

LEDYARD WPCA

Water Pollution Control Authority

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MISSION STATEMENT

The WPCA provides water and sewer services to the town of Ledyard. These services include providing the best quality water at the lowest rate possible. To maintain proper pressure and volume for fire suppression. In addition to water, the WPCA provides sewer services that processes and discharges waste in accordance with all local, state and federal regulations while striving to go below these regulated limits.

COMMISSIONERS

5 voting and 2 alternates

Voting – Ed Lynch (Chair)

- Sharon Wadecki (Vice Chair)**
- Terry Jones**
- Stan Uber**
- Monir Tewfik**

Alternates – Tony Capon

- Jim Ball**
- Jeremy Norris**

Responsibilities

FINANCIALS

1. CREATE AND MAINTAIN WATER AND SEWER BUDGET
2. MANAGE CAPITAL EXPENDITURES
3. MANAGE PROJECTS – BOTH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND NECESSARY MAINTENANCE
4. GIVE GUIDANCE TO THE TOWN COUNCIL ON THE WATER BUDGET, STATE GRANTS
5. LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO REDUCE COST

OPERATIONS

1. PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO OUR SUBCONTRACTOR FOR REPAIRS, OPERATIONAL OPTIONS, AND QUALITY OF WATER
2. DEVELOP LONG TERM PLANS FOR IMPROVED OPERATIONS THAT REDUCE COST AND INCREASE QUALITY
3. RESPOND TO EMERGENCY REPAIR TO DETERMINE THE BEST COST EFFECTIVE OPTIONS
4. INTERFACE WITH STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES DEALING WITH DRINKING WATER QUALITY AND PERMITTED WASTE DISCHARGE PARAMETERS

PARTNERSHIPS

- Groton Utilities
 - Operations – purchased bulk water, maintain operations, respond to issues (leaks), conduct sampling, executing DPH requirements (flushing), manning capital projects (tank painting, hydrant repair, flushing, meter reads and meter maintenance)
 - Service – billing, notifications, payment issues, computer program operation and maintenance (CUSI)
- Waste Treatment Facility – work with Steve Banks to coordinate projects, future projects, fund operations, and respond to emergency needs
- Finance – to coordinate financial work for purchasing, budgeting and capital projects.
- Mayor and Town Council – Communicate by highlighting opportunities, challenges and operational concerns in running a town owned utility

CHALLENGES

- Bulk water costs – 11 % increase in 2026 with subsequent 5% increases every year till 2028
- Lead Survey mandated by the state DPH which will cost between \$350,000 to \$450,000. Presently there are 539 service lines that have complete unknown material of construction that requires “pot hole” survey at a rate of 2 to 3 per day rate
- Crumbling infrastructure (Thompson road) ~ \$138,000 to repair
- Highlands sewer mains re-lining to reduce ground water incursion

OPPORTUNITIES

- Habitat for Humanity community to supply water/sewer
- Ledyard center development – possibility of 350 units
- 15 Stoddard Road development (105 units with 12 commercial units)

SUMMARY

The town presently supplies high quality water to over 1400 resident and services over 400 residents with wastewater treatment and disposal. After the completion of the sewer main from Ledyard Center, there is the opportunity to supply water and sewer that could help both budgets.



THANK YOU

QUESTIONS?