



**MINUTES
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL
AUTHORITY PUBLIC HEARING
June 15, 2026
6:45 PM - Council Chambers**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the Public Hearing of the Water Pollution Control Authority to order at 6:45pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Carol Hall, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, Marie Pyznar, Aaron Thomas, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni
Absent: John Santanella

Also present were Town Manager, Matthew Coppler; Assistant Town Manager, Steve Bielenda; Town Attorney, Cindy Cieslak; and Town Clerk, Sheila Bailey.

3. LEGAL NOTICE AND GROUND RULES

The following Notice of Public Hearing was published in the Hartford Courant on June 3, 2026.

The Enfield Water Pollution Control Authority will conduct a public hearing in the Town Council Chambers at Town Hall, 820 Enfield Street, on June 15, 2026, at 6:45 p.m. on the proposed sewer service fees and rates for fiscal year 2026/2027.

Information may be found in the office of the Town Clerk or at www.enfield-ct.gov.

Sheila M. Bailey, Town Clerk

Dated June 2, 2026

Chair Cekala announced the ground rules.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

George Young, 8 Holly Lane

Mr. Young's comments are appended to these minutes.

5. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by: Cynthia Mangini, seconded: Robert Cressotti to adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared the **MOTION** adopted unanimously, and the meeting stood adjourned at 6:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Bailey, Town Clerk
Clerk of the Council

PUBLIC COMMENT – WPCA 6.15.2026

George Young 8 Holly Lane gyjrcpa@aol.com

I realize we are here tonight to hear that there will probably be no change in rates for this coming year by the WPCA.

I have spoken previously on many occasions over the past 5+ years regarding rate setting and the members of the WPCA. I believe it is a conflict of interest to have the WPCA have only members of the Town Council on the Water Pollution Control Authority because they not only set the rates there, they also approve the town budget and control the mill rate. We do not allow the Finance Director to handle the Treasury functions because of the basic separation of duties. This separation of duties is long overdue.

Then, the mayor, the deputy mayor and a member of the minority party on the council become the judge and jury on appeals to the WPCA for overcharges. It only takes a couple members of that group to deny a taxpayer a valid claim and save funds for the WPCA.

For many years I have requested a comparison of what the Town is charging the WPC for its' service since the inception of the charge 10+ years ago (it is still the same \$390k) and what it would be at today's rates. At the last Council meeting the Town Manager (who was here when the original study to determine the rate was done) has indicated that a new study needs to be done. Let's do it and find out if anything changed in those estimates in over 10 years. Now I ask the current council who are also the WPCA to request this action take place. Real Estate taxpayers should not be supporting the excessive water users.

The WPCA is governed by Ch 103 of the CT General Statues. It is still subject to oversight and must comply with State regulations. It should be noted we no longer have an ad valorem tax.

Mr. Santanella said it very clear at the last council meeting that the council still would make tax decisions on the Town side and a knowledgeable committee would make decisions on the sewer service fees and rates.