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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BOARD OF SELECTMEN SEWER RATES FEE SCHEDULE

Wednesday, June 24, 2026
6:00pm
Gilford Town Hall – Conference Room

The Gilford Board of Selectmen will be holding a public hearing pursuant to the provisions of RSA 41:9-a and RSA 149-I on proposed amendments to the Sewer Rates Fee Schedule to take effect as of July 1, 2026.

The proposed fee changes are for the Administrative Fee to increase from \$21.31 per quarter per unit to \$21.88 and the Usage Rate to decrease from \$15.38 to \$13.78 per thousand gallons. These proposed fee changes are based upon the Town's annual sewer budget and the fees charged by the Winnepesaukee River Basin Project that is managed by the NH Department of Environmental Services.

It is estimated that if these new rates are approved, most sewer system users will see a decrease of about \$7-\$15 per quarterly billing cycle based on total annual usage.

Copies of the proposed fee schedule and the existing fee schedule are available at the Selectmen's Office or on line at www.gilfordnh.org. Copies will also be made available at the public hearing. Any interested person may attend this public hearing and/or submit testimony related thereto.

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To: Board of Selectmen
Scott Dunn, Town Administrator
From: Katherine Davis, Finance Director
Date: June 8, 2026
Subject: 2026 Sewer Rates

The Finance and Public Works departments have completed an annual review of the sewer rate calculations. Attached are revised rates based on the budget and estimated flow for 2026, along with a comparison to the current rates. Also included for reference is historical information on rates, usage, revenues, and expenditures for the last several years.

Based on a review of this information, the staff of the two departments recommend that the Administrative Rate be increased from \$21.31 per unit per quarter to **\$21.88 per unit per quarter**. This is a 3% increase, due primarily to an increase in both the Town of Gilford and Winnepesaukee River Basin Project Administrative fees. It is also recommended that the Usage Rate be decreased from \$15.38 per thousand gallons to **\$13.78 per thousand gallons**. This is a 10.4% decrease and is primarily due to the postponement of the Weirs Road Force Main Project, as well as a proposed update to RSA 485-A:51 (HB 1435), which would reduce the capitalization rate from 5% to 2% on the value of treatment facility assets.

As a result of these rate changes, most residential users will see a decrease in their overall quarterly invoices of approximately \$7 to \$15 based on their total usage.

Additionally, the following service fees are recommended for repair and replacement of meters outside of preventative maintenance.

Replacement of frozen, clogged, unreadable or improperly installed meters or readers	\$50
Meter accuracy testing fee from a State Lab:	
• 1/2", 5/8", 3/4" & 1" meter	\$125
• 1 1/2" or greater meter	\$300

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Attached:

2026 Rate Calculation
Sewer Rate Analysis
Usage History
Revenue and Expenditure History
Rate History

Sewer Fund 2026 Rate Calculation

	2024 Rates	2025 Rates	2026 Rates
ADMINISTRATIVE FEE - general operating costs not dependent on usage.			
Winnepesaukee River Basin Project:	\$122,766	\$111,000	\$114,076
Town of Gilford:	\$143,655	\$150,988	\$158,113
Prior Year Deficit Offset:			
Pump Station Replacement, Interest:	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$266,421	\$261,988	\$272,189
Billing Units:	3,066	3,074	3,110
Cost per unit per year:	\$86.90	\$85.23	\$87.52
Quarterly per unit Base Rate:	\$21.72	\$21.31	\$21.88
Change:	\$2.32 12.0%	(\$0.41) -1.9%	\$0.57 2.7%
USAGE RATE - variable costs based on flow and capacity.			
Winnepesaukee River Basin Project:	\$1,071,592	\$1,457,609	\$1,367,900
Prior Year Deficit (Surplus):	\$269,370	\$146,334	\$0
Town of Gilford:	\$105,875	\$119,104	\$133,740
	\$1,446,837	\$1,723,047	\$1,501,640
Estimated flow:	112,000,000	112,000,000	109,000,000
Flow Rate per 1,000 gallons:	\$10.51	\$15.38	\$13.78
Change:	\$4.43 52.2%	\$4.87 46.3%	-\$1.60 -10.4%
TOTAL COSTS			
Winnepesaukee River Basin Project:	\$1,194,358	\$1,568,609	\$1,481,976
Town of Gilford:	\$249,530	\$270,092	\$291,853
	\$1,443,888	\$1,838,701	\$1,773,829
Administration Fee:	\$266,421	\$261,988	\$272,189
Usage Rate Fee	\$1,446,837	\$1,723,047	\$1,501,640
	\$1,713,258	\$1,985,035	\$1,773,829
COMPARISONS			
Average Residential User - couple 5,000gal./qtr.	\$74.27	\$98.21	\$90.78
Change:	\$32.16 76.4%	\$23.94 32.2%	-\$7.43 -7.6%
Average Residential User - family 10,000gal./qtr.	\$126.82	\$175.11	\$159.68
Change:	\$58.86 86.6%	\$48.29 38.1%	-\$15.43 -8.8%

