

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS  
VILLAGE OF WATERBURY**

Notice is hereby given that two public hearings will be held at the Thatcher Brook Primary School on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at seven o'clock (7:00 p.m.) and on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at seven o'clock (7:00 p.m.) in anticipation of the June 20, 2017 special Village meeting to consider the following amendment to the Village Charter:

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE VILLAGE OF WATERBURY  
AND TO ESTABLISH THE EDWARD FARRAR UTILITY DISTRICT**

Sec. 1. On July 1, 2018, the Village of Waterbury, as presently constituted under No. 205 of the Acts of 1882, as amended, shall cease to exist, at which time:

- (a) Village tangible and intangible assets and liabilities of every type, nature, description and location will become the assets and liabilities of the Edward Farrar Utility District (the "District") established under Section 2 hereof;
- (b) Village ordinances, regulations and by-laws shall be deemed to be repealed and shall no longer be operative, except those enactments relating to the ownership, management and control of its public water supply and sewage systems;
- (c) Village personnel and employees, except Police Department employees, shall become employees of the District, together with such vested rights, benefits and entitlements as may then exist; and
- (d) Except as provided otherwise in this charter, all Village departments, franchises, enterprises and regulatory exercises shall cease.

Sec. 2. Effective July 1, 2018, there is hereby established a body politic and corporate known as the Edward Farrar Utility District whose inhabitants shall be those of the Village of Waterbury.

Sec. 3. The legislative body of the Edward Farrar Utility District shall be a Board of Utility Commissioners consisting of five persons. The initial Board of Utility Commissioners shall be constituted by three incumbent Village Water and Sewer Commissioners and two incumbent Village Trustees on July 1, 2018. The incumbent Village Water and Sewer Commissioners shall serve as Utility Commissioners for the remainder of their respective terms as Village Water and Sewer, and the incumbent Village Trustees shall serve as Utility Commissioners, each for a term of one year. Upon the expiration of the terms of the members of the initial Board of Utility Commissioners, there shall be elected by Australian ballot from the legal voters of the District five Utility Commissioners, whose terms shall commence upon election as follows: one for a term of three years, one for an initial term of two years, converted to a term of three years upon expiration of the initial term, two for a term of one year each, and one for an initial term of one year, converted to a term of three years upon expiration of the initial term.

Sec. 4. The grand list of the District shall be the grand list of the Town of Waterbury of property within the District.

Sec. 5. The checklist of legal voters of the Town of Waterbury shall be the checklist of legal voters residing within the District.

Sec. 6. The District shall have the power and authority to:

- (a) own, operate, maintain, improve and extend public water supply systems and sewerage collection, treatment and disposal systems, all as provided by and with the benefit of the general laws of the state, currently existing and as may be amended and supplemented;
- (b) levy taxes upon its grand list, establish rates, charges and fees, and impose such assessments as allowed by law for any purpose for which it is authorized under this charter;
- (c) hold, manage, purchase and sell real estate, deposits, accounts, contract rights, investments, reserve funds, loan funds and loan programs as it may acquire from the Village of Waterbury or otherwise; and
- (d) incur debt for the purposes of and in the manner provided by general law.

Sec. 7. At the election of the Board of Utility Commissioners, the District may engage and employ a manager and such additional personnel as it deems necessary. The Board of Utility Commissioners shall appoint a District Clerk and a District Treasurer who shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Utility Commissioners.

Sec. 8. The boundaries of the District are co-extensive with the current boundaries of the Village of Waterbury, may be extended in the same manner as the general law provides for annexation by villages. Extraterritorial water and sewer service may be provided under such terms as the Board of Utility Commissioners deem advisable.

Sec. 9. Until changed in the manner provided by law, the annual meeting of the District shall be held on the second Wednesday of May, commencing May 14, 2019, the annual meeting and special meetings shall be warned in the same manner as for annual and special town meetings. Unless provided for otherwise by vote of the District, the general laws of the state shall control in all matters relating to the call, notice and conduct of annual and special District meetings. Justices residing within the District shall constitute election officials for all purposes.

Copies of the proposed Charter Amendment are available to the general public on request to:

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