

**WATER & SEWER COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**JULY 7, 2010**  
**7:00 PM**

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**Present:** John Meader, Chairman  
David Pepe  
Bryant Firmin

**Also**

**Present:** Kara Buzanoski, DPW Director  
Arthur Eliadis (Arthur's Pizzeria)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Arthur Eliadis spoke about his water bill dispute. He stated that his bill was "normal" but then jumped to an extreme amount. The water crew made several trips to the pizza shop to check the meter and check for leaks. Everything with the meter was fine; however during one of the crew's visits they noted that the ladies room was out of order due to a toilet leak. Arthur said the leak was fixed after about 2 weeks and did not think this was the reason for his bill being so high. The Commissioners studied the consumption usage and determined that this was an accurate bill. No abatement or adjustment was granted.

2. Consideration of minutes from the June 9, 2010 meeting.

Commissioner Pepe moved to approve the minutes from June 9, 2010 as amended. Commissioner Firmin seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor.

3. Fiscal 2011 water/sewer rates.

Ms. Buzanoski has met with the Town's financial team to review the rate study and new rates and it was agreed that the 20% sewer increase and 7% water increases were necessary to fund capital projects in both Enterprise Funds. The Brigham St. well in Water and the Westerly Treatment Plant renovation in Sewer. Commissioner Pepe moved to approve the rate increases as proposed in the Financial Advisory Assoc. study. Commissioner Firmin seconded. They voted unanimously to implement the proposed rates. The rate increase post card that was requested by the Commission will be mailed on 7/8/10 to inform all users of the increase for the August bill. (Copy of rate executive summary attached).

4. Correction of betterment for 17 Thayer St.

The Commissioners signed the corrected betterment paper work. The paperwork removed the betterment because a pump was required.

5. Review of drainlayers license requests.

None

6. Review Correspondence.

Correspondence was reviewed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Review of Westerly plant construction.

The construction continues.

2. Review Brigham Street well project.

The test well pumping has been completed and the report sent to DEP.

3. Supervisor's Report.

1<sup>st</sup> quarter utility bills will be mailed 8/2/10 with a due date of 9/21/2010

**Next Meeting:** The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 1<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 pm.

**Adjourn:** At 8:45 pm, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Robbie Powers  
DPW Administrative Assistant