

CITY OF MILFORD  
SEWER COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING  
JUNE 25, 2014

The Sewer Commission of the City of Milford held a Public Hearing on Wednesday, June 25, 2014, in Conference Room A of the Parsons Government Center, 70 West River Street, Milford, CT. Vice-Chairman Don Anderson opened the public hearing at 6:10 p.m.

The following Commissioners were in attendance:

Vice Chairman Don Anderson  
Commissioner Lee Cooke  
Commissioner Bradford Hubler

Others in attendance:

Chris Saley, Public Works Director  
Jim Cooper, Wastewater  
Ray Macaluso, Westcott & Mapes  
Toni Weeks, Recording Secretary

Vice Chairman Anderson stated the purpose of the public hearing is for the purpose of sewer user fee for 2014/2015 to determine if a sewer service fee in the amount of \$286.44 per modified equivalent unit is adequate to pay the costs of operation and maintenance, including replacement cost of the public wastewater treatment works, in accordance with Section 23-80 through 23-86 of the Ordinances of the City of Milford. The modified equivalent unit is the minimum charge for connection to the sewer system. It applies to all single-family residences, including condominium units and apartments, and to non-residential users such as individual stores, storage facilities and offices up to 3,000 square feet. Large users are billed proportionally in modified equivalent units, rounded up to the nearest whole unit. Industrial users are billed a surcharge if the discharge exceeds 350 milligrams per liter of biochemical oxygen demand or 350 milligrams per liter of total suspended solids.

Vice Chairman Anderson then asked for Citizen Comments. There were none

Vice Chairman Anderson asked Mr. Cooper if the sewer use fee was lower than last year. Mr. Cooper explained that it was lower due to various budgetary cuts.

Commissioner Cooke made a motion to accept the sewer use fee of \$286.44 for fiscal years 2014-2014. Seconded by Commissioner Hubler.

Commissioner Hubler asked if this is an annual or monthly fee, who pays the fee and did it go down from last year. Mr. Cooper responded that it is an annual fee paid by the taxpayers and that it did go down.

Commissioner Hubler further asked if this was paid by every resident and how it works with condominiums. Mr. Cooper explained that it is paid by every sewer user and that condominium associations are billed and they spread it out to the unit owners.

Commissioner Hubler further asked about apartment buildings and Mr. Cooper explained that's where modified equivalency unit comes in, probably a condominium each unit is one unit, but office building calculations are determined by how many modified equivalency units a larger building would be charged based on water usage. Mr. Macaluso further explained how the condominiums and industrial sewer charges are applied.

There being no further questions, Vice Chairman Anderson asked for a vote on the motion to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Cooke made a motion to adjourn, second by Commissioner Hubler at 6:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Toni Jo Weeks  
Sewer Commissioner