

**WELLESLEY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS RECORDS
MAY 10, 2022**

The Wellesley Board of Public Works held a duly posted open online remote meeting beginning at 4:00 PM.

Remote participants included Chair Jeffrey P. Wechsler and Commissioner Ellen Korpi; Director David A. Cohen; Assistant Director Jeff Azano-Brown; Town Engineer David J. Hickey, Jr., Water & Sewer Superintendent William J. Shaughnessy; Executive Assistant Debra Surner; and Advisory Committee Liaison Pete Pedersen. Lara Crawford of 15 Rice Street attended as an interested citizen. Mr. Bender was not available to attend this meeting.

Chair Wechsler called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Following reference to the minutes proposed for approval and upon motion duly made by Ms. Korpi and seconded by Mr. Wechsler, it was,

VOTED: To approve the Open Session Minutes of the meetings of April 12, 2022, as presented, (2-0).

Ms. Korpi – Aye
Mr. Wechsler – Aye

CITIZEN SPEAK

Chair Wechsler provided anyone participating remotely with the opportunity to speak regarding matters pertaining to the Department of Public Works.

Ms. Crawford expressed her concerns related to the Recycling & Disposal Facility's Reusables Area. Ms. Crawford explained it was her sense that the area has changed in recent years. Having been a regular visitor to that portion of the Facility over the past 12 years, it has been her observation that the climate of the Facility had started to take a turn in that she no longer saw neighbors and was sorely disappointed with the behavior exhibited by many individuals who spend considerable time there awaiting items to be dropped off. She finds it disturbing that some volunteers appear to be waiting to grab things before they have been left by the donors and are forceful in attempting to obtain the goods intended to be left for others who may find them useful, rather than for collectors gathering items for resale.

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Ms. Crawford suggested it appears the area has gotten away from the original intent of the concept as the desirable items are taken as soon as they are delivered. It is no longer a place for people to wander about to find an item of interest. Only items of no consequence remain available for the taking.

Ms. Crawford thanked the Board and Staff for their attention and conveyed she looks forward to being provided an update in a few weeks.

Chair Wechsler thanked Ms. Crawford for her comments and noted it is very helpful to receive input from citizens. He confirmed the Board and Staff will review the situation and give the matter due consideration. Director Cohen suggested the item be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Advisory Committee Liaison Update. Chair Wechsler invited Mr. Pedersen to bring any matters of interest to the Advisory Committee to the attention of the Board. Mr. Pedersen conveyed the Committee is well informed on matters of interest. The Committee members continue to remain concerned about PFAS-related matters and look forward to being brought up to date as new details and information become available. Also of interest would be any developments related to the status of the potential Stormwater Enterprise Fund. Mr. Pedersen also inquired about feedback on the bid opening for the Walnut Street Reconstruction Project, to which Town Engineer Hickey responded with a summary of the outcome.

PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED CHANGES TO WATER & SEWER RATES

Chair Wechsler declared the Public Hearing open at 4:15 PM to entertain any comments related to the proposed changes to the Water & Sewer Rates.

Director Cohen took the opportunity to review and clarify information related to the recommendation for the proposed increase in the Water & Sewer Charges for FY23. He referred to a memorandum prepared by Assistant Director Azano-Brown which explained in detail the components to be addressed. Mr. Cohen also referred to a draft Customer Letter and proposed Summary of Rate Changes for residential and commercial/municipal/multi-unit properties. He confirmed that a 50% water rate and a 4% sewer rate increase are recommended at this time. Further explanation for the proposed increase continued and the Director conveyed that following a thorough comparison of a number of scenarios reflected on the Rate Sheets, the most equitable alternative was decided upon, which would result in an across-the-board increase. Mr. Cohen confirmed this could be changed in the future, if necessary.

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Director Cohen stated he is anticipating the need for mandatory restrictions to be implemented. He then reviewed the contributing factors and background that led to this decision.

No discussion ensued beyond the Director's explanation and the subsequent discussion with the Board. There was no public comment.

Ms. Korpi complimented the Staff on sharing with the Board scenarios and considerations, as well as assuring them there would be sufficient funds to pay bills, address social equity needs and continue to support conservation and how these recommendations supports those three items.

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Korpi and seconded by Mr. Wechsler, it was

VOTED: To close the Public Hearing, (2-0).

