TOWN OF WINDSOR LOCKS
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
PUBLIC HEARING
TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: J. Christopher Kervick, Jeffrey Ives, Denise Balboni, Robert Crochetiere, Michelle Hill, Gary Laurito and Sara LeMaster

MEMBERS ABSENT: Daniel Flanagan
Dana Steele, Town Engineer, Ex Officio

ALSO PRESENT: Philip J. Sissick, Director of Public Works, Ex Officio
Gary Kuczerski, Superintendent
Heather Kane, Recording Secretary
Paul Dombrowski, Woodard & Curran
Michael Ciarcia, owner of 15 Meg Way
Paul Harrington, owner of 10 Meg Way

CALL TO ORDER: The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by J. Christopher Kervick

PUBLIC INPUT: 2017-2018 Proposed Budget and Proposed Rates for Sewer Use Fees:

Michael Ciarcia, owner of 15 Meg Way: Last year, he discussed what he thought was an excessive tax increase. Tonight, he wanted to talk more from a governmental perspective. The WPCA was able to get approval on a robust capital infrastructure bond package from the Board of Finance by achieving bi-partisan, unanimous support. Included in the bond financial package was a plan for a 2% increase for the upcoming year. The current proposed increase of 4.94% is more than double the original projection by the WPCA. He would prefer to see more drive and guidance to stick to the original projection. Mr. Ciarcia feels that this change from the original projection may cause more division among the Board of Finance and the WPCA.

Paul Harrington, owner of 10 Meg Way: Mr. Harrington stated, with the 4.94% increase this year, there would be a 30% increase over the last 3 years. His concern is the minimum commercial charge particularly for the small mom & pop businesses that possibly may move into Main Street properties. These small businesses do not necessarily use a lot of water. Mr. Harrington wanted to know if the WPCA could lower the rate by using some money in savings to fund the budget.

At 6:09 p.m., Michelle Hill made a motion: TO ADJOURN THE PUBLIC HEARING – Seconded by Gary Laurito. Without any further discussion, the motion passed with 7 votes in favor and 0 votes opposed.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Kane
Recording Secretary