

Town of Raynham, Massachusetts

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The Board is hereby authorized and empowered to exercise all the powers vested with the Board of Selectmen under the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to plan, construct, extend, enlarge, reconstruct, maintain, equip, repair and operate the Town of Raynham's system of sewers, and in general, to have all powers and authority usually conferred upon a Board of Sewer Commissioners by law.

The Board may adopt by-laws for the regulation of its affairs which may include establishing or amending rules and regulations, and conditions under which sewer service shall be supplied, establishing and altering such rates of assessment and annual charges or rents for construction, entering, maintenance, and operation of the system of sewers as it deems just and proper, in conformity with the general and special laws of the Commonwealth. The Board may acquire land and obtain easements and rights of way as it deems necessary in connection with the layout, construction, extension, enlargement, reconstruction, maintenance, repair and operation of the Town's system of sewers, and it may enter into all contracts and agreements necessary or incidental to the performance of its duties and the execution of its powers.

Sewer Assessments ~and User Charges

The Board of Sewer Commissioners, or a duly appointed authority shall establish sewer assessments and sewer user charges.

The Tax Assessor shall issue bills and the Tax Collector shall make collections for all charges and fees, and receipts as a result of operation of the sewage works in accordance with this by-law, existing agreements, and established charges and fees. The Town Treasurer shall maintain in a separate account all receipts and disbursements as a result of operation of the sewer system.

Pursuant to the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 83, Section 23.

One quarter of the cost to the Town of laying out and constructing of sewers of said system of sewers shall be paid from sewer assessments on the properties on every street or way in which said sewers are constructed, by a fixed uniform rate based upon the average cost of all the sewers of said system, and shall be made according to the frontage of said lands and/or according to the area of such lands in such proportion as the Board of Sewer Commissioners deem just and proper.

The annual cost of maintaining and repairing the sewers of said system of sewers and the cost of treating the sewage from the system shall be paid, so far as may be, from annual charges which the of may to Board Sewer Commissioners from time to time establish as being just and equitable to all the users of the said system.

So much of the cost of laying out and construction, maintaining and repairing of said system of sewers and the treating of sewage from the system as is not obtained by the sewer assessment and annual charges herein before provided for, and remains to be paid shall be borne by the Town and shall be raised by general taxation provided that in determining the cost to the Town of laying out and constructing the sewer system, any Federal and State Grant received for the purpose shall be deducted from the total cost before apportionment; provided also that the Town will collect, in addition to the assessment an annual sewer use charge from industrial users of the system of sewers that portion of Federal Grants allocable to the treatment of wastes from such users pursuant to Section 204 (b) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972.