

# **BOURNE SEWER RATE EVALUATION** Bourne Sewer Commission July 14, 2020 Workshop 4D

# INTRODUCTION

This handout is designed specifically for use in a virtual meeting environment where some participants may be connected by telephone only. The goal is to provide a comprehensive overview of the evaluation in an intentionally condensed fashion to minimize the total number of pages.

### **Bourne Sewer System History and Overview**

#### Existing sewer system

- Constructed in the 1990's
- Services the Downtown, Taylor Point and Hideaway Village Areas
- Paid by owners through betterments
- Sewage goes to Wareham for treatment through Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA)
- Sewer users are billed based upon a base fee which includes 45,000 gallons of use, anything over that billed at \$0.01 per gallon.

#### **New Wastewater Treatment Plant**

- Need first identified in early 2000's
- Designed to support projected development in existing sewer service area
- Intended to be fully funded by new growth with no impact on existing rate payers.

#### **Development Fees**

- 2006 Existing fee structure established
- 2017 Capacity management policy developed

#### **Project Goals**

**Rate Evaluation:** Determine if new plant costs will be supported entirely by growth.

- Add costs of new plant to existing costs
- Estimate future revenue under existing connection fees and from future users
- Determine user cost impacts

#### **Connection Fee and Allocation Evaluation**

- Review existing development fees
- Review capacity allocation policy



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# **RATE EVALUATION PROCESS**





# **PROJECTING EXPENSES**

	Actual Values	Actual Values	Budget Values	Projected Values	Projected Values	Projected Values	Projected Values
	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25
Operating Expenses			2				
Wareham - Operating	\$213,912	\$400,000	\$410,000	\$420,250	\$430,756	\$441,525	\$452,563
Personnel Services	\$170,024	\$106,494	\$197,380	\$243,315	\$249,397	\$255,632	\$262,023
Wareham - Capital	\$188,478	\$188,478	\$188,478	\$188,478	\$188,478	\$188,478	\$188,478
Transfer Out (Indirects)	\$128,607	\$128,607	\$140,944	\$145,877	\$150,983	\$156,267	\$161,736
Purchase of Services	\$145,524	\$92,776	\$113,150 <sup>*</sup>	\$79,796	\$81,791	\$83,836	\$85,932
Other Charges and Expenditures	\$47,408	\$32,614	\$105,375	\$108,009	\$110,710	\$113,477	\$116,314
Transfer Out (Reserve)	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies	\$12,661	\$6,715	\$20,028	\$20,616	\$21,223	\$21,851	\$22,498
Subtotal	\$906,615	\$955,684	\$1,275,355	\$1,206,341	\$1,233,339	\$1,261,066	\$1,289,545
Delta Previous	3.4%	0.0%	9.6%	-5.4%	2.2%	2.2%	2.3%
Capital					3		
Operating Capital	\$3,679	S0	S0	\$290,000	\$170,000	\$115,000	S0
New Debt Service	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Existing Debt Service	\$20,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal	\$24,179	\$0	<b>\$</b> 0	\$290,000	\$170,000	\$115,000	\$0
New WWTP					5		
Operating Expenses	<b>\$</b> 0	S0	4	\$250.00	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Debt Service	\$0	\$0	\$72	\$146,776	\$146,776	\$146,776	\$146,776
Subtotal	\$0	\$0	\$72,000	\$396,776	\$396,776	\$396,776	\$396,776
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$930,794	\$955,684	\$1,347,355	\$1,893,117	\$1,800,115	\$1,772,843	\$1,686,321



#### Key points:

1. Operating expenses projected to increase by about 3.5% annually

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- 2. Wareham costs based on June 2019 settlement agreement. Cost escalates 2.5% annually
- 3. Plant O&M cost based upon estimate, actual cost will vary based upon future contracts costs and actual startup - based upon March 2021 completion
- 4. Based upon FY21 budget, should replace with information from schedule C.
- 5. Operating Capital reflects deferred projects including \$100k Infiltration & Inflow investigation (MADEP required).
- 6. Based upon Budget, actual costs likely to be lower. For FY19 the actual expenditure was 77% of budget.
- 7. Budget levels nearly double by FY22 which tends to bring out any inequities in a water or sewer rate structure

# **PROJECTING REVENUE**

**Historic Revenue by Source** 

#### \$1,200,000 2 \$1,000,000 \$800,000 \$600,000 Liens & Penalties User Charges \$400.000 Alloc Fees Transfer In 3 \$200,000 Betterments Misc. \$-**FY15 FY16 FY17 FY18 FY19**

# **Projecting Revenue From New and Existing Customers**

# **Existing Customers**

User Charges: Based upon analysis of previous years usage data

New Customers (Development) Broken down into two categories:

Known: Projects that the Town is aware of and are in the development process

Projected: Estimated from undeveloped non-residential parcels

# **User Charges**

- *Known:* Based upon flow data provided in application materials or estimated combined with estimated connection year.
- Projected: Based upon planning level flow estimates

### **Development Charges**

- *Known:* Based upon data provided in application materials or estimated combined with estimated connection year.
- Projected: Based upon planning level data

### Key points:

- 1. The majority of revenue has come from user charges
- 2. In the past, transfers were used to minimize rate increases
- 3. Once debt and CIP costs hit, development revenue becomes more important.