Ms. Korpi – Aye
Mr. Wechsler – Aye

Chair Wechsler declared the Public Hearing closed at 4:32 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION

Proposed Rate Increases for Water & Sewer Rates for FY23. Following the Public Hearing, the Director and Board reviewed the various elements that contributed to the need for this recommended rate hike. Director Cohen shared with the Board comments from Commissioner Bender provided by email and summarized below.

Mr. Bender's first comment related to a request for clarification regarding whether the rate increase is due to increase used of MWRA water. Director Cohen responded to Mr. Bender that the additional MWRA water is responsible for approximately half of the increase. The remainder is due to increased capital, operating and reduced revenue due to less water being used last year.

Mr. Bender conveyed a second comment confirming his being in favor of holding the 0-5 rate. Mr. Cohen suggested it is likely that those in the 0-5 group do not have outdoor meters and are therefore paying a premium on the sewer side.

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Mr. Bender extended appreciation to Mr. Cohen for having facilitated his position and thoughts on these matters. Mr. Bender also acknowledged that the Director's responses to his questions were consistent with the across-the-board rate increase, and confirmed that he, too, was supportive of the motion.

A detailed discussion continued between the Board and the Staff regarding the proposed rate changes and the variables taken under consideration, as outlined in the memorandum of explanation prepared by Assistant Director Azano-Brown. (Copy attached.)

At the conclusion of the review, it was the sense of the Board that the analysis conducted by the Staff pertaining to the proposed increases was thoughtful in that it addressed key issues, prioritized confirmation of sufficient funding and respected social equities.

Chair Wechsler inquired if there were any further questions and, confirming none, upon motion duly made by Ms. Korpi and seconded by Mr. Wechsler, it was unanimously,

VOTED: To approve the Water and Sewer Rate changes for bills issued on or after July 1, 2022, as detailed in the Summary of Rate Changes Effective July 1, 2022, (2-0) (Copy attached.)

Ms. Korpi – Aye
Mr. Wechsler – Aye

Director Cohen conveyed that notice of the rate changes would be posted on the DPW website, as well as a link to the Public Hearing to enable those interested to hear the full explanation and discussion.

DIRECTOR'S ITEMS

PFAS Update. Director Cohen notified the Board it is his expectation that the interim system will be on line by the end of May. He noted that the one thing that could delay that timing is the turnaround time on the sampling and approval to be received from the Department of Environmental Protection, representatives of which are expected on site next week. Dave extended kudos to Water & Sewer Superintendent Shaughnessy and his team for moving this process forward as soon as possible. Mr. Cohen also conveyed the Water & Sewer Division staff will use this as an ongoing pilot test to determine how it works as an alternative for the future, as well as an opportunity to evaluate how the components are working.

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Mr. Cohen informed the Board that it has been confirmed Wellesley College is moving forward with the installation of their PFAS system.

Sustainability Update. Director Cohen confirmed that three of the four electric vehicle chargers have been installed within the Department and one plug-in hybrid vehicle has been used to test the equipment.

ENGINEERING DIVISION

Statement of Fact – Contract #22C-410-1686 – Hunnewell Field Lighting Replacement Project. Director Cohen referred to the Bid Recommendation prepared by Civil Engineer Douglas Stewart and explained to the Board that this is a Natural Resources Commission project, with which Department of Public Works' staff has been providing assistance.

Following a discussion and upon motion duly made by Ms. Korpi and seconded by Mr. Wechsler, it was unanimously,

VOTED: Approval "It is recommended that the award for the "Hunnewell Field Lighting Replacement Project," Contract No. 22C-410-1686, be made to the lowest eligible and responsible bidder, Systems Electrical Services, Inc., of Chelsea, MA in accordance with our specification and their total bid price of \$285,376.00, including Base Bid I and Additive Bid Item A, (2-0).

Ms. Korpi – Aye
Mr. Wechsler – Aye

Statement of Fact – Contract #22C-410-1684 – Wellesley Middle School Parking Lot Improvements Project. Director Cohen referred the bid recommendation prepared by Senior Civil Engineer George Saraceno.

