

Water Pollution Control Authority
November 16, 2011
Public Hearing
Town Hall – Council Chambers

Members Present: Mr. Steve Eberle
Mr. Walter Gancarz
Mr. Tim Pelton (Chairman)
Mr. John Perrotti
Mr. Mark Witek

Members Absent: Mr. Mark Korman
Mr. Thomas Scannell

Others Present: Mr. Dennis Dievert, Superintendent, WPCD
Mr. Donald Chelton, AECOM
Town Attorney Andrew Lord

Chairman Pelton called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum determined. The assembled group recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Pelton explained to the audience how to exit the chamber in the event of an emergency, in compliance with the Fire Marshal's order.

Mr. Pelton explained that the purpose of the special meeting would be to receive input from the public regarding the proposed sewer use fee for next year and to discuss matters relating to relief for qualified property owners from a portion of the sewer use fee.

Mr. Pelton read the legal notice as follows:

Pursuant to Connecticut State Statutes, Chapter 103, Section #7-255 and Section #7-247, notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held by the Water Pollution Control Authority of the Town of Cheshire at the Cheshire Town Hall, Room 207, 84 South Main Street, Cheshire, Connecticut at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 16, 2011.

At said time and place, the Water Pollution Control Authority will consider and take action on the proposed revision of the sewer User Charge Regulations. It is proposed that the Sewer User Charge will be established at three hundred and forty-five dollars (\$345.00) per annum per single-family dwelling. Other users will pay an amount based on their relative water use in accordance with the format outlined in the Regulations but not less than three hundred and forty-five (\$345.00) per year.

A copy of this proposed Revision to the Sewer User Charge Regulations will be on file in the Town Clerk's Office on or before November 30, 2011.

There was no one from the audience requesting to speak in favor of or in opposition to this proposed revision.

Attorney Lord discussed the possibility of offering relief from a portion of the sewer user fee to property owners if they qualify under the existing Town Ordinance which relates to tax relief. If property owners qualify, the rate would be frozen at the rate in existence at the time they qualify for the relief. For a property owner who qualifies this year, the rate would be frozen at the rate determined at this meeting for the sewer use fee.

Attorney Lord stated that the Town Council addressed this issue and voted to call for a public hearing regarding the user charge relief.

Mr. Pelton declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Pelton, Chairman
Water Pollution Control Authority

Attest:

Susan F. Zwick

Distribution:

Members: W.P.C.A.
Michael Milone, Town Manager
David Schrumm, Town Council Liaison
Andrew Lord, Town Attorney
Donald Chelton/Jon Pearson, AECOM
Joseph Michelangelo, Ex-Officio Member
George Noewatne, Operations Manager
Dennis Dievert, Superintendent [WPCD](#)
Susan Zwick, Recording Secretary

