

**TOWN OF LEDYARD** 

# Water Pollution Control Authority Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 22, 2025	6:00 PM	<b>Council Chambers - Hybrid</b>
Chairman Ed Lynch	Public Hearing/Rate Increase	

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

The Public Hearing was called to order by Chairman Lynch at 6:05 p.m.

## II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## **III. PROCEDURE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING**

Chairman Lynch will make a rate increase justification presentation. The floor will be opened for Public Comment with a three-minute limit.

## IV. CALL OF THE PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Lynch called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

#### V. PRESENTATION

1. Proposed 4% Water/Sewer Rate Increase.

Chairman Lynch presented the rationale for the proposed four percent rate increase.

- The cost of water from Groton Utilities will increase by four percent on October 1, 2025.
- Five-year contract increases.
- Department of Health mandatory leak inspections.
- Department of Health mandatory lead review.
- Increases in Health Insurance.

Raw water costs will increase by 4% on October 1, 1025, then on February 1, 2026, there will be a 6% increase on top of the 4% percent increase.

The original operation and billing contract was for 3 years with a 2-year extension. 2025 is the 5th year. There is an 8% increase in operations and a 5% increase in billing. The operations increase is due to almost a dozen emergency repairs in the Highlands. The billing increases are due to postage and the old billing system which needs to be converted. The cost of conversion is approximately \$100,000 with costs increasing.

Leak tests are every five years and cost \$15,000.

The State required lead surveys of undocumented systems presents a cost of \$100,000 to \$300,000 to dig and verify.

## VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None present.

Please limit comments to three minutes.

#### VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Lynch adjourned the Public Hearing at 6:18 p.m.

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