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# **PROJECTING REVENUE FROM USER CHARGES**



### **Usage Analysis – Existing Customers**



# **Usage Analysis – Known Development**

Development 6	Flow Year	Units	Allocated (gpd)	Expected Flow (gpd)
Hampton Inn	2020	100	15,243	
Oak Bay Brewery	2020	1	1,661	
Veterinary Clinic	2020	1		-
Blended Berries	2020	1	440	
Mahoney's on Main	2020	1	3,465	
Vincent Michienzi (85-93 Main)	2020	1	13,000	6,500
Calamar/ 25 Perry	2021	120	16,800	8,400
James McLaughlin	2021	1	79	40
MMA Cadet Housing	2021	1	7,070	3,535
Bay Motor Inn	2022	1	11,985	5,993
Choubah Engineering	2022	1	41	21
GENCON/Robert Gendron	2023	109	17,750	8,875
100 Main	2023	121	26,080	13,040
Bourne Scenic Park	2023	20	17,700	8,850
CMP Development LLC	2023	1	46,475	23,238
Total				78,490

### Key points:

- 1. Total amount of water use as measured by Buzzards Bay Water District
- 2. Amount of usage over the 45K gallons allotted per billable unit under the current rate structure
- 3. 2020 based upon first 6 months of meter data extrapolated to full year using data from previous years water use.
- 4. Estimated to increase at 2% annually
- 5. Overage trends differently than total usage because of masking effect of existing fee structure. Projected to remain at 2019 levels.
- 6. First year of flow, based upon best estimate. Green indicates project usage appears in 2019 flow data
- Allocated flow is based upon Title 5 (Septic System planning level flow estimates based upon type of use). Generally considered to be a maximum day flow or about twice the average daily flow
- 8. 50% of Title 5 flow, considered to be an average daily flow



# PROJECTING REVENUE FROM DEVELOPMENT FEES FEE STRUCTURES

### **Existing Fee Structure**

Fee	Amount and Basis
Existing Fee Structure (as of 2006)	
Design Review and Construction Inspection Fee	\$1,500 (commercial only)
Commercial Sewer Permit Fee	\$150 + \$0.010 per square foot of building floor space
Sewer Connection Fee	Annual sewer fee times the number of business units.
Residential Sewer Permit Fee	\$100 + \$100 for each additional unit.
Sewer System Development Charge	\$5,769.678 per acre plus \$36.703 per foot of frontage.
2017 Commercial Allocation Policy Fees	

Application Fee	\$1,500
Preliminary Allocation Fee	\$5,000 plus \$1 per projected flow
Operational Allocation Fee	Number of units x current annual base rate sewer fee

### **Key points:**

- 2006 Sewer Development Charge was based upon betterment structure used to pay for system in the 1990's. This method is designed to distribute the costs of sewer (horizontal) construction.
- 2. The proposed system development charge distributes the \$2.4M of new WWTP debt assigned to the sewer enterprise fund using the widely accepted ERU methodology.

