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## Heidi Bormann Water/ Sewer

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Good Morning, Water and Sewer Commissioners

Hope everyone is doing well? I do not have Morgan Wolaver's email so I am hoping one of you can send this over to him thank you. I want to first start off by saying thank you for volunteering your time to our Community it is greatly appreciated!!!! With time mentioned that is why I am e-mailing you because it is very hard for me to attend the meetings because of work.

I was in the town office on Wednesday with Connie paying my Water / Sewer bills for all my properties. Allen was in the lobby waiting to talk to Josh I asked him to come in Connie's office because I had a couple questions about water and sewer rates possibly he or Connie could answer. They unfortunately they could not answer it. Connie told me that I should go to the meeting and ask the Water / Sewer Commission because you are working on the budget now.

I understand I am one of the very few people in town that have water and sewer bills in almost every category with the exception of the schools so I can compare apples to apples. The first question I have is why is my bill for Mann & Machine that is *Commercial/ Government* using only to wash our hands and flush the toilet fixed rate(149.02 Water) is almost 5 X the fixed rate(30.52 Water) of my residential properties? The residential have an addition to the toilets/showers/ dish washers/ washing machines/ water for their gardens. I have sent attachments for you all to review along as you will see the comparison for the Commercial / Government fixed rates and Residential fixed rates I know the W/S commission has talked about being fair in the past to the restaurants/ hair dressers/ flower shop who use a lot of water making it fair for them to do business and I agree. Because we want them to succeed. Perhaps we have another category for services like ours at Mann & Machine and offices that do not use a lot of water and lower the fixed rates as a solution.

I asked to see Camel's Hump Middle School last quarter bill category *Schools*. I asked Connie if she could please pull that account when I was in her office so I could compare last Quarter 9/30/22-12/31/22 Camels Hump Middle School paid only a little over \$5,000 for W/S. ( I apologize I do not recall the amount paid exactly. The school who has over 250 children and plus staff. The school has multiple bathrooms/ water fountains/showers in the locker rooms/a commercial kitchen with dishwasher in the lunch room/ in the home economics room has full kitchen dishwasher/ they water for the garden/lawn. My quad residential building located at 282 West Main Street that( I used as an example in the attachment) with only 10 people in the whole building paid \$1341.60 for last quarter 9/30/22-12/31/22. Why is the School paying so little? The School is funded by Huntington/ Richmond/ Bolton/ Jonesville/ Jericho and Underhill because when we merged the district everyone pays for it? I did not look at Richmond Elementary but I am assuming Richmond Elementary is paying a low rate as well? We need to remember that Richmond Elementary is part of the whole district too Huntington/Richmond/ Jonesville/ Bolton/ Jericho and Underhill and they all would be paying for it . I am hopeful that you will review the rates that the schools are paying and adjust them to what is fair for everyone in all category's, including the single mother that lives in one of my apartments. If you can please let me know what you decide that would be greatly appreciated and thank you for your time. "When we all work together great things can happen."

Thank you,  
Heidi L. Bormann

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**2 attachments**



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TOWN OF RICHMOND  
PO BOX 285  
RICHMOND VT 05477  
802-434-2221

UTILITY BILL JANUARY 6, 2023

ACCOUNT NUMBER:  
1750

LOCATION OF SERVICE:  
HU0083

METER READINGS:  
CURRENT : 12/31/22 1462600  
PREVIOUS: 09/30/22 1458000  
USAGE : 4600  
AVERAGE DAILY USAGE: 50  
SERVICE CHARGE DAYS: 92

*Mann & Machine Inc*  
BORMANN, PETER & HEIDI  
P.O. BOX 232  
RICHMOND VT 05477

DESCRIPTION	UNITS	RATE	AMOUNT
Fixed Costs Water Commercial/Govt	1.0	149.020000	149.02
Metered Water Commercial/Govt	4,600.0	0.010570	48.62
Fixed Costs Sewer Commercial/Govt	1.0	114.180000	114.18
Metered Sewer Commercial/Govt	4,600.0	0.015470	71.16
		AMOUNT DUE:	382.98

DUE ON OR BEFORE: 03/31/23

TOWN OF RICHMOND  
PO BOX 285  
RICHMOND VT 05477  
802-434-2221

UTILITY BILL JANUARY 6, 2023

ACCOUNT NUMBER:  
840

LOCATION OF SERVICE:  
WM0282

METER READINGS:  
CURRENT : 12/31/22 770600  
PREVIOUS: 09/30/22 736300  
USAGE : 34300  
AVERAGE DAILY USAGE: 373  
SERVICE CHARGE DAYS: 92

*Heidi & Peter Bormann*  
GRAPEVINE PROPERTIES LLC  
PO BOX 232  
RICHMOND VT 05477

DESCRIPTION	UNITS	RATE	AMOUNT
Fixed Costs Water Residential	4.0	30.520000	122.08
Metered Water Residential	34,300.0	0.012330	422.92
Fixed Costs Sewer Residential	4.0	44.370000	177.48
Metered Sewer Residential	34,300.0	0.018050	619.12
DUE ON OR BEFORE: 03/31/23			AMOUNT DUE: 1,341.60