

# KENNEBUNK SEWER DISTRICT

The Board of Trustees of the Kennebunk Sewer District will hold a **Rate Hearing** at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 in Room 300 of the Town Hall at 1 Summer Street in Kennebunk. The purpose of the **Rate Hearing** will be to set rates and fees for 2017.

## Sewer User Fees

The Board of Trustees of the Kennebunk Sewer District is proposing that sewer service charges be adjusted for the calendar year 2017.

## Residential Customers

Below is a comparison of the 2016 rates with those being proposed for 2017:

Sewer Fee Component Charges	2016	2017
<b>Debt Retirement Charges</b>	\$144.00	\$170.00
<b>Support System Charges</b>	\$365.98	\$360.96
<b>Variable Operation &amp; Maintenance Charges</b>	\$0.02788	0.02782

For Kennebunk Sewer District, the average residential user uses 6,000 cubic feet (ft<sup>3</sup>) of water per year. The sewer user fee for the average user will see an increase in the annual bill of 3.0%. The increase is primarily due to the cost of existing and anticipated bond retirement costs. Debt Retirement and Support system charges are based on the number of dwelling units on the property.

Vacant lots will be charged \$1.30 per foot of frontage. Ready to Serve customers will be charged for Debt Retirement charges for each dwelling unit.

## Commercial and Industrial Customers

Commercial and Industrial customers shall be charged one Debt Retirement and Support System charge for each 12,000 ft<sup>3</sup> of water consumed with a minimum of one unit. A comparison of the 2016 rates and the proposed rates for 2017 are presented below:

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## Equity Buy In Fee

Equity Buy-In Fees are one time charges for new construction or changes of use that result in more wastewater discharged to the public sewer. Fees collected are used to pay for the cost of capital improvements to the wastewater treatment facility and collection systems. Rates for single family homes or Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) are set at 250 gallons per day.

Equity Buy-In Fees	2016 Cost per EDU / Gallon	2017 Cost per EDU / Gallon
<b>Cost per 250 gallons per day(gpd)</b>	\$3,830.00 per EDU @ 250 gallons per day	\$3887 per EDU @ 250 gallons per day
<b>Cost per gallon</b>	\$15.32 per gallon	\$15.54 per gallon

**Collection System Impact Fees**

Annually, the Board reviews the need to adjust the base Collection System Impact Fee charges. For 2017, the Trustees will propose to increase the base charges by 3.0% to match the increase in the Construction Cost Index as published by the Engineering News Record. Funds are placed in separate accounts and will be dedicated towards improvements in each specific collection system necessitated by growth. Currently there are Collection System Impact Fees set for the Turnpike Industrial Zone, Route 1 North, and Route 1 South areas. A summary of the 2016 Impact Fees and the proposed 2017 Impact Fees are presented below:

<b>Collection System Impact Fees</b>	<b>2016 Cost per Gallon</b>	<b>2017 Cost per Gallon</b>
<b>Route One South Impact Fee</b>	\$0.52	\$0.54
<b>Route One North Impact Fee</b>	\$0.35	\$0.36
<b>Turnpike Impact Fee</b>	\$9.32	\$9.60

For more information on the Rate Hearing please call the District offices at **(207) 985-4741**.

James Oppert, Clerk

February 14, 2017