### **Proposed ERU Based Development Fee**

#### Service Development Charge

1. Determine number of Equivalent Residential units Divide total plant capacity by average residential usage

Total Capacity	100,000	gpd
Residential usage	150	gpd
Equals	667	ERU's

#### 2. Determine ERU cost

Equa	ls \$3,600	Per ERU
Total ERU's	667	_
Cost to be recovered	\$2,400,000	_



# PROJECTED DEVELOPMENT REVENUE Existing Fee Structure

Known Dev	velo	opme	ent		2017 Co Allocatio	mmercial on Policy	2006 Fee Structure	2	3	) 🚺
Development	Flow Year Units (g		1 ocated (gpd)	Expected Flow (gpd)	Application Fee	cation ee Preliminary Syst Allocation Develo Fee (calc) Cha		Grand Total Billed		Total Remaining ▼
Hampton Inn	2020	100	15,243		\$1,500	\$21,743	\$39,231	\$62,474	\$48,533	
Oak Bay Brewery	2020	1	1,661		\$1,500	\$8,756	\$8,757	\$19,013	\$8,756	
Veterinary Clinic	2020	1		-	\$1,500	\$6,681	\$10,514	\$18,694		
Blended Berries	2020	1	440		\$1,500	\$6,940	\$31,816	\$40,256		
Mahoney's on Main	2020	1	3,465		\$1,500	\$9,965	\$5,414	\$16,879		\$16,879
Vincent Michienzi (85-93 Main)	2020	1	13,000	6,500	\$1,500	\$19,500	\$20,810	\$41,810	\$21,000	\$20,810
Calamar/ 25 Perry	2021	120	16,800	8,400	\$1,500	\$23,300	\$70,922	\$95,722	\$21,800	\$73,922
James McLaughlin	2021	1	79	40	\$1,500	\$6,830	\$15,011	\$23,341	\$6,579	\$16,762
MMA Cadet Housing	2021	1	7,070	3,535	\$1,500	\$13,570	\$18,586	\$33,656	\$13,570	\$20,086
Bay Motor Inn	2022	1	11,985	5,993	\$1,500	\$6,684	\$49,184	\$57,368		\$57,368
Choubah Engineering	2022	1	41	21	\$1,500	\$6,541	\$68,358	\$76,399		\$76,399
GENCON/Robert Gendron	2023	109	17,750	8,875	\$1,500	\$24,250	\$31,450	\$57,200	\$24,250	\$32,950
100 Main	2023	121	26,080	13,040	\$1,500	\$32,580	\$9,875	\$43,955		\$43,955
Bourne Scenic Park	2023	20	17,700	8,850	\$1,500	\$24,200	\$58,961	\$84,661		\$84,661
CMP Development LLC	2023	1	46,475	23,238	\$1,500	\$52,975	\$39,491	\$93,966		\$93,966
Total				78.490	\$22,500	\$264,514	\$478,379	\$765,394	\$144,488	\$537,757

# Projected Development

Land Use Description	Title 5 Estimated Flow (gpd)	Expected Flow (gpd)	Est No Units	A	pplication Fee	А	Preliminary Illocation Fee	De	System velopment Charge	Grand Total
Vacant, Selectmen or City Council (Municipal)	1,468	734	12	\$	1,500	\$	7,968	\$	18,570	\$ 28,038
Developable Commercial Land	1,411	706	12	\$	1,500	\$	7,911	\$	18,273	\$ 27,684
Undevelopable Commercial Land	501	250	5	\$	1,500	\$	7,001	\$	5,805	\$ 14,306
Undevelopable Commercial Land	736	368	6	\$	1,500	\$	7,236	\$	7,089	\$ 15,825
Vacant, Selectmen or City Council (Municipal)	645	322	6	\$	1,500	\$	7,145	\$	19,619	\$ 28,264
Vacant, Selectmen or City Council (Municipal)	954	477	8	\$	1,500	\$	7,454	\$	15,593	\$ 24,547
Developable Commercial Land	1,015	507	9	\$	1,500	\$	7,515	\$	9,809	\$ 18,824
Developable Commercial Land	1,346	673	11	\$	1,500	\$	7,846	\$	15,678	\$ 25,024
Developable Commercial Land	1,699	849	14	\$	1,500	\$	8,199	\$	9,639	\$ 19,337
Developable Commercial Land	1,668	834	14	\$	1,500	\$	8,168	\$	10,732	\$ 20,401
Vacant, Selectmen or City Council (Municipal)	4,252	2,126	35	\$	1,500	\$	10,752	\$	23,962	\$ 36,213
Vacant, Selectmen or City Council (Municipal)	23,392	11,696	190	\$	1,500	\$	29,892	\$	90,595	\$ 121,986
	9,061	4,530	74	\$	1,500	\$	15,561	\$	38,683	\$ 55,744
Undevelopable Commercial Land	684	342	6	\$	1,500	\$	7,184	\$	14,071	\$ 22,754
	48,831	24,415	402		\$21,000		\$139,831		\$298,116	\$458,947

#### Key points:

- 1. Assumed
- 2. Consists of the three charges shown which represent Bourne's intended application of existing fees

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- 3. Total received to date
- 4. Remaining charges anticipated to be billed
- Parcels selected based upon land use descriptions.
  Developable residential parcels not included based upon previous discussion relative to zoning restrictions
- Development fees distributed based upon the assumed timeline



# PROJECTING REVENUE FROM DEVELOPMENT FEESSED Proposed Fee Structure

# Known Development

	Development	Flow Year	Expected Flow (gpd)	No. ERU's	El De	ERU System evelopment Charge	
	Hampton Inn	2020			\$	-	
	Oak Bay Brewery	2020			\$	-	
	Veterinary Clinic	2020	-		\$	-	
	Blended Berries	2020			\$	-	
	Mahoney's on Main	2020			\$	-	
	Vincent Michienzi (85-93 Main)	2020	6,500	44	\$	158,400	
	Calamar/ 25 Perry	2021	8,400	56	\$	201,600	
	James McLaughlin	2021	40	1	\$	3,600	
	MMA Cadet Housing	2021	3,535	24	\$	86,400	
	Bay Motor Inn	2022	5,993	40	\$	144,000	
	Choubah Engineering	2022	21	1	\$	3,600	
	GENCON/Robert Gendron	2023	8,875	60	\$	216,000	
	100 Main	2023	13,040	87	\$	313,200	
	Bourne Scenic Park	2023	8,850	59	\$	212,400	
	CMP Development LLC	2023	23,238	155	\$	558,000	
T	otal		78,490	527		\$1,897,200	

