

SOUTHWEST HARBOR WATER & SEWER DISTRICT
PUC public Hearing
Town Firehouse
Thursday March 19th 2026
5:00 PM

Item 1 Convene meeting

Lee Worcester, Ralph Dunbar, Karen Redderson, Ken Minnier, Allan Willey
Aaron Zurek.
Meeting convened by the board chair at 5:00 pm

Item 2 Nick Henry CPA

Nick Henry is the consultant used by the district to help manage the rate case with the PUC. Nick gave a brief overview of the PUC rules that the district needed to adhere to, and how they affected the customers of the district.

Nick then gave a brief breakdown on why the rate increase was needed. The last large rate increase was in 2017. From 2017 2026 would be an increase of 11.5% (1.28% per year) compared to the CPI of 30% (3.33% per year). The district is in need of more capital for the costs associated with O&M of the system. The need of the district to make improvements in the system. The district also has minimal cash on hand less than 3 month worth.

Nick made a summary of the rate increase, overall, a 14% increase with a total revenue increase projected at \$108,100. The rate structure in place will have no change. 10% increase for metered customers. Fire protection would increase 26%. The greater increase in fire protection is to bring in line with PUC standards that state fire protection should be at 30% of the overall.

Item 3 Customer comments

Dennis Wint asked a question on the information sheet provided, which gave a breakdown of customer base, the percent increase and the dollar amount that would be generated by the rate increase. Dennis question was the percentages do not add up to 100 percent. Nick explained to him that was not a breakdown by percentages but the percentages are the increases over the current amount and the dollar figures are the projected amount of revenue it will produce.

Item 4 Adjourn meeting

Lee made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 pm, 2nd by Ralph, unanimous