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JOHN BRODERICK  
Director of Public Works

To: Selectboard, Town Administrator  
From: John Broderick  
RE: FY27 Sanitary Sewer Use Annual Fee

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With the recently released CWMP, and the associated costs anticipated to upgrade the Wastewater Treatment Plant, Pumping Stations (5) and infrastructure to ensure an operable compliant system for years to come, the annual sewer fee needs to increase, over time, to build the fund balance to be able to pay for the borrowing needed. The current fee is \$500/year per EDU. The engineering study recommends an anticipated increase of \$300 dollars or so over the next 10-20 years to properly fund these improvements. My recommendation is to increase the FY27 annual sewer fee by \$25/EDU, to \$525.

Projecting annual rate fees going forward beyond FY27, the Town will have to increase the rate to fund the attached projects. While the construction portion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements (phase 1), should be eligible for 0% borrowing through the SRW, for 20 years, and the Pumping Stations construction portions at 2% for 20 years, the ENGINEERING costs for design/bid/oversight of these construction upgrades, are NOT a borrowable amount, and must be funded solely by enterprise funds. This large-scale project is expected to begin design phase 1 in Fall 2026-Spring 2028, with construction phasing in during early 2027-2029. A consistent increase in annual fees should be expected. Raising the rate by \$10 increases available funds by approximately \$87,000.

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