

Winterport Water District

Notice of Public Hearing and Meeting on

Proposed Wastewater System Rate Increase

Notice is hereby given that the Winterport Water District will hold a public hearing and meeting of the Board of Trustees open to the public on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 6:00 PM at the Winterport Water District’s facility at 34 Sampson Street in Winterport, Maine, regarding the proposed increase for wastewater service charges. The last sewer service charge rate increase was implemented in July 2016, which is over eight years ago. These new service charges, if adopted by the Board of Trustees, will go into effect after January 1, 2025. Note that the District is implementing a sewer-only rate because these customers do not get charged an overage and are on wells. All sewer-only customers would be provided with a meter that would need to be installed by the customer and then could obtain the lower quarterly rate. All interested parties are invited to attend and be heard. Individual utility rates may vary based on usage; however, the current and proposed base quarterly rates are:

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Quarterly Charge/1200 cubic feet (Accounts with Water Meter Readings)	\$118.00	\$148.00
Quarterly Charge/1200 cubic feet (Sewer Only Accounts)	Not Applicable	\$250.00
Debt Service Charge	\$57.00	\$71.00
<u>In excess of 1200 cubic feet</u>	<u>\$8.83/100</u>	<u>\$11.04/100</u>
Minimum Rate (Accounts with Water Meter Readings)	\$175/Quarter	\$219/Quarter
Minimum Rate (Sewer only Accounts)	Not Applicable	\$321.00

This rate increase is necessary to cover the rising costs of services and supplies including, costs to repair aging sewer infrastructure, increased costs of energy to pump and treat the water, and increased costs associated with implementing regulatory requirements. These rates will assist in raising funds for the new debt service that the District has had to take on for the treatment plant upgrade and also help to pay for the recent manhole adjustments along Main Street.