



Town of Bar Harbor FY26 Wastewater Budget



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Budget Message

You will find attached the proposed Sewer Budget for FY26. Under the requested budget, the estimated annual sewer bill for a residential household will increase by 8%. This increase is due to the Town Meeting approved bond funding for the Town's infrastructure, pump stations and plants.

A Quick Budget Recap:

The FY2026 budget compared to the FY25 budget, as submitted:

- Rates increase to \$13.09 per 100 cubic feet from \$12.12
- Contains a 7.8% operations expense budget increase (cash basis)
- Projects that overall billable volume will decrease slightly
- Estimates a 6.7% increase in operations revenue
- \$11,350,000 spending for Priority Infrastructure updates

Fund Balance

(Retained Earnings that is Reserved for dedicated use)

Fund Balance – Operating Fund

Using an accepted formula for arriving at necessary working capital on hand, we arrive at \$585,105. This *designation for working capital* provides us with the cash necessary to run the Division until the first quarterly bill payments come in later in October.

Cash Reserve-Designated for Working Capital @ 6/30/25 \$585,105

Fund Balance – Capital Fund

Certain unfinished CIP projects and future equipment reserves are funded each year and designated for these specific line items as shown in the CIP section. These are monies previously appropriated and carried forward each year.

Cash Reserve-CIP Projects & Reserves @ 6/30/25 \$2,733,546

Operating Expenditures

The recommended budget for cash operating expenses will increase \$198,026 in the coming year over the FY25 adopted, or a 7.8% increase. Wages are budgeted to increase by 4.0%. Benefits will increase by 7.1%, due primarily to the revised mix of employee participation in health insurance and increase in MPERS employer contribution.

The Wastewater Division is currently budgeted with 8 full time employees, one full time Superintendent, Tony Griffin, and seven staff. The Teamsters Union, contract expired 6/30/25, and is currently in negotiations.

Significant increases in the FY26 budget are:

Engineering #5326, Phase II SCADA and services to assist with treatment operations
Sludge Disposal #5366, increased due to forever chemical cost
Supplies Magnesium Hydroxide #5441, due to increased cost
Electricity, #5504/6, due to increased delivery cost

Last Year's Operational Expense Results

Fiscal Year 2025 projected results will end \$37,722 (or 1.6%) below the budget, primarily due to lower benefits expense, ICMA retirement and HRA accounts. There were two emergency pump replacements as well as electrical work performed at main plant that was not budgeted for.

Capital Expenditures

A “Year by Year Overview” of our Five Year Capital Improvement Program is included. Unlike the Water Division’s rates, which is governed by the PUC, *depreciation* is not used in calculating sewer rates....an *equipment reserve* system is utilized instead, but accomplishing essentially the same purpose, similar to the General Fund’s CIP funding mechanism. At year end FY25, we anticipate \$2,733,546 of monies raised in prior years to remain unspent that are primarily for mains, specific projects and plant equipment. The Division estimates a CIP funding level of \$3,150,500, the bulk of this funding, \$2,625,250 is for the debt service for June 2022 Town Meeting for Priority Infrastructure improvements. This budget retires debt for the Hulls Cove pump station upgrade.

Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Elimination Project

For the last two years we reported to the MDEP CSO flows of 3,179,664 (2024) and 7,478,228 (2023) gallons, respectively. This was due to two main factors; 1) our efforts to continually repair and upgrade our infrastructure and facilities; and 2) increasing rain event size and intensity. These both play a direct role in the amount of reportable CSO each year. Part of the Priority Infrastructure projects is the upgrade the West Street Pump Station as well as Hancock Street and Cromwell Harbor CSO projects. For reference the National Weather Service averages coastal Maine’s rainfall at 46 inches annually.

Plant Equipment

The plant on Ledgelawn Avenue was rebuilt in 1997. Some smaller equipment, especially certain electrical components have failed and have been replaced. Some other large mechanical equipment, such as the drive units for our two large clarifiers are nearing the end of their useful life. These units are now scheduled to be replaced after 24 years. These units are estimated to cost \$400,000 over the next 2 years. An engineer report with a comprehensive review & staff will guide the priority of plant equipment upgrades and renovations. This report will also recognize the importance to ensure that the existing plant has the *capacity* before the Division spends extensive monies on refurbishing its expensive plant equipment.