Following a brief discussion regarding a comparison of bids and Town Engineer Hickey's confirming his confidence in the company's ability to perform this work for this price, and upon motion duly made by Ms. Korpi and seconded by Mr. Wechsler, it was unanimously,

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VOTED: That the award for the "Middle School Parking Lots Improvements Project", Contract No. 22C-410-1684 be made to the lowest eligible and responsible bidder, Lorusso Corporation of Plainville, Massachusetts in accordance with our specification and their bid price of \$1,444,146.00, (2-0).

Ms. Korpi – Aye
Mr. Wechsler – Aye

Statement of Fact – Contract #22C-410-1688 – Walnut Street Reconstruction Project. Director Cohen referred to the bid recommendation prepared by Senior Civil Engineer George Saraceno. Following a brief discussion regarding receipt of one response to the bid and feedback related to multiple potential reasons, Town Engineer Hickey confirmed that the bid tracked well with the engineers cost estimate for the project.

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Korpi and seconded by Mr. Wechsler, it was unanimously,

VOTED: Approval that, it is recommended that the award for the Walnut Street Reconstruction Project", Contract No. 22C-420-1688 be made to the lowest eligible and responsible bidder, J.H. Lynch & Sons, Inc., of Millbury, Massachusetts in accordance with our specification and their bid price of \$2,437,007.22, (2-0).

Ms. Korpi – Aye
Mr. Wechsler – Aye

Statement of Fact – Contract #22S-420-1694 –Road Restoration – Hot Mix Asphalt In-Place, Cold Planing & HMA Berm. Director Cohen referred to the bid recommendation prepared by Assistant Highway Superintendent Elizabeth Gildae.

Following a brief discussion and request to waive the reading of the Motion as it is shown on the screen, and upon motion by Ms. Korpi and second by Mr. Wechsler, it was unanimously,

VOTED: That Contract #22S-420-1694 for Road Restoration – Hot Mix Asphalt, In-Place, Cold Planing & HMA Berm be awarded to the lowest bidder, Aggregate Industries, NE Region, Saugus, MA in accordance with our specifications and their bid prices as follows, (2-0):

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Item I:	Furnish, deliver, spread and compact to grade Hot Mix Asphalt, Class I Type I Top or Binder	\$78.25/ton
Item II:	Furnish, deliver, spread and compact to grade Hot Mix Asphalt, Class I Type I Top or Binder (Night Hours)	\$96.00/ton
Item III:	Cold Plane and/or Profile Hot Mix Asphalt Surfaces to a depth of up to 2 inches"	\$2.60/sy
Item III:	Cold Plane and/or Profile Hot Mix Asphalt Surfaces to a depth of up to 2 inches" (Night Hours)	\$3.00/sy
Item V:	Install HMA Berm, MassDOT Type 2	\$4.00/lf

Ms. Korpi – Aye
Mr. Wechsler – Aye

Statement of Fact – Contract #22C-420-1695 – Surface Treatments of Hot-Mix Asphalt Roadways. Director Cohen referred to bid recommendation prepared by Assistant Highway Superintendent Elizabeth Gildae. Mr. Cohen also noted this chipseal product is to be used judiciously on higher volume roadways where it will be worn down by traffic. Following a request for the reading of the details to be waived as they appear on the screen (and shown below), and upon motion duly made by Ms. Korpi and seconded by Mr. Wechsler, it was unanimously,

VOTED: That Contract # 22C-420-1695 for Surface Treatments of Hot-Mix Asphalt Roadways be awarded to lowest bidder, All States Asphalt, Inc., P.O. Box 91, Sunderland, MA 01375, in accordance with our specifications and their bid prices as follows, (2-0):

Item 1	Furnish, deliver, prepare site and install Single Stone Seal on Hot-Mix Asphalt as directed at various job sites in Wellesley.	\$3.15/SY
Item 2	Furnish, deliver, prepare site and install Double Stone Seal on Hot-Mix Asphalt	\$5.50/SY
Item 3	Furnish, deliver, prepare site and install 10% Asphalt Rubber Surface Treatment on Hot-Mix Asphalt as directed at various job sites in Wellesley.	\$4.40/SY
Item 4	Furnish, deliver, prepare site and install 20% Asphalt Rubber Surface Treatment on Hot-Mix Asphalt as directed at various job sites in Wellesley.	\$5.45/SY

Ms. Korpi – Aye
Mr. Wechsler – Aye

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Statement of Fact – Contract #22C-420-1696 – Microsurfacing Treatments of Hot-Mix Asphalt Roadways. Director Cohen referred to the bid recommendation prepared by Assistant Highway Superintendent Elizabeth Gildae and noted there is a significant increase in pricing since last year on this material.

