

**WELLFLEET BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA**

**A Virtual and In-Person – Public Hearing
At the Wellfleet Adult Community Center
716 Old Kings Hwy, Wellfleet, MA 02667
Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at 7 PM**

- **Discussion:** The Wellfleet Board of Water Commissioners will meet on Tuesday January 24, 2023, at 7 PM to revise the Water Rates and Fees Structure that was approved on August 30, 2022.

The Water Rates and Fee Structure that was revised and approved by the Board of Water Commissioners on August 30, 2022, included a revised water rate tier structure and a recommendation to implement a “Unit Method” for calculating the number of dwelling units to be assessed for multi-unit properties, that is properties with two or more dwelling units sharing the same water meter. The goal of the unit method was to ensure equitable costs for single dwelling unit properties and those in a multi-unit building or development.

After the approval of the proposed “unit method” the Board of Water Commissioners learned that the Town’s existing billing company for water services, does not currently have the available to implement such a strategy. As such implementation of the new methodology could not be completed at this time.

- **Next Steps**

The proposed implementation of a “Unit Method” will be deferred until such time that either a suitable unit methodology can be identified and implemented, or an alternate methodology is identified.

The revised water rate tiers and other fees that were approved on August 30, 2022, will remain in effect.

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APPENDIX A
WATER USE RATES AND FEE SCHEDULE

As adopted by the Board of Water Commissioners,
As amended August 30, 2022.

Pursuant to the authority given by MGL c. 41, §69B, the Wellfleet Board of Water Commissioners has established the following schedule of prices and rates which must be paid by every consumer as follows:

WATER USE RATES: SEMI-ANNUAL BILLING PERIOD

On September 18, 2012, the Board of Water Commissioners held a Public Hearing and adopted a 2.5% annual increase of water usage rates and service fee effective on November 1, 2012, and each consecutive year thereafter.

November 1, 2022, and institute the new connection fees starting August 30, 2022.

On August 30, 2022, the Board of Water Commissioners adopted new rates, and service fees effective on [Connection fees (System development charge) and “other service fees” effective starting August 30, 2022. Water usage rates and semi-annual maintenance charges effective Nov. 1, 2022]

SEMI-ANNUAL WATER USE BILLING PERIODS: November through April; May through October; October and April: Water meters read November and May: Bills mailed to Consumers November and May: Payment due upon receipt.

Semi-Annual Charge connected to system will be \$125 **PER Dwelling Unit**. Paid connection fee for Consumers not tied in will be \$0.00 only if account is current and up to date.

New Rates as approved on August 30, 2022: Semi-Annual Three Step Rate UNIT METHOD
Semi Annual Minimum Charge: \$125 per dwelling unit

\$1.40 per thousand gallons from 1000 to 20,000 gallons
\$9.42 per thousand gallons from 20,001 gallons to 60,000
\$14.40 per thousand gallons from 60,001 and over

UNIT METHOD - BILLING

Any multiple dwelling parcel (see dwelling unit definition) can be either separately metered or billed on a master meter according to the “unit method”. This rate option provided that the semi-annual “service charge” is multiplied by the number of dwelling units. In addition, the “billing block” is also multiplied by the number of units. In a simple 2 dwelling example, the service charge would be multiplied by 2 and the first and subsequent usage blocks would be multiplied by 2. Any usage in excess of the extended block would be billed at the next block rate and so on until the total usage is billed. Separate parcels must be individually metered.

METER, FITTING and INSTALLTION FEES and CHARGES (Subject to Market Pricing)

5/8” Meter & Transponder	\$350 currently (or Cost Plus 10%)
Larger Meters and Transponder	Cost Plus 10%
Meter related fittings	Cost Plus 10%
Inspection fee, per inspection – Trench, and Meter installation	\$150 per inspection minimum 2

Note: Most potential connections will have Service sizes less than or equal to 2”. Exceptions are large multi- unit residential & commercial uses.

OTHER SERVICE FEES:

Service Call	\$150
Cross Connection per test (Back Flow) up to twice a year	\$150
Service Turn on Visit – Regular working hours	\$75
Service Turn off Visit – Regular working hours	\$75
Frozen Meter (each occurrence)	Meter cost & 10% plus inspection fee \$150
Turn off for Non-Payment	\$150
Turn on for Non-Payment	\$150
Demand Shut off Notice	\$35
After hours service call (3 hours minimum)	\$450
Interest on Overdue Bills	14% annum .0003836/day
Return Check Fee (Collected by Town Treasurer)	\$35
Late payment fee or Delinquent Account Interest	See Section 10.
Final Meter read	\$50
Research Request	\$50/hour (no charge first ½ hr.)
Unauthorized use of fire hydrant (each occurrence)	\$1000
Hydrant Use Setup (large volume purchase directly from System)	\$80 & includes 1000 gallons
Hydrant Use Consumption	\$20 / 1000 gal after 1 st 1000
Meter Tampering charge-(each occurrence) –See Section 3.2	\$500
Upgrade/Downgrade in meter size	Meter cost +10% plus inspection fee of \$150

SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGE:

Residential Connection	\$750
Commercial Connection	\$1500

***Single Dwelling Unit” is defined as any property with a State Description Code of “SINGLE FAMILY” on the most up-to-date version of the Wellfleet Assessor’s Database at the time of the application.

