

We are happy to report that were successful in killing an amendment to require water leak classification.

Thanks to all of you that reached out to your Senators and asked them to support the bill. Please be sure to follow up and thank them for their support of this important issue.

Thanks,

Jennifer Pederson

Executive Director




978-263-1388

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From: Jennifer Pederson <mwwa@verizon.net>  
To: prafuse@townsend.ma.us  
Subject: Legislative Update—Water Infrastructure Legislation Advances

Yesterday, the Massachusetts Senate voted unanimously to pass a water infrastructure bill. This was an important step in the process, but the bill will not be law until the House of Representatives votes on it (we expect that they may not take the legislation up until after the budget is completed in May) and then the Governor would have to approve it. The main components of the bill are:

- Increasing the capacity of the SRF program by adding an additional \$50 million in capitalization to the Trust, which increases the Commonwealth's financial backing from \$88 million to \$138 million.
- Providing the opportunity for communities to receive less than 2% loans, or even principal forgiveness, if their projects meet certain requirements.
- Authorization for utilities to create a Water Bank or fee charged to new/expanded uses to be used to offset the increased withdrawal for projects that benefit the environment.
- Incentives to communities wanting to connect to MWRA or other regional water/wastewater systems with a 1:1 match on the entrance fee.
- Reimbursement to MWRA for its grant program to help their communities with inflow and infiltration removal.
- New definition and criteria for green infrastructure projects.
- Requirements for new/renovated irrigation systems to have interruption devices/moisture sensors.
- The Water Pollution Abatement Trust will now be referred to as the Clean Water Trust.

MWWA is co-leading a Water Infrastructure Alliance to push this bill forward and members of our Alliance were successful in getting several amendments into the bill.

- One would require an equivalent amount of grant money for I/I removal for communities outside MWRA.
- Best management practices guidelines were to be established by MassDEP and the Trust and now they will have to be done with outside stakeholder input.

Other amendments that were adopted:

- increased funding for technical support grants
- giving municipalities at local option to adopt a property tax surcharge to be used for infrastructure improvement
- allowing metering and conservation devices to be included within Energy Management contracts.



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**FISCAL YEAR 14 SUMMARY**  
**TOWNSEND WATER DEPARTMENT - ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**  
 02/28/14

UNCOLLECTED FROM JUNE 30, 2013

85,753.55

**CHARGED 07/01/13- 02/28/14**

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 0.00  
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 -670.87

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**OUTSTANDING:**

USER CHARGES                   \$   100,782.35   100,782.35  
 SERVICE CHARGES               1,937.31  
 CONNECTION CHARGES           0.00  
 LATE CHARGES                  3,842.08  
 BACKFLOW                       0.00

**TOTAL OUTSTANDING \$ 106,561.74**

**TOTAL OUTSTANDING**



**TOWN OF TOWNSEND WATER DEPARTMENT  
CREDIT CARD RETURNS FORM**

DATE OF RETURN: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF CHARGE: \_\_\_\_\_

CREDIT CARD: \_\_\_\_\_

ACCOUNT#: \_\_\_\_\_

REASON/ITEMS RETURNED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

ITEMS RETURNED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of employee/vendor

RECEIPT ATTACHED: YES [ ] NO [ ]

\_\_\_\_\_  
Paul Rafuse, Water Superintendent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## **TOWN OF TOWNSEND Board of Water Commissioners**

### **POLICY FOR USE OF CREDIT CARDS**

POLICY: #01-2014  
ISSUE DATE: February 10, 2014

#### **I. TYPE OF CARDS ALLOWED:**

- A. General Credit Cards (Master Card, Visa, Discover etc.) will not be allowed for Departmental Credit Cards.
- B. Vender specific Credit Cards (Lowes, Home Depot, Staples etc.) will be allowed.

#### **II. TERMS OF USE:**

- A. The billing address will be;  
Townsend Water Department  
540 Main Street  
West Townsend, Ma., 01474
- B. The maximum limit (total) to be charged by Departmental Credit Card(s) is not to exceed \$6,000.00 per fiscal year.
- C. Only items for direct use of the Water Department in pursuing Water Department business will be charged on any Water Department Credit Card.
- D. No items for personal use by Water Department personnel will be charged on any Water Department Credit Card.
- E. ~~Departmental Credit Cards will not be used for the purchase of Clothing Allowance items or for the purchase of any Town or Union personnel benefit.~~

#### **III. TERMS OF PAYMENT:**

- A. The Department Credit Card(s) bill(s) will be placed on the first "bills payable warrant" after the bill is received. Late charges will not be tolerated.

