



SEYMOUR WATER POLLUTION  
CONTROL AUTHORITY

P.O. Box 275  
Seymour, Connecticut 06483

DATE: 8/22/11  
TIME: 4:05 pm  
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

**Minutes of the Public Hearing of the WPCA Board- August 17<sup>th</sup> 2011-  
6pm at the Norma Drummer Room, Town Hall.**

**Members Present:** John Fanotto, Jr., Steven Chucta, Jon Livolsi, Tom Kuzia and Annmarie Drugonis.

**Others present:** Jon Marro, Atty. Kulas and other members of the public.

John Fanotto called the Public Hearing to order at 6pm.

**The Pledge Allegiance was given.**

Tom Kuzia read:

"A Public Hearing will be held in the Town of Seymour, Connecticut, for the purpose of discussion relative to the proposed rate revision for Sewer Use Fees, which are \$3.75 per 100 cubic feet of water and with \$93.00 minimum fee to users. Any interested parties may attend on Wednesday, August 17, 2011 @ 6:00pm at the Seymour Town Hall, 1 First Street, Seymour, Connecticut in the Norma Drummer Room."

This was published in the *Voices*, and the Seymour Town Clerk was notified.

John Fanotto then listed the reasons for the increase of the sewer use rate; the decline of outside fees by 78.5%, the aging of the sewer system, the cost of sewer backups, new DEP requirements for phosphorus removal, decrease of CL&P load share program payments, and the decrease of the CT DEP nitrogen credits as the program is being phased out.

John Fanotto stated that this is the first increase of the sewer use since 2000. After meeting with the First Selectman, Paul Roy, and the Finance office assistant, Tony Caserta, the amount of possible sewer use rate increase was lowered from \$3.75 to \$3.50 (or a 27% increase). In comparison, John Fanotto, stated that the taxes from the year 2000 to 2010 have increased 60% (randomly selected house). Also, the State of CT average sewer use rate (as of 2009, comparing similar sewer plants and systems) was \$3.50 per 100ccf. John Fanotto stated that the board will have to revisit the sewer use rate in one year, depending on the state of the economy.

John Fanotto then opened the floor to public comment/questions.

First Selectman Paul Roy; while he understands the reasons for raising the sewer rate, he believes that Veolia should be asked if they can look at their charges and see if there is any reductions they (Veolia) can make during the year. John Livolsi stated that the board had asked (via plant manager) about this. John Fanotto stated that Veolia had come back with asking about contract negotiations, and Atty. Kulas and Atty. Colleen Fries are looking at this possible negotiation. Also, Jon Livolsi stated that the UGAM (sewer inspection and repair) program has been suspended for the time being: to which John Fanotto also stated that that is one of the first programs to be resumed once income comes in.

Also John Fanotto stated that the Senior Discount is still 15%, and the minimum charge will be increased to \$87.00, well users will still charged at 75% of the average bill. John Fanotto then stated that the board realizes that many seniors are impacted by this rate, and the seniors should come in to the Sewer Plant and apply for the senior discount. All that is needed is a driver's license and the senior don't have to prove income.

John Fanotto then explained that the sewer bill is based on the water consumption during the winter months and billed ahead two 6-month bills.

John Fanotto then invited any other comments from the public.

No other comments.

**Tom Kuzia** then made a motion, Jon Livolsi 2<sup>nd</sup>, to close the public hearing. Motion passed 5-0. No abstentions.

**SINGLE HOUSE SEWER BILL**

CCF	RATE	TOTAL	
62	\$2.75	\$170.50	<b>CURRENT SEWER RATE</b>
62	\$3.50	\$217.00	<b>PROPOSED SEWER RATE</b>

THIS IS AN INCREASE OF 27%

TAXES	GRAND LIST
\$3,231	2000
\$5,185	2010

THIS WAS AN INCREASE OF 60%

Date of Senior Discount Increase: August 1<sup>st</sup> 2007. Percentage 10% to 15%

Date Lowering of Sewer Rates: August 6<sup>th</sup> 2003. Amount from \$2.85 to \$2.75

Date of Increase of Sewer Rates: October 4<sup>th</sup> 2000. Amount from \$1.55 to \$2.85

	Dumper	Map copies Permit Fees	Registration Contractor/Dumper	Sewer Impact Fees	Sewer Useage
2005 July	\$303.00	\$800.00	\$150.00	\$3,350.00	\$21,472.61
2005 August	\$0.00	\$1,715.00	\$200.00	\$95,115.00	\$27,104.47
2005 September	\$210.00	\$615.00	\$50.00	\$66,266.74	\$5,696.37
2005 October	\$603.00	\$7,035.00	\$100.00	\$4,700.00	\$340,321.03
2005 November	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$50.00	\$900.00	\$73,321.22
2005 December	\$219.00	\$6,312.00	\$50.00	\$10,350.00	\$26,788.68
2006 January	\$195.00	\$405.00	\$150.00	\$15,300.00	\$16,520.38
2006 February	\$192.00	\$2,110.00	\$50.00	\$39,350.00	\$42,911.38
2006 March	\$464.00	\$1,810.00	\$350.00	\$10,600.00	\$18,677.08
2006 April	\$354.00	\$115.00	\$0.00	\$2,450.00	\$349,903.34
2006 May	\$240.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$3,950.00	\$101,003.84
2006 June	\$432.00	\$6,666.00	\$100.00	\$23,700.00	\$22,979.53
	\$3,212.00	\$28,083.00	\$1,250.00	\$276,031.74	\$1,046,699.93