# **Known Development**

Land Use Description	Title 5 Estimated Flow (gpd)	Expected Flow (gpd)	No. ERU's	E D	ERU System evelopment Charge
Vacant, Selectmen or City Council (Municipal)	1,468	734	5	\$	35,232.00
Developable Commercial Land	1,411	706	5	\$	33,871.20
Undevelopable Commercial Land	501	250	2	\$	12,021.60
Undevelopable Commercial Land	736	368	3	\$	17,668.80
Vacant, Selectmen or City Council (Municipal)	645	322	3	S	15,472.80
Vacant, Selectmen or City Council (Municipal)	954	477	4	\$	22,896.00
Developable Commercial Land	1,015	507	4	\$	24,357.60
Developable Commercial Land	1,346	673	5	\$	32,304.00
Developable Commercial Land	1,699	849	6	\$	40,771.20
Developable Commercial Land	1,668	834	6	\$	40,039.20
Vacant, Selectmen or City Council (Municipal)	4,252	2,126	15	\$	102,036.00
Vacant, Selectmen or City Council (Municipal)	23,392	11,696	78	\$	561,400.80
	9,061	4,530	31	\$	217,452.00
Undevelopable Commercial Land	684	342	3	\$	16,413.60
	48,831	24,415	170		\$1,171,937

# **DEVELOPMENT FEE SUMMARY**

# **Existing Fee Structure**

	Known	Р	rojected	Total	tal Debt Service Bala		Balance	
2020	\$ 144,488			\$ 144,488	\$	-	\$	144,488
2021	\$ 211,408	\$	-	\$ 211,408	\$	72,000	\$	283,896
2022	\$ 133,767	\$	45,895	\$ 179,662	\$	148,981	\$	314,577
2023	\$ 235,827	\$	68,842	\$ 304,669	\$	148,981	\$	470,265
2024	\$ -	\$	114,737	\$ 114,737	\$	148,981	\$	436,021
2025	\$ -	\$	137,684	\$ 137,684	\$	148,981	\$	424,724
2026		\$	91,789	\$ 91,789	\$	148,981	\$	367,533
2027		\$	-	\$ -	\$	148,981	\$	218,552
2028		\$	-	\$ -	\$	148,981	\$	69,571
2029		\$	-	\$ -	\$	148,981	\$	(79,409)
Fotal	\$ 725,490	\$	458,947	\$ 1,184,437				

# **Proposed Fee Structure**

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	Known	F	Projected	Total		Debt Service		Balance	
2020	\$ 144,488.00	\$	-	\$	144,488	\$	-	\$	144,488
2021	\$ 450,000	\$	-	\$	450,000	\$	72,000	\$	522,488
2022	\$ 147,600	\$	61,200	\$	208,800	\$	148,981	\$	582,307
2023	\$ 1,299,600	\$	91,800	\$	1,391,400	\$	148,981	\$	1,824,727
2024	\$ -	\$	153,000	\$	153,000	\$	148,981	\$	1,828,746
2025	\$ -	\$	183,600	\$	183,600	\$	148,981	\$	1,863,365
2026	\$ -	\$	122,400	\$	122,400	\$	148,981	\$	1,836,784
2027	\$ -			\$	-	\$	148,981	\$	1,687,804
2028	\$ -			\$	-	\$	148,981	\$	1,538,823
2029	\$ -			\$	-	\$	148,981	\$	1,389,842
	\$ 2.041.688	\$	612.000	\$	2.653.688				

### Key points:

 Projected development is assumed to follow the timeline shown below (i.e. 25% of all projected development fees are assumed to be collected in FY24).

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- 2. While the goal of System Development charges is to recover the \$2.4M in new WWTP Debt assigned to the Sewer Enterprise, the debt service represents the actual cost that must be paid each year
- 3. Assumes that all development fee revenue is deposited into the Capital Stabilization Fund and used only to pay debt service
- 4. Existing fee structure does not recover full cost of capital as it was not designed for that purpose



Stabilization

# **PROJECTING REVENUES – USER FEES**

# **Evaluation of Existing Fee Structure**

# **Residential Condo and Single Family Usage Evaluation**



### **Key points:**

7-10-2020 1. Example data point. This shows that out of all the condominium customer accounts, 65 of them (or 50% of them) used a total of 10,000 gallons of water in 2018.

