

March, 8, 2021


To: Board of Selectmen,

We are writing after receiving our recent water bill. I am aware that the charge for household water and waste water are charged the same. As many folks have written about this, we would hope that there will be some serious discussion about changing this policy.

This town is supposed to be, and has been, a lovely bedroom community with beautiful homes and yards. When people try to keep their property looking well kept by watering their lawns, new and old shrubs and plantings and they get a humongous water bill, there is no incentive to continue that practice. We have heard from friends and neighbors who have gotten \$700-1,000 water bills when they were previously paying around \$400. There is no justification for charging the same rate for household water and water that never finds it's way to the sewer system. Particularly this past year, many folks have had nothing to do but work in their yard due to the Coronavirus and the isolation. Happily we have seen a great deal of yard repair and beautification, only to slapped in the face with a huge fee for water use.

We ask that you give serious consideration to correcting this unfair practice as soon as possible. We have supported many new public works projects and have seen our taxes increase. It is time to resort to fairness on this matter.

Thank you.


Susan and Peter Dow
46 Woodland Rd

* We would pay for a separate meter if we could be billed separately. I imagine many people would be willing to do the same.

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