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Board defends charge

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HADLEY - The Sewer Commission is holding a meeting tonight to discuss why the department needs to be able to assess an impact fee for those who want to tie into the sewer system.

The commission in March approved the impact fee to help pay for \$3.2 million in needed improvements. The fees vary depending on the size of the home or business and are based on \$15.50 per gallon per day of usage. For example, the owner of a new three-bedroom home that generates 330 gallons of sewage per day will have to pay a one-time fee of \$5,115. A 50,000 square foot store would produce 2,500 per gallons a day or a \$38,700 one-time fee.

So far the department has collected \$139,000, and that money has allowed the department to purchase a truck that can clean and inspect sewer lines instead of contracting for that work.

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