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- 2. Similarly, 21 of the single family customers (~20% of them) also used 10,000 gallons of water in 2018. This means condo's use less water than houses.
- Bourne's current sewer user rate includes 45,000 gallons of usage before customers are charged for overage.
- 4. Usage data appears to be heavily skewed by seasonal aspect. This is exacerbated by the fact that usage is only billed once per year.

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### Pros and Cons of existing rate structure

The generous usage allowance means most residential customers never exceed the minimum charge.

Users are effectively paying for more usage than than they actually need.

#### **Residential Usage**

- MADEP target max usage = 65 gallons per person per day for residential. This equals 94,000 gallons per year.
- 50,000 gallons per year equals 2 people at 65 gallons per person per day or average family at 50 gpd
- 20,000 gpd example is seasonal cottage

# **PROJECTING REVENUES – USER FEES**

# Alternative Rate Structure Development

**REVISED** 7-10-2020 The existing rates charge by the number of billing units, however this is not defined for non-residential customers which results in inconsistent user costs. As an alternative, a rate structure that maintains the base rate and a usage charge was developed. Many systems use base charges that increase according to the size of the water meter, this reflects the fact that larger users have a proportionally larger impact on system operations and costs. Since Bourne does not own the water system, this information was not available, thus the same Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) method was used to establish the number of ERU's per customer. The customer's base charge would equal the number of ERU's times the Base Fee (\$600 per ERU in FY21).

With Tiered (or stepped) rates, the usage portion of the customers bill increases with the amount of usage. This is commonly used to encourage water conservation. The proposed tiers are based upon evaluation of the existing water use for both single family residential and non-residential users. The steps in a tier are defined by the volumetric increase and rate increase. Tiers volumes were developed based upon analysis of existing water use for both single family and non-residential customers.

# **Usage Analysis**



# **RATE ALTERNATIVE A – STATUS QUO Existing Rate and Fee Structure (usage and development fees)**

Revenue	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25
User Rates - Existing	\$ 955,370	\$ 958,468	\$ 1,027,974	\$ 1,069,470	\$ 1,110,966	\$ 1,152,462	\$ 1,193,958	\$ 1,235,454
User Rates - Known Dev.		\$ -	\$ 86,010	\$ 232,124	\$ 262,923	\$ 612,123	\$ 630,363	\$ 648,603
User Rates - Proj Dev.		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,677	\$ 48,402	\$ 100,186	\$ 166,058
Development Revenue - Known			\$ -	\$ 211,408	\$ 133,767	\$ 235,827	\$ -	\$ 
Development Revenue - Projected			\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,947	\$ 34,421	\$ 57,368	\$ 68,842
Non Rate		\$ 170,811	\$ 83,202	\$ 96,335	\$ 102,703	\$ 132,132	\$ 139,939	\$ 148,731
Total Revenue		\$ 1,129,280	\$ 1,197,187	\$ 1,609,337	\$ 1,651,983	\$ 2,215,367	\$ 2,121,814	\$ 2,267,688
Net Revenue (Revenue-Expense)	\$ 35,189	\$ 198,486	\$ 241,503	\$ 333,982	\$ (94,358)	\$ 562,028	\$ 495,747	\$ 728,143
Retained Earnings Balance	\$466,478	\$6 <mark>64,964</mark>	\$906,467	\$1, <mark>2</mark> 40,448	\$1, <mark>1</mark> 46,090	\$1, <mark>70</mark> 8,118	\$2, <mark>20</mark> 3,865	\$2, <mark>932,</mark> 009
Retained Earnings as Percent of OpEx	55%	73%	95%	97%	95%	138%	175%	227%



#### **User Rates**

Description	Туре	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25
Base Fee	Annual	\$776	\$812	\$879	\$919	\$959	\$999	\$1,039	\$1,079
Overage	Usage	\$0.0100	\$0.0100	\$0.0100	\$0.0100	\$0.0100	\$0.0100	\$0.0100	\$0.0100
Increase		\$24	\$36	\$67	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40
Residential Cos	sts					2			

Scenario	i i	Y18	FY19		FY20		FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25
Alternative A	\$	776	\$ 826	\$	1,060	\$	1,100	\$ 1,140	\$ 1,180	\$ 1,220	\$ 1,260
Increase 4	_		\$ 50	\$	234	\$	40	\$ 40	\$ 40	\$ 40	\$ 40

#### Key points:

- 1. Most recent data
- 2. Base fee goes up by \$40 per year which is considered to be the status quo in terms of estimating burden on existing rate payers

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- 3. User rate revenue for developments subject to change due to assumptions of billable units.
- 4. Assumes ALL known development and 50% of projected development move forward as previously shown.
- 5. Average household (2.66 people) using 65 gpd each (State target) or 62.2K gal per year.



Alternative A supports enterprise without undue burden on existing rate payers\*.

\* Based upon FY18 financial data. projected usage and development assumptions shown herein.

