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**GRAFTON WATER DISTRICT
SERVICE CHARGE INCREASE
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020**

The Board of Water Commissioners voted at the monthly July Commissioners meeting to assess all District accounts a \$25.00 a quarter capital improvement charge which will be added to the existing service charge for eight quarters. This charge is necessary to pay for the replacement of the Worcester Street watermain and associated costs, from the American Legion to Snow road.

As a result of the constant watermain breaks along Worcester street, the Board of Water Commissioners have made the decision to replace the watermain. This decision will save emergency repair costs and the continued interruption of service events. Over the last four years emergency repairs have cost the District well over \$150,000. The replacement of the main will also resolve dirty water complaints and increase fire protection within this area of the system.

The District, in cooperation with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation have expedited design, permitting and construction. Some portions of the project have

been completed while other sections completed this fall and final paving on some sections will be done next summer. Total costs for the entire project will be over \$1 million dollars. The increase in the service charge will offset the costs of a portion of the total project costs.

Recently the District was able to fund the construction of two projects without affecting water rates. The Trinity avenue treatment plant and well at a cost of over \$2.4 million dollars. Also, a soon to be constructed, new water treatment plant at the Worcester street well site at a cost of over \$2.0 million dollars. These projects were or will be funded from system connection charges.

The Board of Water Commissioners wish to thank our customers for their patience during times when service has been interrupted due to these projects.

Any questions relative to these projects or the Water District in general can be directed to Matthew Pearson, Manager of the District 1-508-839-2302.