Town of Enfield with WPCA Subcommittee
March 26, 2018

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 pm.

2. Attendance

Present:
Donna Szewczak, Joe Bosco, Thomas Arnone
Staff: Bryan Chodkowski, Mike Szlosek, Kevin Shlatz, John Wilcox
Consultants: Jay Sheehan, Tom Schwartz, Toby Fedder, Kevin Flood

3. Discussion-Rate Study

There is a rate model presenting with a series of information, including what rates will need to be raised to.
The negative fund balance is over 3 million dollars.
There is an explanation on charges and reserve funds in reference to a chart presented and a 5-year payback plan.
There is a discussion about a proposed plant budget which is in a report presented.
There is an operational budget comprised of a cash fund-expenses, additional staffing, insurance, capital purchases, and then there is a separate CIP page.
There is a discussion about meters vs. units and how those charges will be implemented. Figures are discussed when the payback time is extended.

There will be a rate recommendation memo that breaks down use and budget.

A fixed charge is discussed including and not including usage.
There is a large increase for the lowest end users-121%.

Bryan is asked if a 20-year payback is the right idea.
15 payments of $205,000 leaves a final payment the next year of $250,000.
Fixed fee will cover the capital.

John Wilcox says that from a flexibility standpoint, not getting the payment back timely hinders how we can deal with unexpected issues (with pump stations, sewer lines, etc.) that need to be paid for.

The optimal payback plan includes building a reserve over the payback years.
There is a discussion about the fee that could be placed on a facility that the Town knows is not flushing residential grade waste.

The minimum raised will apply to well users as well.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 16 at 5:30.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.