#### **IV. RETURNS:**

- A. Any item charged on any Department Credit Card and returned to the vender will be explained on a "Returned Merchandise Form" which will contain the following information;
  - 1. The name of the Vender to which the item was returned
  - 2. The date of purchase and the date of the return
  - 3. The reason for the return of merchandise
- B. All Department Credit Card reimbursements will be made in the form of a credit to the Department Credit Card account.

**V. LOSS OF USE:**

- A. Using any Departmental Card to make personal purchases or items other than for the use of the Water Department.
- B. Incurring late charges

**VI. CONTROLS:**

- A. The Departmental Credit Card(s) will be the responsibility of the Water Department Superintendent and under his/her direct control which will include but not be limited to;
  - 1. Providing a safe and secure environment for the Departmental Credit Card(s) on the premises of the Water Department when not in use.
  - 2. Authorizing the use of Departmental Credit Card(s) by employees
  - 3. Regaining custody of the Departmental Credit Card(s) in a timely fashion after the use by an employee
  - 4. Keeping, in a secure place on the premises of the Water Department, a complete record of the information needed to report the loss of the Departmental Credit Card(s)
- B. The Superintendent must be prepared to explain any or all purchases made with the Departmental Credit Card(s).
- C. In case of the loss of a Departmental Credit Cards(s) the Superintendent will be responsible to report the loss to the vender immediately and to follow the Vendor's procedure for canceling the lost Departmental Credit Card(s) and the reissuing of a new Departmental Credit Card(s).
- D. If the Departmental Credit Card(s) are used near the end of a fiscal year the Superintendent will be responsible to see that funds are encumbered from the budget to cover the amount of the outstanding bill(s).

Accepted this tenth day of February 2014.

TOWNSEND BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

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Niles Busler, Chairman

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Fran McNamera, Vice-Chair

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Andrea Wood, Clerk



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**TOWN OF TOWNSEND  
BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS  
APPLICATION TO ABATE OR ADJUST CHARGES**

Name: Wayne Thomas Account # 601466

Address: 192 Dudley Road

Phone # N/A Email Address N/A

Billing date N/A

AMOUNT: 150.00 ABATEMENT [ ] ADJUSTMENT [ ☒ ] (check one)

REQUESTED BY: CUSTOMER [ ] OFFICE [ ] OTHER [ ☒ ] - if other please explain below:

Reasons: (please attached supporting documentation if applicable)

Returned for NSF

120.55 UPR  
29.45 4C

APPROVED [ ] DENIED [ ] (check one)

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

TOWNSEND BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

[Signature]

[Signature]

Andrea K. Stodd



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 540 Main Street West Townsend, Massachusetts 01474

Niles Busler, Chairman  
 Paul L. Rafuse,  
 Water Superintendent

Francis McNamara, Vice-Chairman

Andrea Wood, Clerk  
 (978) 597-2212  
 Fax (978) 597-5611

NO. 14-11  
2/28/2014

SCHEDULE OF BILLS RECEIVABLE

To the Accountant:  
 Treasurer:

The following bills, amounting in the aggregate to

FOUR HUNDRED TEN AND 44/100\*\*\*\*\* Dollars

are herewith committed for collection.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>USER CHARGES</u>	<u>SERVICE CHARGES</u>	<u>CONN CHARGES</u>	<u>BACK FLOW</u>
02/28/14	79.00	331.44	0.00	

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3/5/2014

**CUSTOMER HISTORY 03/31/2000 to 04/01/2014**

Acct: 1870 SMITH WAYNE Home:978 597-2945

14 CEDAR CIRCLE TOWNSEND MA 01469 Current Balance: \$27.58 ACTIVE

Loc ID: 1870 @ 14 CEDAR CIRCLE TOWNSEND

Rte: 1 Seq.# 2380 Mtr S/N: 0000000000 Dep:\$0.00

Date	Code	Description	Previous	Present	Used	Charge	Payment	Balance
4/1/2014	WATR	Read on 03/05/2014 (X1000)	665	662				2.08
4/1/2014	WATR	Read on 03/05/2014 (X1000)				-12.00		-9.92
4/1/2014	WR	Unit Charge				37.50		27.58

