

MINUTES

WPCA PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED 2021-2022 BUDGET

CHESTER MEETING HOUSE SEPTEMBER 8, 2021

7:00PM

The public hearing was convened at 7:00pm. Present were Ed Meehan, Ed Ward, Sam Chorches, Ian McLachlan, and Mark Riggio.

Ed Meehan reported the legal notice for the proposed FY 21-22 budget was published in the Valley Courier, August 26, 2021, filed with the Town Clerk and posted on the Town's web site for public review.

The proposed FY 21-22 budget is \$134,400. Anticipated revenue from users' fees of \$109,700 and fund balance transfer of \$24,600. Residential and commercial mixed-use fees proposed to remain at FY 20-21 rates of \$750 and \$800 respectively.

The proposed budget was prepared at the WPCA's August 17, 2021 meeting with members noting CT. Water consumption rates for the year ending August 31, 2021, are not be available until early September. Upon receipt of the new rates each user's EDU (Equivalent Daily Unit) would be calculated.

Ed Meehan reported that analysis of water consumption rates ending August 31st indicate lower daily usage in mixed use accounts which reduces the total number of billable EDUs.

WPCA members discussed budget options for maintaining the fee charges at FY 20-21 rates. For consideration during the following special meeting are the options to raise user fees or increase the amount of the fund balance transfer.

It is necessary to have the FY 21-22 budget completed and adopted at the following special meeting and submitted to the Tax Collector for preparation of the October 1st billing notice to users.

The public hearing ended at 7:20PM. Submitted Ed Meehan, Chairman