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**TOWN OF PLYMOUTH  
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY  
80 MAIN STREET  
TERRYVILLE, CT 06786**

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TOWN CLERK

The Public Meeting of the Water Pollution Control Authority was held on Monday June 16, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the training room of the facility at 35 Canal Street, Pequabuck, CT. Board members Andrews, Maloney, Gray, Armbruster, Giancesini and Murphy were in attendance. Also in attendance were Plant Manager Partick, Assistant Plant manager Wells, Administrative Assistant Dell'Aera, and Council Liaison Zagurski.

Chairman Andrews opened the public hearing at 7:00 PM. The legal notice for the 2025/2026 WPCA proposed Budget published in the Waterbury Republican newspaper and filed with the Plymouth Town Clerk on June 5, 2025, was read aloud by Chairman Andrews.

Chairman Andrews then gave a summary of the \$2,108,018.27 proposed FY 2025/2026 budget which is a 5.22 percent increase from the FY 2024/2025 budget and includes the twenty-five dollar (\$25) increase in the sewer use fee to \$505.00 per unit effective with the October 1, 2025 billing. Chairman Andrews noted that we have reviewed the budget over the previous two meetings and the increases are primarily due to the rising cost of utilities, normal price increases for services and merchandise, along with employee cost of living increases. Chairman Andrews also commended the plant management, noting that Plant Manager Patrick has work very diligently controlling the cost and keeping the costs within reach of where we were last year. Chairman Andrews also commented, we will continue to split the user fees semi-annually to help with the affordability for the residents of the town. Chairman Andrews reviewed all other proposed WPCA Fees for 2025/2026 noting no additional increases are proposed for: sewer connection fee, sewer connection /disconnection / reconnection /line repair, reconnection permit fees : increase /decrease of a sewer lateral, septic dump fee, recreational vehicle dumping fee (Plymouth residents only), sewer discharge permit application (industrial), all existing and renewals discharge application fee, fats, oils, and grease (FOG) permit application and discharge limits and fees into the treatment facility (BOD/ SS/ Nitrogen/ Remediated Ground Water/ Temporary Discharge)

At this point Chairman Andrews asked for questions or comments from the WPCA members. Mr. Maloney questioned- Other than the user fee, there were no other changes to the fees? Chairman Andrews confirmed there were no changes to the other fees. A brief discussion ensued. Mr. Murphy stated, He hates to see increases, however it's got to come from somewhere. Hopefully with these units coming into town over the next few years, we will have more users and could play with numbers again. The more users the better as long as it's conducive to our town. Chairman Andrews added it looks like at this point it's going to be a fairly strong year for new users so to add to Mr. Murphys point we could take a good hard look next year with the additional fees we are collecting from the new connections.

Chairman Andrews asked for questions or comments from the public regarding the proposed budget. Melanie Church, 328 Main Street, Terryville stated the Town and Board of Ed is limited at 3%. Otherwise, it goes to a vote to the people. She strongly suggests finding was to cut expenses. People are struggling. There are multiple foreclosure sites in town. She said we must

find ways to be more responsible and figure out how we can do this and start looking at cutting every corner that can be cut.

Jim Mozelak, 18 Carriage Drive Terryville questioned- How much is the Phosphorus upgrade? Chairman Andrews answered that we do not have a final price tag on it right now, we have a few additional studies to get a understanding and be able to reevaluate to get our arms around what the cost will be. It could be upwards 15 to 20 million, with the 20 million being the high end of where our consultant has estimated it could be. Mr. Jim Mozelak also questioned if the town has a person who does grants, why are we not getting more grants? He also stated he agrees with Melanie, and it's got to stop somewhere. Chairman Andrews replied regarding the grants; we are receiving grants for the project we are purposing. The amount can vary but it comes from the EPA and is administered by the DEEP in state Clean Water Fund we are estimating approximately 22% (Low 20's%) We have also received one other grant to help with the study itself that was almost a million dollars. Our consultant has a team that investigates additional opportunities beyond just the clean water fund. The difficulty that we sometimes have is if we secure a grant from the outside the DEEP could pull back their funding so it's a balance and our consultant has a team that works on that weekly. Mr. Jim Mozelak also voiced concern about the amount of projects that need to be done in town and how he will be able to afford it. Mr. Murphy responded that he understands Mr. Mozelak's concern, but the plant upgrade is mandated by the State of Ct and he would prefer that the decisions be made by the local community and volunteer community members and not a bureaucrat in Hartford making the decisions. Mr. Mozelak agreed and questioned when would we have a price on the project? Chairman Andrews answered he believes that we should have a more solid estimate by the end of this year but at this point it's a very rough estimate. Mr. Maloney also commented that the referendum is not whether we do the upgrade or not, it's whether it is spread on the tax base or paid all by the users. If the users are angry and they decide not to vote or to vote against it, then they are voting to raise the rates a lot higher. Chairman Andrews asked the Council Liaison if he had a comment. Mr. Zagurski responded- Unfortunately the Plant managers' jobs are not getting any easier with cutting anything. We need the materials and the guys we have to keep the plant running.

Hearing no additional comments, Chairman Andrews called the public hearing to close at 7:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heather Dell'Aera", written in a cursive style.

Heather Dell'Aera  
Recording Secretary