# **RATE ALTERNATIVE B – NEW RATES & FEES** ERU and Tiered Usage Rates with ERU Based Development Fees



#### Schedule 1.2 Proforma - Tiered ERU Rates - 50% Projected Dev.

Revenue	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25
User Rates - Existing	\$ 955,370	\$ 958,468	\$ 1,027,974	\$ 1,011,795	\$ 1,019,216	\$ 1,026,785	\$ 1,034,505	\$ 1,042,381
User Rates - Known Dev.			\$ 86,010	\$ 350,209	\$ 351,301	\$ 557,640	\$ 604,315	\$ 611,157
User Rates - Proj Dev. 3				\$ 3,198	\$ 27,916	\$ 54,955	\$ 79,887	\$ 94,950
Development Revenue - Known			\$ -	\$ 450,000	\$ 147,600	\$ 1,299,600	\$ -	\$ -
Development Revenue - Pro				\$ -	\$ 30,600	\$ 45,900	\$ 76,500	\$ 91,800
Non-Rate 4		\$ 170,811	\$ 70,218	\$ 95,930	\$ 98,256	\$ 115,122	\$ 120,675	\$ 122,760
TOTAL REVENUE	Total	\$ 1,129,280	\$ 1,184,202	\$ 1,911,131	\$ 1,674,888	\$ 3,100,002	\$ 1,915,883	\$ 1,963,048
Net Revenue (Revenue-Expense)	\$ 257,284	\$ 198,486	\$ 228,518	\$ 635,776	\$ (71,453)	\$ 1,446,664	\$ 289,816	\$ 423,503
Retained Earnings Balance	466,478	\$664 <mark>,</mark> 964	\$ 893, <mark>4</mark> 82	\$ 1,52 <mark>9,2</mark> 58	\$ 1,45 <mark>7,8</mark> 05	\$ \$2,90 <mark>4,46</mark> 8	\$ 3,19 <mark>4,285</mark>	\$ 3,617,787
Retained Earnings as Percent of Op Ex	55%	73%	93%	120%	121%	235%	253%	281%



User Rates						2			
Category	Туре	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY2	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25
Base Fee	Annual	\$776	\$812	\$879	\$575	\$575	\$575	\$575	\$575
Tier 1	Usage				\$0.0065	\$0.0065	\$0.0065	\$0.0065	\$0.0065
Tier 2	Usage				\$0.0098	\$0.0098	\$0.0098	\$0.0098	\$0.0098
Tier 3	Usage				\$0.0130	\$0.0130	\$0.0130	\$0.0130	\$0.0130

# Residential Costs 5

Scenario	F	-Y18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25
Alternative B	\$	776	\$ 826	\$ 1,060	\$ 1,093	\$ 1,093	\$ 1,093	\$ 1,093	\$ 1,093
Increase			\$ 50	\$ 234	\$ 33	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

#### Key points:

- 1. Most recent data
- Base fee is based upon the number of ERU's (same as current number of units for all residential users, average daily flow / 150 gallons per day for non-residential). *No usage is included in base fee*. Annual billing frequency assumed for usage.
- 3. User rate revenue for developments subject to change due to assumptions of billable units.
- 4. Assumes *ALL* known development and 50% of projected development move forward as previously shown.
- Average household (2.66 people) using 65 gpd each (State target) or 62.2K gal per year.



Alternative B supports enterprise without undue burden on existing rate payers\* see page 15 for more.

\* Based upon FY18 financial data, projected usage and development assumptions shown herein.



