55,000 gallons and for anything over 55,000 gallons residential users are charged \$0.0065 per gallon. First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino further explained that commercial/industrial users are charged \$308 per unit up to 100,000 gallons and that for anything over 100,000 gallons, they are charged \$0.0065.

Selectman Kelly O. Rome made a motion for the adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Granby Water Pollution Control Authority (GWPCA) approves setting the 2023-24 sewer rates for residential users at a minimum of \$250 per unit up to 60,000 gallons per year and for commercial/ industrial users at a minimum of \$350 per unit up to 110,000 gallons per year. For all gallon usage (residential and commercial/industrial) above the minimum, \$0.0065 per gallon will be charged. For unmetered residential

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properties, a 50% surcharge will be applied, which is \$375 per unit. All commercial properties must have a water or sewer meter or a use analysis performed by the town's engineer.

The motion was seconded by Selectman Frederick A. Moffa which passed by a unanimous voice vote (5/0/0) **MOTION CARRIES.**

B. Consideration of Sewer Connection Charge for Future Sewer Connections

Abigail Kenyon, Community Development Director informed members of the Granby Water Pollution Control Authority that in 2018 the Granby Water Pollution Control Authority reviewed its Sewer Assessment Policy, and several changes were made. Abigail Kenyon, Community Development Director further explained that one of the changes was to increase the residential connection fee from \$800 to \$1,000 per unit and that the current connection charges are as follows; residential \$1,00 per unit, Commercial \$1,900 per 2,500 sq. ft., Industrial \$1,900 per 2,500 sq. ft. Abigail Kenyon, Community Development Director also noted that the connection charge is a one - time fee that is paid when a building permit is submitted for a particular unit that will be connected to the sewer and that connection charges are deposited into the sewer assessment fund which is then used to pay for upgrades to the water treatment plant. Abigail Kenyon, Community Development Director informed members of the Granby Water Pollution Control Authority that there are not always enough funds in this account to cover expenses, therefore, some funds are taken from the sewer utility fund to make up for the shortfall Abigail Kenyon, Community Development Director went on to explain that a review of future costs and current balance indicates there is a need to build up these funds and that is recommended that the following connection charges be established; Residential \$2,000 per unit, Commercial \$3,500 per 2,500 sq. ft., Industrial \$3,500 per 2,500 sq. ft.

Selectman Kelly O. Rome inquired about the proposed rate for residential households and suggested raising the connection fee amount. Further discussion took place.

Selectman Kelly O. Rome made a motion for the adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Granby Water Pollution Control Authority (GWPCA) approve the sewer connection charges as follows; Residential \$3,000 per unit, Commercial \$3,500 per 2,500 sq. ft, Industrial \$3,500 per 2,500 sq. ft.

The motion was seconded by Selectman Mark C. Neumann which passed by a unanimous voice vote (5/0/0) **MOTION CARRIES.**

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II. ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business to come before the meeting, Selectman Margaret Q. Chapple made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Granby Water Pollution Control Authority at 7:03 p.m., which was seconded by Selectman Frederick A. Moffa and passed by a unanimous voice vote. (5/0/0) **MOTION CARRIES.**

Respectfully submitted & attested,



Scott A. Nolan
Town Clerk

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By SCOTT A. NOLAN, Town Clerk