Following a request for the waiving of the reading of the motion as it appears on the screen (and shown below) and upon motion by Ms. Korpi and seconded by Mr. Wechsler, it was unanimously,

VOTED: That Contract #22C-420-1696 for Microsurfacing Treatments of Hot-Mix Asphalt Roadways be awarded to lowest bidder, Indus, 825 Granite Street, Braintree, MA 02184, in accordance with out specifications and their bid prices as follows, (2-0):

Item 1 Furnish, deliver, prepare site and install Single Lift \$4.54/SY
HiMA (6% SBS) Microsurfacing Treatment on Hot-
Mix Asphalt as directed at various job sites in
Wellesley.

Item 2 Furnish, deliver, prepare site and install Double Lift \$9.17/SY
HiMA (6% SBS) Microsurfacing Treatment on Hot-
Mix Asphalt as directed at various job sites in
Wellesley.

Ms. Korpi – Aye
Mr. Wechsler – Aye

Statement of Fact – Contract #22C-470-1698 – Rehabilitation of Moses Pond Wells 1R, 2R, 3R and 4. Director Cohen notified the Board that this work will need to be deferred as it is not advisable to shut down the wells for cleaning at this time and confirmed that the contractor will hold the price until the fall. Mr. Cohen then referred to the bid recommendation prepared by Water and Sewer Superintendent William Shaughnessy.

Following a brief discussion and request by Ms. Korpi for clarification on the matrix of the bids and upon motion duly made by Ms. Korpi and seconded by Mr. Wechsler, it was unanimously,

VOTED: That Contract #22C-470-1698 for the Rehabilitation of Moses Pond Wells 1R, 2R, 3R and 4 be awarded to F G Sullivan Drilling Company of Lancaster, MA in accordance with the plans, specifications and their

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lump sum and unit bid prices and that the contract time for completion be extended to December 21, 2022, as follows, (2-0):

Total of Bid for All Items	\$122,160.00
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Ms. Korpi – Aye
Mr. Wechsler – Aye

DPW Monthly Report. Director Cohen referenced topics and detailed additional highlights and provided examples to supplement information provided on Key Performance Goals, Key Challenges and Opportunities and Key Metrics reflected in this report from the following DPW divisions -- Administration; Engineering; Highway; Park & Tree; Recycling & Disposal Facility; Water & Sewer; Health & Safety; Winter Maintenance; Additional Information and Completed Goals.

Following the Director's review of the report, Chair Wechsler conveyed it reflected a positive overview and expressed his appreciation for everyone's efforts in achieving the accomplishments reflected in the report.

Statement of Fact Activity Report. Mr. Cohen referred to the report included for informational purposes related to a recent purchase.

WATER & SEWER DIVISION

Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund Financial Statements. The Director referred to both statements for the month of March 2022, acknowledged that the statements reflect revenues are down, reviewed contributing factors related to that condition and responded to comments from the Board.

Water & Sewer Division Monthly Performance Report. The Director referred to the report prepared by Water & Sewer Superintendent William Shaughnessy that references the Water & Sewer Division's activities during the month of March 2022 and responded to comments from the Board.

Next BPW Meeting Date. It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Board would be scheduled for Tuesday, June 7. The Director notified the Board that it would be necessary to have a second meeting in June, the date of which can be confirmed at the June 7 meeting.

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ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Korpi and seconded by Mr. Wechsler, it was unanimously,

VOTED: To adjourn (2-0).

Ms. Korpi – Aye
Mr. Wechsler – Aye

The meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ellen L. Korpi

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Ellen Korpi
Secretary

DISCUSSION ITEMS
WELLESLEY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS REMOTE ONLINE MEETING
MAY 10, 2022
4:00 PM

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Board to review the Open Session minutes of the meeting of April 12, 2022. **BOARD APPROVAL AND SECRETARY SIGNATURE REQUIRED.**

B. CITIZEN SPEAK.

C. PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED CHANGES TO WATER & SEWER RATES

ADMINISTRATION

D. DIRECTOR'S ITEMS

E. PROPOSED CHANGES TO WATER & SEWER RATES. Director to refer to memorandum prepared by Assistant Director Jeffrey Azano-Brown regarding proposed rate increases to be effective July 1, 2022. **BOARD VOTE AND SECRETARY SIGNATURE REQUIRED.**

