



POLICY No.: I-1
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TOWN OF WEST BOYLSTON BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS POLICY

Policy on Reservation and Allocation of Sewer Capacity for The Town of West Boylston Sewer System

Purpose: The Town of West Boylston needs to equitably and fairly allocate sewer use capacity within the service area of West Boylston Sewer System.

Background: The West Boylston sewer system is defined in the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) project report "MDC Project No. WM93-001-S1A, Final Report, Wastewater Facilities Plan, West Boylston-Holden-Wachusett Reservoir Watershed, December 1994" and as from time to time revised. The sewer system is intended to protect water quality in the Wachusett Reservoir and the Towns of West Boylston and Holden. The cost of sewer construction is funded by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Metropolitan Water Resources Authority and the two towns. Each town pays for construction costs of that portion of the sewer system in the respective town. Design and construction of the sewer system is owned by the MDC.

Contained within Section 3 Capacity Allocation of the duly approved Sewer Use Agreements by and between the Town of West Boylston, the City of Worcester and the MDC, sewage flow limits are established for West Boylston. Should the Town of West Boylston exceed the average daily flow limits established in the Sewer Use Agreement dated November 30, 2000, the town will be responsible for additional capital and sewage transport rate costs.

The Town of West Boylston participated in the planning and design processes through the Board of Selectmen, the Planning Board, the Board of Health, the Conservation Commission, and through citizen participation at public meetings. West Boylston, through the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Health and with the MDC, carried out an open, public and exhaustive petition process whereby additional properties were included in the sewer project to assure achieving project goals.

Policy: Sanitary sewer wastewater flow capacity and sewer connections are reserved to properties within the sewer project area as defined in MDC Project No. WM93-001-S1A, Final Report, Wastewater Facilities Plan, West Boylston-Holden-Wachusett Reservoir Watershed, December 1994,"as revised, and up to the full build out flows defined in Section 3.0 of the Sewer Use Agreement By and Between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Metropolitan District Commission and Town of West Boylston for Intermunicipal Sewer Use. No use of the sewer system or connections to the system by properties outside the defined sewer project area are permitted, except through authorization by a majority vote of the Board of Selectmen acting in its capacity as Sewer Commissioners. Prior to voting on approving additional sewer connections to the system, the Board of Sewer Commissioners shall conduct a public hearing on allowing any use or connection to the sewer system of properties outside the sewer project area prior to any such vote of the board.

The intent of this policy is to provide approval for sewer connections and expansion of the sewer system service area, only after reserving sewer use capacity for: (1) all developed properties within the sewer service area, and (2) all properties suitable for development and building within the sewer service area.

This policy shall in no way reduce or inhibit the Town of West Boylston's interest, intent or actions to expand the sewer system at any time.