# **CUSTOMER COST IMPACTS**

Land Use Code		2018 USAGE ,(Gal x 1,000)	2019 USAGE (Gal x 1,000)	Billable Units	No. of ERU's	Anı E	nual Bill xisting Rates	Annual Bill Tiered Rates	Delta
Business Condo	271 MAIN STREET (NAPA AUTO PARTS)	41	57	2	1	S	1,838	\$1,033	-\$805
Business Condo	258 MAIN STREET (BUZZARDS BAY PROF.)	490	540	17	9	\$	15,623	\$11,821	-\$3,802
Gasoline Service Stations	246 MAIN STREET (SUPER PETR.)	29	17	1	1	\$	919	\$686	-\$234
Gasoline Service Stations	160 MAIN STREET (CUMBERLAND FARMS)	485	500	1	9	\$	5,469	\$11,301	\$5,832
Hotel	Perry Lane (Hampton Inn)		168	1	1	\$	2,149	\$2,385	\$236
Mixed Use (Primarily Comm	.)7 & 9 ST MARGARETS STREET	148	120	6	3	\$	5,514	\$2,911	-\$2,603
Mixed Use (Primarily Comm	.) 145 MAIN STREET	350	321	3	7	\$	3,377	\$7,824	\$4,447
Mixed Use (Primarily Comm	.) 267 MAIN STREET (LAUNDRY MAT)	2,350	2450	1	43	\$	24,969	\$56,201	\$31,232
Residential Condo	10-C HORSESHOE LANE	5	3	1	1	\$	919	\$595	-\$325
Residential Condo	20-H BAKERS LANE	20	16	1	1	\$	919	\$679	-\$240
Residential Condo	21-S BOG VIEW DRIVE	119	116	1	1	\$	1,629	\$1,709	\$80
Restaurants/Food Service	57 MAIN STREET (MAHONEY'S ON MAIN ST)	10	321	1	1	\$	3,679	\$4,374	\$695
Restaurants/Food Service	225 MAIN STREET (BETTY ANNE'S)	94	105	1	2	\$	1,519	\$2,141	\$622
Restaurants/Food Service	278 MAIN STREET (DUNKIN DONUTS)	560	540	1	11	\$	5,869	\$12,971	\$7,102
Single Family Residential	18 EVERETT ROAD	15	15	1	1	\$	919	\$673	-\$247
Single Family Residential	225A MAIN STREET	60	50	1	1	\$	969	\$965	-\$4
Single Family Residential	24 OLD BRIDGE ROAD	95	100	1	1	\$	1,469	\$1,501	\$32
Two-Family Residential	17 BAY DRIVE	15	16	2	2	\$	1,838	\$1,254	-\$584
Two-Family Residential	33 OLD BRIDGE ROAD	74	80	2	2	\$	1,838	\$1,833	-\$6
Two-Family Residential	34 HARRISON AVENUE	144	133	2	2	\$	2,053	\$2,505	\$452

### Key points:

- 1. Representative sampling of most common user types showing range of usage.
- 2. Example of inconsistent application of billable units for existing rate structure
- 3. Single family typically used as test case for determining rate impacts.

### **Residential Usage**

 Bourne has large seasonal component ~40% of single family homes likely to be seasonal

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- MADEP target max usage = 65 gallons per person per day for residential. This equals 94K gallons per year for a 4 person household.
- 50,000 gallons per year equals 2 people at 65 gallons per person per day or average family (2.5 people) at 50 gpd
- 15,000 gpd example is likely seasonal

# RATE ALTERNATIVE A1 – STATUS QUO NO NEW DEVELOPMENT



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#### Key points:

- Rates adjusted to maintain retained earnings balance above 20% of operating costs.
- Base fee increases are much higher to make up for development revenue. FY21 same as in alternative A.

Alternative A without development revenue does not support enterprise without undue burden on existing rate payers\*.

#### **User Rates**

Description	Туре	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25		
Base Fee	Annual	\$776	\$812	\$879	\$919	\$1,103	\$1,323	\$1,390	\$1,390		
Overage	Usage	\$0.0100	\$0.0100	\$0.0100	\$0.0100	\$0.0100	\$0.0100	\$0.0100	\$0.0100		
Increase		\$24	\$36	\$67	\$40	\$184	\$221	\$66	\$0		
Residential Cos	ts						2				
Scenario	FY	18	FY19	FY2(	)	-Y21	FY22	F	Y23	FY24	FY25
Alternative A1	\$	776 \$	826	\$1,	060 \$	1,100	\$ 1,28	4 \$	1,504 \$	1,571	\$ 1,57
Increase		\$	50	\$	234 \$	40	\$ 18	34 <b>\$</b>	221 \$	66	\$ -

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\* Based upon FY18 financial data, projected usage and development assumptions shown herein.

# **RATE ALTERNATIVE B1 – NEW RATES** NO NEW DEVELOPMENT

Revenue	FY18	FY19		FY20		FY21		FY22	FY23		FY24		FY25
									3.0%		3.0%		3.0%
Base Fee	\$ 909,765	\$ 958,947	S	959,868	S	850,425	\$	850,425	\$ 875,938	\$	902,216	S	929,282
Non-Rate Revenue	\$ 222,095	\$ 170,811	S	87,306	S	96,720	S	97,359	\$ 100,795	S	104,368	S	108,084
Tier 1					\$	101,285	\$	103,311	\$ 108,538	\$	114,030	\$	119,800
Tier 2					S	97,926	\$	99,885	\$ 104,939	S	110,249	S	115,827
Tier 3					\$	257,458	\$	262,607	\$ 275,895	\$	289,855	S	304,522
System Development			\$	-	S	-	\$	-	\$ -	S	-	S	-
Total Revenue	\$ 1,131,860	\$ 1,129,758	\$	1,047,174	\$	1,403,814	\$	1,413,586	\$ 1,466,105	\$	1,520,718	\$	1,577,515
delta previous (Rate Revenue)		\$ 49,182	\$	155,516	\$	(109,443)	\$		\$ 25,513	\$	26,278	\$	27,066
delta previous (Total Revenue)		\$ (2,102)	\$	(82,584)	\$	356,639	\$	9,773	\$ 52,518	\$	54,613	\$	56,797
Net Revenue (Revenue-Expense)	\$ 257,284	\$ 198,964	\$	91,491	\$	128,459	\$	(332,755)	\$ (187,234)	S	(105,349)	\$	37,970
Retained Earnings Balance	\$466,478	\$664,964		\$756,454		\$884,913		\$552,158	\$364,924		\$259,576		\$297,546
Retained Earnings as Percent of Operating Expension	55%	73%		79%		69%		46%	30%		21%		23%



### Key points:

 Rates adjusted to maintain retained earnings balance above 20% of operating costs

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 Base fee increases are much higher to make up for development revenue. FY21 same as in alternative A.

