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Date: April 29, 2003

To: Water & Sewer Connection Applicants

From: Donald F. DiMartino, DPW Director

RE: **Changes in Fees**
Water Main Installation and Building Water & Sewer Services

Effective on April 7, 2003, the Selectmen modified water and sewer connection and construction fees to bring in revenue in line with costs, effectively charge new projects their fair share, and bring fees in line with regional charges.

Sewer Application Fee: Was \$100 per building is now \$500 per single family residential equivalent unit (SFR)*.

Water Application Fee: Unchanged it remains \$50.

Water Capacity Fee: Was \$2.00 per gallon per day is now \$5.00 per gallon per day. (The gallon per day calculation is unchanged: 75% of Title 5 daily flow or 100% of ENF/EIR daily flow.)

Water Inspection Fee: Unchanged it remains \$100 non-refundable for less than 100 feet of water service and \$5.00 revolving with unspent refundable for installations longer than 100 feet. *(Any water pipe in a subdivision that has its own inspection account per Planning Regulations would not be charged this inspection fee for water main inspection but will be for the service connections between the main and the buildings.)*

Domestic Water Main System Expansion Fee (NEW FEE): \$1,000 per SFR. All individuals expanding the water system by branching off an existing pipe in the town water system must pay this fee. Payment is due as follows: 20% due at the time of submission of a Domestic Water Main System Expansion Application *(the new Application Form that has been created is available at the DPW Office.)*; 80% balance due at the time of submission of Building Water Service Connection Application. This fee is charged whether the new water pipe is installed on public land, to be public land *(subdivisions)*, or private land as the Town's water system extends to the meter.

Fire Service Connection Fees: The fee for services of 1¼" or smaller has been reduced to \$100. All others remain unchanged. (Up to 1¼" @ \$100 / 1¼" to 2" @ \$1,000 / >2" to 4" @ \$3,000 / >4" to 6" @ \$6,000 / >6" @ \$10,000)

* Single Family Residential (SFR) - a lot of any size that does or will contain a Single Family Residential home. Non-residential or multiple residential buildings shall be converted to SFR Equivalents by dividing predicted domestic water consumption (See Water Capacity Fee) by 300 gallons per day, rounding all fractions up to the next whole number. (I.e. 1,000 gallons per day divide by 300 equals 3.33 or 4 SFR Equivalents.)