F. ADVISORY COMMITTEE LIAISON UPDATE. Director to inquire if Mr. Pedersen has information to bring to the attention of the Board and Staff. **NO BOARD ACTION REQUIRED.**

G. PFAS UPDATE. Director to refer to most recent activity related to this matter. **NO BOARD ACTION REQUIRED.**

H. SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE. Director to update the Board on recent developments and initiatives. **NO BOARD ACTION REQUIRED.**

I. STATEMENT OF FACT – CONTRACT #22C-410-1686 – HUNNEWELL FIELD LIGHTING REPLACEMENT PROJECT. Director to refer to Bid Recommendation prepared by Senior Civil Engineer George Saraceno. **BOARD APPROVAL & SECRETARY SIGNATURE REQUESTED.**

J. STATEMENT OF FACT – CONTRACT #22C-410-1684 – WELLESLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT. Director to refer to Bid Recommendation prepared by Senior Civil Engineer George Saraceno. **BOARD APPROVAL & SECRETARY SIGNATURE REQUESTED.**

K. STATEMENT OF FACT – CONTRACT #22C-410-1688 – WALNUT STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT. Director to refer to Bid Recommendation prepared by Senior Civil Engineer George Saraceno. **BOARD APPROVAL & SECRETARY SIGNATURE REQUESTED.**

L. STATEMENT OF FACT – CONTRACT #22S-420-1694 – ROAD RESTORATION – HOT MIX ASPHALT IN-PLACE, COLD PLANING & HMA BERM. Director to refer to Bid Recommendation prepared by Assistant Highway Superintendent Elizabeth Gildae. **BOARD APPROVAL & SECRETARY SIGNATURE REQUESTED.**

M. STATEMENT OF FACT – CONTRACT #22C-420-1695 – SURFACE TREATMENTS OF HOT-MIX ASPHALT ROADWAYS. Director to refer to Bid Recommendation prepared by Assistant Highway Superintendent Elizabeth Gildae. **BOARD APPROVAL & SECRETARY SIGNATURE REQUESTED.**

N. STATEMENT OF FACT – CONTRACT #22C-420-1696 – MICROSURFACING TREATMENTS OF HOT-MIX ASPHALT ROADWAYS. Director to refer to Bid Recommendation prepared by Assistant Highway Superintendent Elizabeth Gildae. **BOARD APPROVAL & SECRETARY SIGNATURE REQUESTED.**

PLEASE NOTE – THE INFORMATION RELATED TO CONTRACT #22C-470-1698 FOR THE REHABILITATION OF MORSES POND WELLS 1R, 2R, 3R AND 4, LISTED BELOW, WILL BE FORWARDED UNDER SEPARATE COVER PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

O. STATEMENT OF FACT – CONTRACT #22C-470-1698 – REHABILITATION OF MORSES POND WELLS 1R, 2R, 3R AND 4. Director to refer to Bid Recommendation prepared by Water & Sewer Division Superintendent William Shaughnessy. **BOARD APPROVAL & SECRETARY SIGNATURE REQUESTED.**

P. DPW MONTHLY REPORT. Director to refer to division highlights listed in report. **NO BOARD ACTION REQUIRED.**

Q. STATEMENT OF FACT ACTIVITY REPORT. Director to refer to most recent purchase. **NO BOARD ACTION REQUIRED.**

WATER & SEWER DIVISION

R. WATER & SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. Director to refer to financial statements for the month of March 2022. **NO BOARD ACTION REQUIRED.**

S. WATER & SEWER DIVISION MONTHLY PERFORMANCE REPORT. Director to refer to report for the month of March 2022 prepared by Water & Sewer Superintendent Shaughnessy. **NO BOARD ACTION REQUIRED.**

FYI

DEP Public Water Supply Annual Statistical Report for Year 2021

**SUMMARY OF WATER RATE CHANGES
RESIDENTIAL WATER CUSTOMERS
MONTHLY CHARGE, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022**