Sewer Rate Analysis - 2026.xlsx

Sewer Fund 2026 Rate Calculation	2024	2025	2026	Town		State	
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Admin.	Rate	Admin.	Rate
<u>Wages & Benefits</u>							
02 4326 101 00 SEW - Full Time Wages	66,602	68,931	72,030	72,030			
02 4326 102 00 SEW - Part Time Wages	0	0	0	0			
02 4326 103 00 SEW - Overtime	5,120	5,325	5,591	5,591			
02 4326 107 00 SEW - Accrual Payout	525	819	860	860			
02 4326 109 00 SEW - Merit Wages	1,665	2,068	2,521	2,521			
02 4326 121 00 SEW - Social Security	4,583	4,784	5,022	5,022			
02 4326 122 00 SEW - Medicare	1,072	1,119	1,175	1,175			
02 4326 125 00 SEW - Retirement	10,000	9,836	10,328	10,328			
02 4326 131 00 SEW - Health Insurance	20,086	22,091	23,092	23,092			
02 4326 132 00 SEW - Dental Insurance	907	951	995	995			
02 4326 133 00 SEW - Life & Disability Ins.	444	422	439	439			
<u>Operating</u>				0			
02 4326 212 00 SEW - Engineering Services	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000			
02 4326 215 00 SEW - WRBP Admin Charge	122,766	111,000	114,076			114,076	
02 4326 224 00 SEW - Software Lic./Support	5,975	6,075	6,238	6,238			
02 4326 231 00 SEW - Printing	3,000	3,152	3,152	3,152			
02 4326 232 00 SEW - Publishing Notices	200	200	200	200			
02 4326 233 00 SEW - Postage	4,173	4,413	6,068	6,068			
02 4326 241 00 SEW - Professional Development	800	800	400	400			
02 4326 242 00 SEW - Memberships/Dues	1	1	1	1			
02 4326 321 00 SEW - General Supplies	1,750	1,750	1,750	1,750			
02 4326 331 00 SEW - Uniforms	750	750	750	750			
02 4326 421 00 SEW - Vehicle Maintenance	1,000	1,500	1,500	1,500			
02 4326 451 00 SEW - New Equip.	1	1	1	1			
02 4326 452 00 SEW - Department Equip.	0	0	0	0			
02 4326 456 00 SEW - Meter Replacement	1	1	1		1		
02 4326 461 00 SEW - Equipment Expenses	1	1	1		1		
02 4326 466 00 SEW - Meter Maintenance	21,000	20,000	20,000		20,000		
02 4326 511 00 SEW - Telephone	2,960	3,929	3,487		3,487		
02 4326 512 00 SEW - Electricity	13,000	13,000	7,390		7,390		
02 4326 528 00 SEW - WRBP-State Oper.	794,311	986,216	1,201,341				1,201,341
02 4326 529 00 SEW - Black Brook PS Expenses			29,860		29,860		
02 4326 531 00 SEW - Town Operating	22,412	23,173	22,500		22,500		
02 4326 532 00 SEW - Facility Maint, Contract	31,500	36,000	29,500		29,500		
02 4326 559 00 SEW - Special Projects	1	4,000	1		1		
02 4326 561 00 SEW - Property/Liability	1	1,000	1,000	1,000			
02 4326 621 00 SEW - Meter Sys. Upgrade	15,000	19,000	21,000		21,000		
02 4326 738 50 SEW - Minor Vehicles	0	0	0		0		
<u>Capital</u>							
02 4326 858 00 SEW - WRBP- State Capital	277,281	471,393	166,559				166,559
02 4721 352 88 SEW - SEW Interest, Pump Station	0	0	0	0			
02 4326 878 00 SEW- Maintenance CRF	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000			
Sewer Fund Total	1,443,888	1,838,701	1,773,829	158,113	133,740	114,076	1,367,900

Sewer Fund Usage History

(in thousand gallons)

