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Water Rate Increase

Effective 1 March 2022

For the July 2022 Billing

Dear Customer,

At the instruction of MassDEP, the Townsend Water Department is required to build a Water Treatment Plant at the Harbor Trace Well Site because of elevated levels of PFAS. The treatment plant will treat the water from the Harbor Trace Well, as well as the 2 wells in Timberlee Park. The Water Department has hired Tighe and Bond Consulting Engineers to study the PFAS problem and come up with a solution, which is to build the Treatment Plant.

A rate study was conducted by Tighe and Bond to develop an economic plan to implement the building of the Water Treatment Plant. A rate increase was advised by Tighe and Bond and approved by the Board of Water Commissioners to manage the costs associated with building the treatment plant. The Water Treatment Plant should be completed in approximately 2 years. The Water Department continues to care deeply about the quality of the water it supplies to you and is continually seeking the best ways to provide the highest quality water to all customers.

Please see the table below regarding the new rates.

Water Rates:	Unit Charge: \$45.00
	Residential
	Tier One: \$5.18 per unit* 0-15 *A unit is 100 cubic feet
	Tier Two: \$7.78 per unit* 15.001-30
	Tier Three \$10.37 per unit* 30.001-45
	Tier Four \$12.96 per unit* 45.001 and up
	Commercial/Industrial
	Tier One: \$5.18 per unit* 0-50
	Tier Two: \$7.78 per unit* 50.001 and up

Thank You,

David W Vigeant

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