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5/10/2013	DEMAN	Added on 5/9/2013				1.00		149.65
5/10/2013	LAT	Added on 5/9/2013				2.05		151.70
5/14/2013	WATR	Check For \$147.64					105.07	46.63
5/14/2013	WR	Check For \$147.64					37.50	9.13
5/14/2013	LAT	Check For \$147.64					4.07	5.06
5/14/2013	DEMAN	Check For \$147.64					1.00	4.06
7/1/2013	WATR	Read on 05/31/2013 (X1000) RemMR	623	635	12	48.00		52.06
7/1/2013	WR	Unit Charge				37.50		89.56
8/6/2013	DEMAN	Added on 8/6/2013				1.00		90.56
8/6/2013	LAT	Added on 8/6/2013				1.19		91.75
8/20/2013	WR	Check 2722 for \$89.56					37.50	54.25
8/20/2013	WATR	Check 2722 for \$89.56					49.87	4.38
8/20/2013	DEMAN	Check 2722 for \$89.56					1.00	3.38
8/20/2013	LAT	Check 2722 for \$89.56					1.19	2.19
9/11/2013	WorkOrd	2014-51 Get reading						2.19
9/16/2013	Commen	Estimated Bill [entered by FRONTOFFICE]						2.19
10/1/2013	WATR	Read on 09/16/2013 (X1000) Edited 09/16/13	635	655	20	80.00		82.19
10/1/2013	WR	Unit Charge				37.50		119.69
11/4/2013	LAT	Added on 11/4/2013				1.65		121.34
11/4/2013	DEMAN	Added on 11/4/2013				1.00		122.34
12/5/2013	LAT	Added on 12/5/2013				1.65		123.99
12/13/2013	WR	Check BC for \$119.69					75.00	48.99
12/13/2013	WATR	Check BC for \$119.69					40.39	8.60
12/13/2013	DEMAN	Check BC for \$119.69					1.00	7.60
12/13/2013	LAT	Check BC for \$119.69					3.30	4.30
12/24/2013	Commen	Estimated Reading [entered by ComputerName]						4.30
1/1/2014	WATR	Read on 12/24/2013 (X1000) Edited 09/16/13	655	665	10	40.00		44.30
1/1/2014	WR	Unit Charge				37.50		81.80
2/6/2014	LAT	Added on 2/6/2014				1.08		82.88
2/6/2014	DEMAN	Added on 2/6/2014				1.00		83.88
2/20/2014	WATR	Check 2855 for \$81.80					79.72	4.16
2/20/2014	DEMAN	Check 2855 for \$81.80					1.00	3.16
2/20/2014	LAT	Check 2855 for \$81.80					1.08	2.08
2/28/2014	WorkOrd	2014-306 APPOINTMENT: MARCH 4, 2014 AT 11AM - replace transponder and/or meter tops						2.08

# WORKORDER

# 2014-306

Townsend Water Department

Issued 02/28/2014 By Carolyn

To Mike/Jim

Projected Completion Date NOT SET

Customer 1870 SMITH WAYNE

Location 14 CEDAR CIRCLE Rte:1 Seq:2380

Meter S/N 1870 LAST READING: 665

## Description

Comment APPOINTMENT: MARCH 4, 2014 AT 11AM - replace transponder and meter tops

Requested By

Inspected By

Approved By

Job Code Description

\$0.00

OLD Reading 0662

NEW

Meter Reading 0

Meter Make HERSHEY

NEW

Meter S/N 07916543

Meter Size 5/8

IRON ID # 3537.5123



**TOWN OF TOWNSEND  
BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS  
APPLICATION TO ABATE OR ADJUST CHARGES**

Name: Wwayne Smith Account # 1870

Address: 14 Cedar Circle

Phone # 597-2945 Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Billing date 4-1-14

AMOUNT: (\$12.-) ABATEMENT ☒ ADJUSTMENT ☐ (check one)

