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TOWN OF WARE

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Board of Selectmen will conduct a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 7:10 P.M.**, in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear petition for **Proposed Water and Sewer Rate Increases for the Town of Ware**. Copies of the petition are available at the office of the Town Manager, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA. **This notice shall also be posted on the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association's (MNPA) website (<http://masspublicnotices.org>) and the town website www.townofware.com .**

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Nancy J. Talbot
Chairman
Board of Selectmen
September 6, 2017



TOWN OF WARE

Town Manager

126 Main Street

Ware, MA 01082

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August 30, 2017

To : Board of Selectmen

From : Stuart Beckley & Richard Kilhart

Subject: Water and Sewer Rates – Proposed increase

With Town Meeting's approval of the Water Treatment Plant for the removal of iron and manganese, the Town must generate revenue for the \$6 million project. Based on the attached *Water and Sewer Rate Study*, the goal is to increase the water rate to \$5.77 per 100 cubic feet of use. It is also recommended to increase the Base Fee. We recommend that the increase be achieved over three years. Increases would be implemented for use measured from October to January, which will be paid on the bills due on February 1st.

Proposal

<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>Increase 10/2017</u>	<u>Increase 10/2018</u>	<u>Increase 10/2019</u>
\$4.00	\$4.60	\$5.20	\$5.75 per 100 cubic feet

Minimum Base (500 cubic feet)

\$31.00	\$32.50	\$34.00	\$36.00
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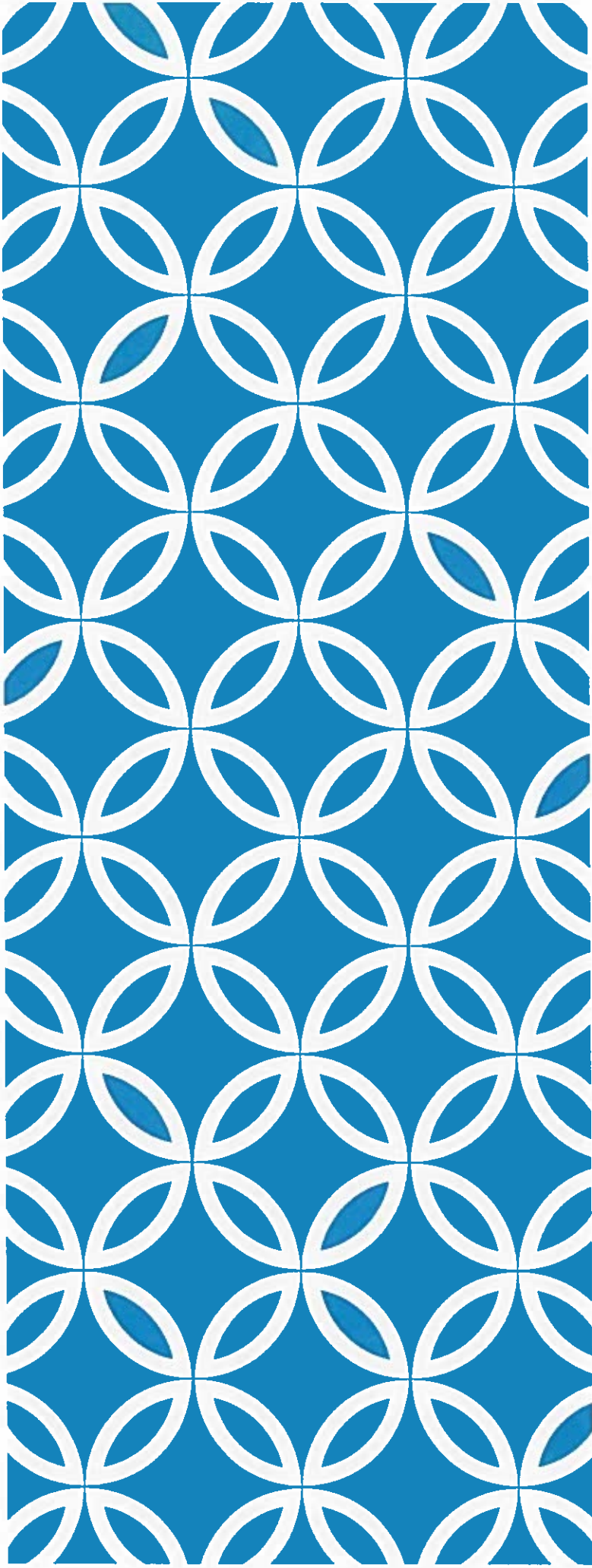
Similarly, the Study indicates the future need for Sewer revenues for improvements to the pipes and Wastewater Treatment Plant. In preparation for those improvements, we recommend that the Board begin to implement rate increases for sewer use as well.

Proposal

<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>Increase 10/2017</u>	<u>Increase 10/2018</u>	<u>Increase 10/2019</u>
\$4.30	\$4.75	\$5.25	per 100 cubic feet

Minimum Base (500 cubic feet)

\$40.50	\$42	\$44.00	
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WATER/SEWER RATE PROPOSAL

**Town of Ware
October, 2017**

PURPOSE

- **With Town Meeting's approval of the Water Treatment Plant for the removal of iron and manganese, the Town must generate revenue for the \$6 million project using revenues from the water receipts. This will fund the USDA 2% loan repayment of approximately \$270,000 annually over 40 years.**
- **The proposed sewer rate increase will provide reserve funds for future repairs to the Wastewater Treatment Plant.**

RECOMMENDED RATES

	Current	Propose 11/17	Rate Inc	Propose 11/18	Rate Inc	Propose 11/19	Rate Inc
Water Base (500 Cubic Feet)	\$31.00	\$32.50		\$34.00		\$36.00	
Water Rate per 100 Cubic Feet	\$4.00	\$4.60	15%	\$5.20	13%	\$5.75	10.6%
Sewer Base (500 Cubic Feet)	\$40.50	\$42.00		\$44.00			
Sewer Rate per 100 Cubic Feet	\$4.30	\$4.75	10.5%	\$5.25	10.5%		

EFFECT ON SINGLE FAMILY HOMEOWNERS — WATER, 2018

USAGE (100 Cu feet)	Number of Users (1655)	Current Cost	Proposed Cost	Increase in Quarterly fee	Annual Increase
0 – 500	373 (22.5%)	\$31.00	\$32.50	\$1.50	\$6.00
750 (500-1000)	451 (27%)	\$41.00	\$44.00	\$3.00	\$12.00
1145 Average Use		\$56.80	\$62.17	\$5.37	\$21.48
1400 (1000-1750)	530 (32%)	\$67.00	\$73.90	\$6.90	\$27.60
3000 (1750 -9000)	300 (18%)	\$131.00	\$147.50	\$15.50	\$62.00

EFFECT ON SINGLE FAMILY HOMEOWNERS – SEWER, 2018

USAGE (100 Cu feet)	Number of Users (991)	Current Cost	Proposed Cost	Increase in Quarterly fee	Annual Increase
0 – 500	240 (24%)	\$40.50	\$42.00	\$1.50	\$6.00
750 (500-1000)	239 (24%)	\$51.25	\$53.88	\$2.62	\$10.50
1192 Average Use		\$70.25	\$74.87	\$4.62	\$18.48
1400 (1000-1750)	296 (30%)	\$79.20	\$84.75	\$5.55	\$22.20
3000 (1750 -9000)	211 (21%)	\$148.00	\$160.75	\$12.75	\$51.00