

**MERRIMACK VILLAGE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MAY 17, 2021  
PUBLIC HEARING  
MEETING MINUTES  
(approved June 21, 2021)**

A Public Hearing was conducted by the Merrimack Village District Board of Commissioners on Monday, May 17, 2021 at 7:01 p.m. at 2 Greens Pond Road, Merrimack, NH.

Chairman, Donald Provencher presided electronically:

Members of the Board present:      Wolfram von Schoen, Vice Chairman (electronic participation)  
   John Lyons, Finance Liaison (electronic participation)  
   Paul McLaughlin, Personnel Liaison (electronic participation)

Members of the Board Absent:      Kenneth Ayers

Also in Attendance:                      Ron Miner, Superintendent  
   Jill Lavoie, Business Manager/Water Quality Support

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**PUBLIC HEARING**

Chairman Provencher explained the purpose of the Public Hearing was to allow public input regarding:

**Merrimack Village District Rate Increase**

Notice of the Public Hearing was posted on the Merrimack Village District website ([www.MVDWATER.org](http://www.MVDWATER.org)), the Town Hall, Library and at the Town Post Office.

**Merrimack Village District Rate Increase**

Chairman D. Provencher explained that the rate increase is two-fold. One portion implements a base rate increase of 22% for all Merrimack Village District customers. The second portion implements a higher tier increase of an additional 10% for customers who use, on average, above 249 gallons per day over the course of the billing period. A town wide meter reading is scheduled for June 30, 2021, in order to implement the new rates on the meter readings starting July 1, 2021. The billing cycle will remain the same.

Keith Pratt from Underwood Engineers explained that they are recommending the 22% rate increase at this time, as well as the tiered rate structure. It was noted that these rates are still below the state average.

*Chairman Provencher opened the floor for public comment.*

No public comment was offered.

*Chairman Provencher opened the floor for comments from the press.*

No comment was offered.

***The Public Hearing was declared closed at 7:11 pm.***

Submitted by Amanda McKenna, Recording Secretary