

# Richmond Water Resources

Annual Customers Meeting

May 19, 2020

6:00 PM

Held Virtually Via Zoom

# Agenda

Questions and Comments from the public will be taken for each item, following that item's presentation

- Discussion of Accomplishments of Past year
- Discussion of FY2021 Budget and Rates
- Discussion of Upcoming Projects and Capital Projects
- Adjourn

# Accomplishments & Highlights

- Participated in the Vermont Rural Water Association Apprenticeship Program.
- Began construction on the Bridge St. waterline replacement project. Anticipated completion by August, 2020.
- Amended the Water Rule to give the Water and Wastewater Superintendent more authority to protect the public health.
- Removed plugs from hydrants on Jericho Rd. and at Middle and Elementary School.
- Took over the water line at the Middle and Elementary School.
- Adopted the Water and Wastewater Service Connection Permitting Policy.
- Adopted the Policy for Providing Water and Wastewater Service to Future Public or Private Land Development Projects or Properties
- Began work on electronic mapping of the water and wastewater system.
- Replaced the 2003 work truck with a “new to us” 2007 Ford Ranger Sport 4x4

# FY2021 Budget

- Operational Spending increasing by \$980 for Water; and \$6,235 in Wastewater
- Notable Increases included
  - Administrative expenses
  - Allocation for the audit. Not allocated to Water and Wastewater budget in prior years
- Notable Decreases included
  - General insurance
  - Health insurance was based on some assumptions in FY20 due to not being fully staffed at the time the budget was created. FY21 budget is based on actual usage by all four employees.

# FY2021 Budget

- Wastewater revenue from Septage increasing by \$10,000 from \$190,000 to \$200,000
  - Septage revenue has performed consistently higher than the budgeted \$190,000. This line was increased to keep user rates stable in light of potential economic hardships due to COVID-19
- Overall Water revenue increase of \$980 to cover the same increase in expenses.
- Overall Wastewater revenue increase of \$6,235 to cover the same increase in expenses.

# FY2021 Budget

- We will now transition to a separate spreadsheet to discuss FY21 Rates.

# Near-Term Projects

- Waterline replacement on Bridge St. from the railroad to the bridge.

# Financial Impacts – Capital Projects

This will summarize the impacts to the Water & Sewer Budget from our capital plans, showing current and projected indebtedness

- 2006 Treatment Plant Upgrades = \$3,740,000  
repayment of \$348,378 over 20 years = \$22,220  
per year
- 2010 Sewer Lining & Manholes = \$445,999; 50%  
forgiveness – repay \$222,999 over 20 years @ 2%  
= \$14,092 per year
- 2011 Jericho Road = \$941,200 total; repay over  
20 years at variable rate, decreasing over time =  
\$68,217 budgeted for FY20



# Financial Impacts – Capital Projects

- 2014/15 Water Storage Tank & Chlorine Project = \$1,575,000 bond plus \$464,000 cash; bond repayable over 30 years at -0.7% interest; \$66,027 per year. This was a negative interest loan but has been restructured to give the same forgiveness up front on the principal and level out interest payments for the life of the loan.

# Financial Impacts – Capital Projects

- 2016 East Main Street = \$1,275,000 payable over 30 years beginning in 2019; estimated to be \$25,140 per year. This was a negative interest loan but has been restructured to give the same forgiveness up front on the principal and level out interest payments for the life of the loan.
- The Bridge St. waterline replacement project is projected to total around \$670,000 with 50% forgiveness on the bond, payable over 40 years.
- West Main Street / Gateway extension is yet to happen so is impossible to predict at this time. The cost for this will be paid for by customers of the new lines and possibly grants.

# Water Quality & Etc.

We have some of the best drinking water in the state. We were well within limits for our permit and had no violations for the year for either water or wastewater operations. The Richmond Water Resources Department is proud to serve our town and they do a fine job keeping the system running efficiently and communicating with the public. Thank you Kendall, Allen, Aaron and Tyler!

Remember, Water Commission meetings are held every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 6:00 pm.