

TOWN OF CARVER

North Carver Water District

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North Carver Water District Minutes Public Hearing April 8, 2019

A public hearing by the North Carver Water District was held at the Carver Town Hall meeting room 4 on April 8, 2019 at 6:30 PM. The purpose of the hearing was to allow for public input for proposed changes to the Districts rules and regulations, and changes to the Districts water rates.

Present: Kevin Tracey, chair, Stephen Romano, member, Michael Woollam, water operator, and David Seidentopf, director of Operations and Maintenance.

Absent: William Sinclair, member

The hearing was called to order at 6:31 PM with the reading of the hearing notice.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 41 Sections 69B, the North Carver Water District Board of Water Commissioners hereby gives notice of a Public Hearing on

April 8, 2019 at 6:30PM

In the Carver Town Hall – Meeting Room 4

Relative to the following proposed changes to the District's Rules and Regulations.

- Changes to the language for determining Costs per Assessment Unit with regard to assessment of Privilege Fees.
- Discounts for bulk water purchases
- Creation of a performance bond for bulk water users that own no personal property within the Town of Carver.
- Returned check policy
- Turn on/off section of the fee schedule
- A 5% increase to the Water Rate Schedule

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Changes to the language of the Rules and Regulations will be effective upon adoption by the District Commissioners.

Changes to the Water Rates will be effective on July 1, 2019

Any persons interested and wishing to be heard should appear at the time and place designated. A copy of the proposed changes is on file at the Carver Town Hall Office of Planning, Environment, and Permitting, and may be reviewed during normal business hours.

North Carver Water District Kevin Tracey, Chair Publish Dates: March 15 and March 22, 2019

NORTH CARVER WATER DISTRICT RULES AND REGULATIONS

Adopted July 27, 2010; revised November 2012; revised July 2016; revised April 2019 Page 1 was modified to reflect a new revision date.

<u>Cost per Assessment Unit:</u> \$35.003 as of November 29, 2012 increasing by five percent (5%) per year thereafter on the anniversary date of adoption of these Regulations.

\$49.25 as of November 12, 2018 increasing by the annual Consumer Price Index, or not less than 0% per year thereafter on the anniversary date of adoption of these Regulations.

Cost per assessment unit was modified to reflect the most recent calculation and to change the methodology by which future calculations will be determined.

<u>Discounts to Prevailing Rate for Bulk Purchases:</u> A discount from the prevailing rates, at a rate determined by the Commission, to users to fill by means of a hydrant and tanker truck issued for a minimum usage of at least 28,000 gallons per day.

Discounts to prevailing rate for bulk water purchases was modified to eliminate the minimum daily usage.

Return Check Policy: Checks or other forms of commercial paper payable to the District for the purchase of water, materials, labor, fees, and or services to any account to which the District is entitled payment shall be subject to the provisions of MGL c. 266, s. 37. In addition, the return of any instrument of payment from the institution on which it is drawn, shall at the discretion of the District, subject the account to which it is applied to termination of service. Upon receipt of a returned instrument of payment, the District shall return said instrument to the drawer by certified mail. Included with the returned instrument of payment shall be a service termination notice. Service may be terminated on the first day after receipt of the certified mail return card or after fourteen (14) days, whichever occurs first. A service fee as described in the rate schedule, and the cost associated with the certified mail, shall be applied to the account for each occurrence an instrument of payment is returned. In addition, the return of any instrument of payment from the institution from which it is drawn shall incur on the writer of said payment a penalty fee of \$25.00 or 1% of the amount of the payment if more than \$2,500.00. This fee will be applied to each occurrence an instrument of payment is returned. After the

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second occurrence of a returned payment, payment must be made in cash, money order, or cashier's check.

The return check policy was modified to bring the Districts policy in line with the Town of Carver policy.

<u>Turn on/off:</u> \$50 each time (\$75 after hours) for ½ hour maximum. Any unusual conditions which require additional assets will be billed to the customer at a time and material rate plus a 15% mark-up. The Turn on/off fee was modified as a cost control measure.

APPROVED 4/8/19

The North Carver Water District Commissioners approved the following changes to the North Carver Water District Rules and Regulations at the public hearing on April 8, 2019:

WATER RATE:

- 1) increased Water Rate from \$9.90 / 1000 gallons to \$10.40 / 1000 gallons
- 2) increased the Eligible Elderly Customer rate from \$6.25 / 1000 gallons to \$6.56 / 1000 gallons
- 3) increased the Quarterly Minimum Charges as follows:

Meter Size	From	То
5/8"	\$43.71	\$45.90
3/4"	\$56.24	\$59.06
1"	\$81.33	\$85.40
1 ¼"	\$113.96	\$119.66
1 ½"	\$144.07	\$151.27
2"	\$219.34	\$230.30
3"	\$420.03	\$441.03
4"	\$645.84	\$678.13
6"	\$1,273.07	\$1,336.72
8"	\$2,025.75	\$2,127.03

The Water rates were increased by 5%. Note: the rate has not been increased in more than four years.

The proposed changes were approved on a motion by Mr. Romano and a second by Mr. Tracey and a 2-0 vote.

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There were no members of the public present to offer comment and there were no written correspondence to submit.

The hearing was closed on a motion by Mr. Romano and a second by Mr. Tracey. The vote was 2-0 for the affirmative.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM on a motion by Mr. Romano and a second by Mr. Tracey and a 2-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted by Mr. Kevin Tracey.