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Memo

To: Selectboard
From: Rocky Martin 
Date: July 10, 2013
Re: Water and Wastewater Rates FY 2013-2014
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Wastewater:

The FY 2013-2014 Wastewater budget, including half of Water/Wastewater Shared Expenses, is \$285,915, an approximately 8% increase from the previous year. Including a projection for additional new units, revenue for FY 2013-2014 is estimated to be \$265,976, or \$19,939 less than anticipated expenditures. The attached proposal is to increase wastewater rates to collect the necessary revenue to cover expenditures. The proposal is to increase the quarterly flat fee from \$64 to \$72.50; a \$34/year increase (\$2.83 monthly). The average annual residential user cost would increase from \$472 to \$506. (Please see attached WW Rate Setting dated 7/9/2013).

Water:

The FY 2013-2014 Water budget, including half of Water/Wastewater Shared Expenses, is \$364,833, an approximately 1% increase from the previous year. It is anticipated that with new users sufficient revenue will be collected to cover expenditures. Recommendation is to leave water rates as they are at \$72.00/unit/quarter and \$0.035/cubic foot usage over 500 cubic feet/quarter.

Wastewater Rate Setting for FY 13-14

Assumptions: Rates should be set to collect Wastewater Budget Expenditures + 1/2 Shared = \$285,915 FY 13-14
 Half of Allocation & Connection Fees should be applied to O&M Budget,
 other half to go into Capital Reserve Account
 Current rates: \$64/unit/quarter flat fee and \$.027/cu ft usage fee
 At current rates 8000 cu ft/year household annual cost=\$472; at 6000 cu ft/yr=\$418

Currently we have 569 units from 430 accounts
 For FY 13-14 anticipate adding 17 units
 For FY 13-14 we will be billing 586 units

From 4/1/12 to 3/1/13 we billed 3,233,393 cubic feet of wastewater usage
 From 4/1/12 to 3/1/13, collected \$255,896 including 1/2 Alloc and Conn Fees
 Anticipate additional \$10,080 from new units

Est. Revenue at Old Rates \$265,976
 Difference \$19,939

\$19,939 spread over 586 units= \$34 per unit per year increase(\$8.50 per quarter or \$2.83 per month)

Proposed rates would be \$72.50/unit/quarter and +\$.027/cu ft usage fee

	Usage per Year (Cu Ft)	Current Rates per Year	Proposed Rates Per Year	Difference	
Residential	6000	\$418	\$452	\$34	
Residential	8000	\$472	\$506	\$34	
CVU	144275	\$7,479	\$7,955	\$476	Billed at 14 units
Laundromat	62600	\$3,226	\$3,430	\$204	Billed at 6 units

**Recommendation: Set Wastewater rates at \$72.50 per unit per quarter and \$.027/cu ft usage
 Unmetered rates to become \$72.50/unit/quarter and \$40/unit/quarter unmetered usage charge= \$112.5/unit/quarter**

Area Towns Wastewater Annual Cost based on 8000 cu ft usage per year (Rates as of July 1, 2011)

Hinesburg	\$506
Richmond	\$558
Shelburne	\$577
Colchester	\$602