Pump Stations

West Street Pump Station, as a priority, will have a completed design and scheduled to be replaced in FY26 and will be paid out of bonded monies. CSO mains and services is also budgeted with bond monies for upgrade/replacement.

Degregoire Park will have SCADA upgrades paid out of bonded appropriations.

Equipment Replacement

Several pieces of aging equipment are scheduled for replacement – backup generators and return pumps will be replaced. An updated GIS system as well as communication system for the SCADA system will be replaced as well.

Revenues

Income from user fees is an important part of the budget, since it helps to keep down sewer rates with higher measured volumes. The volume data related to the cost factor for running the plant (operations) along with capital investment needs are what drives the rates charged per hundred cubic feet. We project total operating revenue to be 9.8% below the FY25 budget, due to two quarters reflect the rate increase last year, and be 4.3% higher than the projected FY25 final results due to anticipated rate increase.

Billing Volume

We are projecting FY26 volume that will reach this year's budget and up 1.0% from the FY25 volume.

Total Historical Volume: (cubic feet)

FY2026 Estimate	25,500,000
FY2025 Actual	25,265,000
FY2024 Actual	28,040,000
FY2023 Actual	27,500,000
FY2022 Actual	25,000,000
FY2021 Actual	22,000,000
FY2020 Actual	25,976,000
FY2019 Actual	28,203,000
FY2018 Actual	26,001,000
FY2017 Actual	27,705,000
FY2016 Actual	27,499,000
FY2015 Actual	25,455,000

Rates

The lowest minimum bill in the last year for a residential customer can be as low as \$314 per year for usage up to 600 cubic feet per quarter. This budget requests an 8.0% increase in minimum charge as well as cost over minimum charge. The proposed rate is \$13.09 per 100 cubic feet of usage for a minimum quarterly charge of \$78.54.

Historical Rate Increases:

FY2026	8.0%
FY2025	9.5% (two quarters)
FY2024	18.0% (three quarters)
FY2023	18.0% (two quarters only)
FY2022 Actual	0.0%
FY2021 Actual	0.0%
FY2020 Actual	1.9%
FY2019 Actual	0.0%
FY2018 Actual	0.0%
FY2017 Actual	0.0%
FY2016 Actual	0.0% (combined Cap/Oper rates)

Discounts Available to Sewer users:

Summer Residential User Discount: Available to year round residential users that may be entitled to a credit off their usage for the summer quarterly bill reflecting water that does not enter the Town's sewer system; e.g., sprinkling lawn and gardens, washing vehicles and other similar uses. There is no fee and the customer must sign up on an annual basis. In the last year approximately 88 residential customers took advantage of this discount. Out of 1536 total customers, there are 1004 listed residential properties. The specifics of this discount are in the Sewer Ordinance, Chapter 165, Article III, Section #165-7B (2)[2]. A Copy of the form is located at the end of this budget package.

Outside Deduct Meters: Available generally to commercial, non-residential properties that purchase a meter to measure outside summer water usage that does not enter the wastewater system. There is a \$100 initial fee (for installation inspection) and then a \$25 administrative fee annually. Meters are read by Town staff in June and September and are shown on the water bill as a deduction off their water usage in the calculation of the quarterly sewer bill. For example, if there is no separate summer seasonal water service line available for outside watering to a hotel property (the preferred method), then this metering deduction system to measure that garden/lawn usage is an option available for the customer to reduce their sewer charges. Approximately 50 customers take advantage of this program. The specifics are highlighted in the Sewer Ordinance, Chapter 165, Article III.

Future Growth

Bar Harbor's 2025 Comprehensive Plan's Future Land Use Plan focuses on minimizing sprawl and the fragmentation of the remaining undeveloped rural areas. As much as possible, it focuses future development near existing developed areas and municipal services to ensure the future growth contributes positively to the overall community. There are five focus areas; Downtown Center, Hulls Cove Village Center, Town Hill Village Center, Hadley Point and Salisbury Cove, and Rural Areas.

Requested Action by Council

The next step is for the Town Council to schedule a public hearing on August 19, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Gilbert,
Finance Director

Bethany Leavitt
Public Works Director

The Bar Harbor Town Council will hold a public hearing August 19, 2025 to hear comments on the following proposed amendment to the Town Code.

