



# Town of Boscawen

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## Select Board

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Town Administrator

To: Residents in the Sewer District  
From: Boscawen Select Board  
Re: Sewer User Rates

On March 22, 2022, the Town of Boscawen entered into an agreement with Underwood Engineers to perform a Sewer Rate Model Update. The prior rate model update was completed in 2019. Underwood Engineers reviewed current consumption and financial information, including updated costs associated with the City of Concord.

The research from Underwood Engineers concluded the following:

- Sewer User Rates have increased 20% since 2019 and are already slightly above the current state average;
- As of 2021, there were 118 accounts with minimum reads;
- Boscawen's portion of Penacook Wastewater Treatment flow influent has ranged from 34-42% over the previous 3 years;
- The City of Concord charges were projected to be \$238,218 in 2022 – an increase of 40% since 2016;
- The annual contribution from the General Fund has not kept up with raising costs;
- Sewer Projects 3 & 4 are in planning phases. Preliminary evaluation indicates significant increases of 35-65% may be necessary.

On October 27, 2022, the Select Board held a public hearing to take public testimony regarding the Sewer Rate Model review completed by Underwood Engineers and proposed sewer user rate increases beginning in 2023.

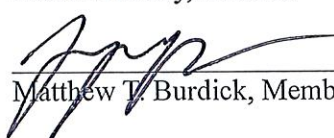
As a result of the study, the Select Board voted to increase the General Fund contribution to \$85,920 in 2023 and then proportionately to the City of Concord's charges thereafter. Additionally, Sewer User Fees increases were approved as follows: **10% in 2023, 5% in 2024 and 5% in 2025.** The updated sewer minimum charge will be **\$9.50 per 100 cubic feet and a \$57.02 minimum charge.**

If you require assistance with your bill please contact our Community Services Director, Sarah Gerlack, at [sgerlack@boscawennh.gov](mailto:sgerlack@boscawennh.gov) or 603-753-9188 Ext. 2303.

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