**\$1,355,276.67**  
**Grand Total**

			Dumper	Permit Fees	Map copies & Misc	Registration Contractor/Dumper	Sewer Impact Fees	Sewer Useage
2007	2007	July	\$1,182.00	\$400.00	\$2,346.00	\$0.00	\$7,600.00	\$40,466.92
2007	2007	August	\$1,434.00	\$400.00	\$19,139.00	\$100.00	\$1,800.00	\$19,867.03
2007	2007	September	\$1,584.00	\$16,426.25	\$1,173.00	\$0.00	\$9,800.00	\$5,252.12
2007	2007	October	\$600.00	\$350.00	\$5.00	\$50.00	\$4,850.00	\$394,721.16
2007	2007	November	\$792.00	\$200.00	\$56.67	\$0.00	\$4,400.00	\$81,227.21
2007	2007	December	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$2,900.00	\$16,626.56
2008	2008	January	\$1,410.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,900.00	\$29,779.00
2008	2008	February	\$530.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$450.00	\$23,002.95
2008	2008	March	\$435.00	\$200.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$7,800.00	\$13,053.56
2008	2008	April	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$362,369.49
2008	2008	May	\$834.00	\$700.00	\$20.00	\$150.00	\$11,300.00	\$115,009.48
2008	2008	June	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,450.00	\$22,132.09
			<b>\$8,801.00</b>	<b>\$19,426.25</b>	<b>\$22,749.67</b>	<b>\$400.00</b>	<b>\$58,250.00</b>	<b>\$1,123,507.57</b>

**\$1,233,134.49**  
**Grand Total**

		Dumper	Permit Fees	Map copies & Misc	Registration Contractor/Dumper	Sewer Impact Fees	Sewer Useage
2008	July	\$930.00	\$550.00	\$6,666.74	\$100.00	\$30,300.00	\$21,386.89
2008	August	\$240.00	\$100.00	\$24,027.00	\$50.00	\$3,950.00	\$32,697.87
2008	September	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$8,015.96
2008	October	\$420.00	\$1,100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$5,350.00	\$365,814.82
2008	November	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$10,650.00	\$79,536.65
2008	December	\$630.00	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$5,350.00	\$19,484.53
2009	January	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,450.00	\$19,884.50
2009	February	\$450.00	\$100.00	\$1,030.00	\$100.00	\$2,450.00	\$26,373.54
2009	March	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$10,250.22
2009	April	\$1,110.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$17,650.00	\$348,874.43
2009	May	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$80,382.51
2009	June	\$780.00	\$900.00	\$25.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$54,636.55
		<u>\$4,560.00</u>	<u>\$4,200.00</u>	<u>\$31,748.74</u>	<u>\$900.00</u>	<u>\$78,150.00</u>	<u>\$1,067,338.47</u>

**\$1,186,897.21**  
**Grand Total**

		Dumper	Permit Fees	Map copies & Misc	Registration Contractor/Dumper	Sewer Impact Fees	Sewer Useage
2009	July	\$390.00	\$500.00	\$6,671.74	\$100.00	\$13,100.00	\$21,136.66
2009	August		\$300.00	\$17,608.00	\$100.00	\$11,900.00	\$20,351.80
2009	September	\$390.00	\$100.00	\$677.18		\$450.00	\$4,199.92
2009	October		\$350.00		\$50.00	\$450.00	\$347,485.79
2009	November		\$200.00			\$2,450.00	\$104,620.64
2009	December	\$330.00	\$100.00		\$50.00	\$8,350.00	\$18,491.49
2010	January		\$200.00		\$100.00	\$3,000.00	\$16,907.29
2010	February				\$50.00	\$6,400.00	\$24,202.56
2010	March		\$550.00	\$50.00	\$200.00	\$2,900.00	\$19,223.87
2010	April	\$90.00	\$300.00		\$50.00	\$4,850.00	\$316,094.36
2010	May	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$104,887.97
2010	June	\$690.00	\$750.00	\$500.00	\$200.00	\$5,350.00	\$29,335.14
		<b>\$1,890.00</b>	<b>\$3,350.00</b>	<b>\$25,506.92</b>	<b>\$900.00</b>	<b>\$59,200.00</b>	<b>\$1,026,937.49</b>

**\$1,117,784.41**

**Grand Total**