RATE CATEGORY	PRIOR	Incr %	NEW
Indoor Customer Charge (monthly)	\$3.33	-	\$3.33
Outdoor Customer Charge (monthly)	\$6.83	-	\$6.83
Base Water Rate per 100 cubic feet (1 CCF) in effect during November - April billing periods:			
Indoor Meter, 0 - 5 CCF (0 to 3,740 gal)	\$2.99	50%	\$4.49
Indoor Meter, above 5 CCF (over 3,740 gal)	\$3.51	50%	\$5.27
Outdoor Meter, all use (1 CCF = 748 Gallons)	\$3.51	50%	\$5.27
Peak Water Rate per CCF in effect during May - October billing periods:			
Indoor Meter, 0 - 5 CCF (0 to 3,740 gal)	\$2.99	50%	\$4.49
Indoor Meter, 6 - 12 CCF (to 8,976 gal)	\$3.51	50%	\$5.27
Indoor Meter, 13 - 24 CCF (to 17,952 gal)	\$5.57	50%	\$8.36
Indoor Meter, 25 - 36 CCF (to 26,928 gal)	\$7.21	50%	\$10.82
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Readiness-To-Serve Charge on meters over 5/8" (monthly)			
3/4" meter	\$5.54	50%	\$8.31
1" meter	\$9.63	50%	\$14.45
1 1/2" meter	\$25.28	50%	\$37.92
2" meter	\$70.67	50%	\$106.01
3" meter	\$92.79	50%	\$139.19
4" meter	\$136.79	50%	\$205.19
6" meter	\$241.37	50%	\$362.06
Minimum Monthly Bill (Plus Readiness-To-Serve Charge)	\$3.33	-	\$3.33
Special Meter Readings	\$30.00	-	\$30.00
Service Turn On / Turn Off	\$45.00	-	\$45.00

**SUMMARY OF SEWER RATE CHANGES
RESIDENTIAL SEWER CUSTOMERS
MONTHLY CHARGE, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022**

RATE CATEGORY	PRIOR	Incr %	NEW
Customer Charge (monthly)	\$5.00	-	\$5.00
Service Rate per 100 cubic feet (1 CCF)	\$1.87	4%	\$1.94
MWRA Adjustment per CCF	\$7.53	4%	\$7.83
Minimum Monthly Bill	\$5.00	-	\$5.00

**SUMMARY OF WATER RATE CHANGES
COMMERCIAL AND MUNICIPAL WATER CUSTOMERS (and MULTI-UNIT)
MONTHLY CHARGE, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022**

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MONTHLY CHARGE, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022**

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TOWN OF WELLESLEY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS



Dear Wellesley Water and Sewer Customer:

Effective for bills issued on and after July 1, 2022, Wellesley's **Water and Sewer Rates** will change as indicated in the table on the reverse side of this letter. These increases will be based on the amount of water you use beginning with your June meter reading.

WATER

The per-unit Water rates will increase **50%**. This increase is needed to cover projected revenue deficits attributable to lower water usage and increases in our MWRA assessment, capital improvements and operating and depreciation costs.

The Water rate has three components: the monthly Customer Charge, the Service Rate, and the Readiness-to-Serve Charge. The monthly Customer Charge will not change. The Service Rates and the Readiness-to-Serve Charges will increase 50%.

In May 2021 due to PFAS, the Morses Treatment Plant was taken off-line and Water Use Restrictions were enacted. This resulted in increased use of the more expensive MWRA water to be paid in FY23 and decreased revenue projections for FY22 and FY23. The cumulative effect of these changes along with increases in the FY23 capital and operating budgets resulted in a **projected deficit of \$2.28M** at the end of FY23.

The effect of these rate increases to the average Wellesley residential customer is an estimated annual increase of \$195 (a 45% increase). For your information, the last water increase was in FY12.

SEWER

The per-unit Sewer rates will increase **4%**. This increase is needed to cover projected revenue deficits attributable to increases in our MWRA assessment.

The Sewer rate has three components: the monthly Customer Charge, the Service Rate, and the MWRA Adjustment. The monthly Customer Charge will not change. The Service Rate and the MWRA Adjustment will increase 4%.

The effect of these rate increases to the average Wellesley residential customer is an estimated annual increase of \$46 (a 4% increase). For your information, the last sewer increase was in FY21.

Please contact the Customer Service Staff or the Water and Sewer Division at 781-235-7600 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jeff Azano-Brown
Assistant Director of Public Works