REQUESTED BY: CUSTOMER ☐ OFFICE ☒ OTHER ☐ - if other please explain below:

Reasons: (please attached supporting documentation if applicable)

\$12.- credit applied - user  
Estimated bill to high / meter change-out  
applied to April, 2014

APPROVED ☒ DENIED ☐ (check one)

DATE: March 17, 2014

TOWNSEND BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

[Signature]  
[Signature]  
Andrea R. Hood

3/11/2014

## Townsend Water Department

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**CUSTOMER HISTORY 01/10/2012 to 03/06/2014**

Acct: 5590A RICK LAMARRE & SON INC. Home:(603) 635-4557  
 16 PULPIT ROCK ROAD SUITE 1 PELHAM NH 03078 Current Balance: \$67.35 INACTIVE  
 Loc ID: 5590A-5590 @ 10 ALYSSA DRIVE TOWNSEND  
 Rte: 1 Seq.# 5860 Mtr S/N: 07916526 Dep:\$0.00

Date	Code	Description	Previous	Present	Used	Charge	Payment	Balance
12/24/2013	Commen	Estimated left at 4 should be credit [entered by ComputerName]						0.00
1/1/2014	WATR	Read on 12/24/2013 (X1000) Edited 12/24/13	4	4				0.00
1/1/2014	WR	Unit Charge				37.50		37.50
1/24/2014	WR	Check 11643 for \$37.50					37.50	0.00
3/3/2014	WATR	Read on 03/03/2014 (X1000)	4	5	1	4.00		4.00
3/3/2014	WR	Final Bill				37.50		41.50
3/3/2014	SERV	SERVICE CHARGES Final Reading Charge Added as Other Single Charge				25.00		66.50
3/6/2014	LAT	Added on 3/6/2014				0.85		67.35





**TOWN OF TOWNSEND  
BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS  
APPLICATION TO ABATE OR ADJUST CHARGES**

Name: Rick Lamarre Account # 5590A

Address: 16 Pulpit Road Pelham NH

Phone # 603-635-4557 Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Billing date 3-6-14

AMOUNT: .85 ABATEMENT ☐ ADJUSTMENT ☒ (check one)

REQUESTED BY: CUSTOMER ☐ OFFICE ☒ OTHER ☐ - if other please explain below:

Reasons: (please attached supporting documentation if applicable)

Billing Error .85 in Late Charges (see attached)

APPROVED ☐ DENIED ☐ (check one)

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

TOWNSEND BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

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WATER DEPARTMENT MEETING

DATE: March 17, 2014

NAME	ADDRESS	PH/EMAIL
Karen Chapman	Town Hall	kchapman@hotmail.com



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**WATER COMMISSIONERS MEETING AGENDA**

MARCH 17, 2014 - 5:30P.M.

Water Department 540 Main Street, Meeting Room

**I. PRELIMINARIES:**

- 1.1 Call the meeting to order.
- 1.2 Roll call.
- 1.3 Chairman's additions or deletions.
- 1.4 Review/ Approve meeting minutes for January 22, 2014 and February 10, 2014.

**II. APOINTMENTS:**

- 2.1 5:45P.M. Linda Giardina, RE: Water Leak Abatement -Cancelled
- 2.2 6:00 P.M. Karen Chapman RE: Update-Green Communities Grant

**III. MEETING BUSINESS:**

- 3.1 Commissioners Updates/Reports
- 3.2 Discuss/Review/Vote RE: Clarification on credit card policy.
- 3.3 Water Superintendent Updates/Reports
  - 3.21 Legislative updates.
- 3.4 Office Updates/Report.
  - 3.4.1 Sign February 2014 Schedule of Bills Receivable Report.
  - 3.4.2 Review February 2014 Accounts Receivable Report.
  - 3.4.3 Approve Adjustment for account#61466 in the amount of \$150.00 User Fees, returned for NSF
  - 3.4.4 Approve Abatement for acct# 4700 in the amount of \$56.00, user fees, RE: Estimated bill to high.
  - 3.4.5 Approve adjustment for account #5590A in the amount of \$.85, RE: Billing Error.
  - 3.4.6 Review Appropriation balance report.
- 3.5 Review and Sign Bills Payable Warrants

**IV. ADJOURNMENT:**