

NOTICE OF WATER & SEWER RATE CHANGES

Sewer Rate Change

The sewer user fee will increase to **\$9.61/thousand gallons** effective with the August 2009 billing. This is an increase of \$0.75/thousand gallons or 8.5%. Minimum quarterly bills will continue to be based on 3,000 gallons of usage. The new rate will result in an annual increase of \$30 for a customer using 40,000 gallons per year and \$53 for a customer using 70,000 gallons per year. The increase is required due to necessary maintenance, capital improvements and debt payments.

Water Rate Change

The rate for water usage will increase to **\$4.94/thousand gallons** effective with the August 2009 billing. This is an increase of \$0.38/thousand gallons or 8.3%. Minimum quarterly bills will continue to be based on 3,000 gallons of usage. The rate change is caused by increased wholesale water costs charged by Champlain Water District combined with lower user volumes. The Water Commission has applied a portion of the accumulated surplus to limit the magnitude of this increase. The new rate will result in an annual increase of \$15 for a customer using 40,000 gallons per year and \$27 for a customer using 70,000 gallons per year.

Average Water/Sewer gallon usage per customer continues to decrease, which also contributes to the rate increases. As a result, the actual increase in your quarterly bills may be less than the rate change percentages indicated above.

Details of the water and sewer budgets can be found in the Finance section of this web site. Please contact the Shelburne Water and Sewer Departments at 985-5120 if you have any questions.