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Alternative B without development revenue does not support enterprise without undue burden on existing rate payers\*.

#### **User Rates**

Description	Тур	e FY	18	FY19	FY20	FY	21	FY22	F	Y23	FY2	4 F	Y25			
Base Fee	Annu	ial \$7	76	\$812	\$879	\$1,0	011	\$1,162	\$1	1,279	\$1,2	79 \$1	,279			
Overage	Usag	ge \$0.0	100	\$0.0100	\$0.010	\$0.0	100	\$0.0100	\$0	.0100	\$0.01	00 \$0.	0100			
Increase			<b>\$2</b> 4	\$36	\$6	7 \$	5132	\$152		<u>\$11</u> 6		\$0	\$0	)		
<b>Residential Cos</b>	sts									2						
Scenario		FY18		FY19	FY2	0	F	Y21	F	FY22		FY23		FY24	Γ	FY25
Alternative B1	\$	776	\$	826	\$ 1	,060	\$	1,212	\$	1,334	\$	1,57	'4 \$	1,605	\$	1,605
Increase			\$	50	\$	234	\$	152	\$	121	\$	24	0\$	31	\$	
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\* Based upon FY18 financial data, projected usage and development assumptions shown herein.

# **CAPACITY MANAGEMENT AND FLOWS**

Why Infiltration & Inflow is Important



Uncomitted Reserve Capacity Pending Preliminary Allocation Operational Allocation Residential Reserve Existing Usage (Pumpage)



#### **Key Points**

- 1. Based upon 2019 metered usage as pump station totals not available. Bourne should compare pumpage numbers to estimate volume of infiltration & inflow.
- 2. Allocations based upon Title 5 flow values which are roughly 2X expected daily flows thus understating the amount of available capacity
- 3. Assumes new WWTP on line
- 4. Blue bars represent total water usage (not just sewered area), blue curve shows seasonal increase in water usage
- Amount of sewage pumped from Hideaway Station
- 6. Amount of sewage pumped from Down Town Pump station, curve represents expected increase corresponding to water use increase
- 7. Unexpected spike in Feb 2018 most likely due to infiltration & inflow. Feb 2018 precipitation was 7.15 in vs 2.76 for Feb 2017 Tighe&Bond



# FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS FINDINGS & CONCLUSIONS

- 1. Existing rate structure does not accurately reflect usage, some pay too much, some pay too little
- 2. The June 2019 settlement with Wareham resulted in a ~40% increase in treatment costs.
- 3. Lack of clarity related to definition of billable units impacts customer equity and cost comparisons, adjustments to new rates will not be even across user types
- 4. Revenue from existing users at status quo rates will not support the enterprise. Revenue from development is required.
- 5. Usage data is heavily skewed from seasonal aspect, water district reads semi-annually which would allow for a much better understanding of seasonal influence.
- 6. The operations and management of the Bourne Sewer System has become considerably more complicated with the addition of the new WWTP

# RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Meet with Buzzards Bay Water District to discuss options for balancing development needs with water conservation. Continue to negotiate IMA with Wareham, revisit cost sharing methodology
- 2. Retained earnings appears to be sufficient to allow selection of rate Alternative A or B for FY21, confirm projections against FY19 actual and FY20 estimated revenues.
- Based upon resolution of development issue migrate to new fee structure, discuss timing and administration of fees with town counsel. Incorporate fee structure, timing and requirements into Sewer Regulations, separate out fees for easy adjustment. Reduce Title 5 allocations by 50% to better approximate expected flows, refine as uncommitted reserve capacity diminishes (obtain more accurate information, etc.)
- 4. Revisit staff roles relative to Wastewater management, adjust responsibilities to meet new requirements
- 5. Continue to monitor usage, expenses and revenue on annual basis

# Coastal Community Sewer Costs

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Town	Cost
Scituate	\$563
Wareham	\$596
Statewide Average	\$862
Plymouth	\$990
Bourne	\$1,224
Provincetown	\$1,243
Gloucester	\$1,302
Cohasset	\$1,313

Based upon 2017 Tighe & Bond Sewer Rate Survey, annual costs based upon 120 HCF of usage (~90K gallons)

