



TOWN OF MEDWAY
WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
MEDWAY, MASSACHUSETTS

Commissioners

Leo O'Rourke, Chair

Robert Wilson, Member

Francis E. (Ted) Kenney
Jr., Member

Meeting Minutes

APPROVED 06/19/17

May 30, 2017

DPS Conference Room
45B Holliston Street
Medway MA 02053

Bob Wilson makes a motion to open the Water/Sewer Commissioners meeting at 5:00 PM. Leo O'Rourke seconded, unanimous vote.

Rate discussions continue. Bob Wilson asks why the projected earnings on the Water five year summary change from \$582,157.65 to \$451,731.00? He also asks where retained earnings are being spent? Ted Kenney expresses concerns that the water increase is so small – he questions how will we be able to save for capital projects? Ted is concerned that we have a higher percentage of sewer retained earnings and more water projects pending. We want to continue to grow retained earnings back to a million dollars.

FY17 water had a deficit so we planned to take 45K of retained earnings to make up for the deficit.

Bob Wilson asks what is the increase percentage for each tier? How much has each tier increased and is it equitable for all tiers FY17 into 18?

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| <u>Residential</u> | Tier 1: | 6.10% | <u>Commercial</u> | 6.00% |
| Water | Tier 2: | 6.50% | | 6.40% |
| | Tier 3: | 7.50% | | 7.50% |
| <u>Resident</u> | Tier 1: | 8.10% | <u>Commercial</u> | 8.00% |
| Sewer | Tier 2: | 8.50% | | 8.40% |
| | Tier 3: | 9.40% | | 9.00% |

Ted Kenney asks how do we fix retained earnings 20% in 3 years? – Ted does not think the proposed increase covers our needs, for example: in the proposed budget consulting fees show a line item of 25K. How do we complete studies if the costs are higher?

Ted Kenney also asks how much of the needs will be funded by the general fund vs. retained earnings?

Leo O'Rourke would like data on the current # of users of water and sewer and the # of proposed upcoming units? Ted Kenney and Robert Wilson would like to see how many CF this equates to.

Ted Kenney states that he is concerned that we need to fund treatment and quality and quantity issues in coming years.

Bob Wilson makes a motion that the rate structure be put forward for a Public Rate Hearing. The Rate Hearing will then be a voted on by the Commissioners. Ted Kenney seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

Open Discussion:

The next meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2017 at 5PM. The Water & Sewer Commissioners meeting will be followed by a Public Rate Hearing at 6PM. Both meetings will be held at the DPS Conference Room, 45B Holliston Street, Door 9, Medway, MA.

Leo O'Rourke *made a motion to adjourn at 7:00 PM. Ted Kenney seconded. Unanimous vote.*

Respectfully submitted
Judi LaPan