Year	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Total	5-year Average
2025	23,683	24,296	30,916	20,358	99,253	108,397
2024	25,271	24,877	32,769	22,371	105,288	111,845
2023	22,615	25,604	27,628	35,713	111,560	111,702
2022	27,120	29,871	32,415	22,614	112,020	112,075
2021	25,730	28,409	35,521	24,205	113,865	112,110
2020	28,448	27,501	34,450	26,094	116,493	114,292
2019	22,269	23,389	21,758	37,155	104,571	111,809
2018	28,132	27,753	34,075	23,465	113,425	112,721
2017	26,267	25,371	31,488	29,070	112,196	110,757
2016	42,409	30,260	30,020	22,086	124,776	111,478
2015	17,366	24,827	31,667	30,219	104,079	107,368
2014	18,499	28,926	36,168	25,537	109,130	108,130
2013	20,298	22,256	28,819	32,233	103,606	107,726
2012	22,393	30,876	31,312	31,217	115,798	112,434
2011	23,597	26,847	31,312	22,470	104,226	118,110
2010	23,431	28,486	32,957	23,016	107,890	120,274
2009	22,384	28,393	32,939	23,392	107,108	121,682
2008	31,997	34,491	33,288	27,374	127,150	100,260
2007	26,416	31,630	38,733	47,397	144,176	74,830
2006	25,813	30,782	33,797	24,654	115,046	45,995
2005	26,309	30,685	33,472	24,462	114,928	22,986

Sewer Fund Revenues and Expenditures

YEAR	<u>REVENUE</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>		SURPLUS/ (DEFECIT)
	Usage Fees	Other	Town	WRBP	
2025	\$1,658,315	\$55,763	\$270,747	\$1,077,495	\$365,836
2024	\$1,312,738	\$42,262	\$242,901	\$1,258,433	-\$146,334
2023	\$837,304	\$39,379	\$252,152	\$893,901	-\$269,370
2022	\$729,256	\$23,473	\$189,227	\$744,326	-\$180,824
2021	\$898,350	\$28,309	\$196,383	\$675,475	\$54,801
2020	\$825,011	\$31,146	\$214,985	\$607,043	\$34,129
2019	\$587,297	\$45,406	\$165,363	\$574,920	-\$107,580
2018	\$782,082	\$22,562	\$186,521	\$516,648	\$101,474
2017	\$799,355	\$45,237	\$161,798	\$496,701	\$186,093
2016	\$800,443	\$23,596	\$166,919	\$523,708	\$133,413
2015	\$720,385	\$36,602	\$154,205	\$587,808	\$14,974
2014	\$826,960	\$7,367	\$92,678	\$439,898	\$301,752
2013	\$814,634	\$12,617	\$110,893	\$558,414	\$157,945
2012	\$815,145	\$3,378	\$189,631	\$519,310	\$109,582
2011	\$786,769	\$4,600	\$167,858	\$518,878	\$104,634
2010	\$750,805	\$3,410	\$182,225	\$518,300	\$53,690
2009	\$640,659	\$9,815	\$229,144	\$543,673	(\$122,343)
2008	\$494,252	\$14,628	\$262,495	\$482,419	(\$236,034)
2007	\$762,505	\$35,598	\$254,596	\$443,364	\$100,143
2006	\$488,317	\$82,494	\$247,638	\$401,893	(\$78,720)

2010 town budget increase due to employee benefits costs now being charged to department.

Sewer Fund Rate History

Year	Base Charge	Flow Charge
2025	\$21.31	\$15.38
2024	\$21.72	\$10.51
2023	\$19.40	\$8.49
2022	\$16.86	\$7.01
2021	\$16.19	\$6.30
2020	\$13.41	\$5.98
2019	\$17.52	\$5.20
2018	\$16.26	\$5.17
2017	\$15.96	\$5.19
2016	\$14.31	\$5.95
2015	\$16.04	\$5.64
2013	\$14.60	\$5.99
2012	\$17.55	\$5.73
2010	\$16.92	\$5.44
2009	\$14.20	\$4.63
2007	\$10.31	\$4.63
1996	\$14.59	\$3.03
1991	\$13.84	\$3.55
1986	\$25.50	\$1.70



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(also includes commercial/industrial structures)

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Disconnect/Reconnect Fee = \$50.00

Emergency Meter Read = \$50.00

Late Fee = 8% per annum

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this fee schedule is approved on the 11th day of
JUNE, 2025 by the Gilford Board of Selectmen. ATTEST:

Selectman

[Signature]
Selectman

Selectman

UNDER SEAL OF THE TOWN, RECEIVED AND RECORDED ON THIS 12 DAY
OF June, 2025, BY:

[Signature]
Danielle LaFond, Town Clerk – Tax Collector





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