

CITY OF NEWTON
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN
PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2003

Present: Ald. Schnipper (Chairman), Gerst, Linsky, Salvucci, Stewart, Yates, Mansfield and Lappin

City personnel: Lou Taverna (Utilities Director) and Sandy Pooler (Chief Budget Officer)

ITEM RECOMMITTED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES ON 6/16/03

#220-03(2) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR recommending that Department of Public Works fees for sewer back-ups be increased to more accurately reflect the City's cost of providing services. The increased revenue from these fees is to be part of the FY04 revenue estimates prepared by the Chief Budget Officer.

ACTION: **HELD 8-0**

NOTE: The Committee had a brief discussion regarding this item. Ald. Stewart would like an exhaustive review of the city's policies concerning sewers. Several Aldermen had questions on sewer blockages, fees for blockage removal and the causes of the blockages. Lou Taverna agreed to provide the Committee with answers to their questions.

There is an additional item for the implementation of fees for the disposal of white goods. Mr. Pooler requested that the Committee discuss this item as soon as possible as the fees influence the Public Works Department's budget. The Committee held the item for discussion on July 9 when the white goods disposal fees will be discussed.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#94-03 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting Board of Aldermen support of a RESOLUTION affirming a change in water and sewer billing policy that will result in individual condominium units being billed on par with single family homes.

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 8-0**

NOTE: Please see the note below.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#199-03 ALD. STEWART recommending a change in water and sewer billing policy that will result in individual rental units being billed on a par with single family homes.

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 7-0 (Gerst not voting)**

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NOTE:

The above items require an ordinance change, therefore, the Committee voted them no action necessary. The Mayor will be submitting a docket item requesting an ordinance change for the water/sewer rates for condominiums and apartments.

Respectfully submitted,

Sydra Schnipper, Chairman