Sewer Budget Ordinance Amendment

Town of Bar Harbor

#2025-08

An Ordinance Amendment to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2026 Sewer Budget

The Town of Bar Harbor hereby ordains that Chapter 165, Sewers, of the Town Code is amended as follows:

[Please Note: Old language is ~~stricken~~. New language is underlined.]

Chapter 165 , SEWERS

ARTICLE III, Sewer Budget and Rates

- A. Budget adopted. The fiscal year ~~2025~~ 2026 Sewer Budget, dated ~~December 17, 2024~~ August 5, 2025, is hereby adopted as published and summarized below.
- (1) Fund balance. Designated fund balances are estimated as follows:
 - (a) Estimated starting designated fund balances.
 - [1] Working capital: ~~\$551,632~~ \$585,105.
 - [2] CIP projects: ~~\$1,444,303~~ \$2,831,399.
 - (b) Ending designated fund balance.
 - [1] Working capital: ~~\$551,632~~ \$585,105.
 - [2] CIP projects: ~~\$2,602,565~~ \$2,733,546.
 - (2) Revenues.
 - (a) Total revenues and other sources are estimated to be: ~~\$4,022,220~~ \$3,705,892.
 - (b) Revenue for the sewer rates shall be calculated from the total operating and capital appropriations minus any nonrate revenues:
 - [1] Total revenue derived from sewer rate: ~~\$3,456,970~~ \$3,056,243.
 - (3) Expenses. Total appropriations shall be:
 - (a) Operating Fund: ~~\$2,340,421~~ \$2,538,447.
 - (b) Capital Fund: ~~\$1,658,488~~ \$3,150,500.
 - (4) Rates.
 - (a) Rate of ~~\$12.42~~ \$13.09 per 100 cubic feet of water used.
 - (b) Minimum bills.
 - [1] Residential customers: ~~\$72.72~~ \$78.54 for up to 600 cubic feet of water used per quarter.
 - [2] Nonresidential customers: ~~\$206.04~~ \$222.52 for up to 1,700 cubic feet of water used per quarter.
 - [3] Unmetered customers: ~~\$157.56~~ \$170.16 per quarter (based on 1,300 cubic feet of water used).
 - (c) Septic tank pumpage: ~~\$16.87~~ \$18.22 per 100 gallons.
 - (d) Sludge disposal: ~~\$10.11~~ \$10.92 per 100 gallons.
 - (e) Connection fee rate (per inch): \$135 per inch diameter of the service connection.
 - (f) Connection fee rate (per gallon): ~~\$15.50~~ \$15.89 per gallon of sewage per day.
 - (g) Late payment penalty: 8.5% per annum.

[End of ordinance]

Actual Last Year FY24	Budgeted This Year FY25	Estimate This Year FY25	Requested Next Year FY26
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FUND BALANCE - WASTEWATER FUND

FUND BALANCE -

Starting Fund Balance/Retained Earnings	722,023	3,260,116	3,260,116	3,075,606
Revenues & Other Sources - <i>cash in</i>	6,377,922	4,022,220	3,416,779	3,705,892
Operating Expenditures - <i>cash out</i>	1,978,371	2,340,421	2,102,699	2,538,447
Capital/Debt Expenditures - <i>cash Expended</i>	1,861,458	1,616,750	1,498,590	3,150,500
Ending Fund Balance/Retained Earnings	3,260,116	3,325,165	3,075,606	1,092,551
Unfinished CIP Projects	1,839,828	1,711,828	2,733,546	2,831,399
Total Reserved Retained Earnings	1,839,828	1,711,828	2,733,546	2,831,399
Bonded Monies Remaining-CIP	23,782,534	23,613,538	22,314,202	10,964,202

Actual Cash on Hand	\$ 4,859,019	\$ 2,851,805
Less Designated For CIP (above)	\$ 1,839,828	\$ 2,733,546
Working Capital Needs:	\$ 495,077	\$ 585,105
(short) or above working capital needs	\$2,524,114	\$ (466,846)

Notes:

A. Designation for Working Capital

Since our first billing of the new fiscal year doesn't go out until October, and cash doesn't start coming in until late October, we should reserve at least 3 months' operating expenses at the end of each fiscal year to get us started in the next fiscal year. This is calculated at three month's cash expenditures. i.e.- 25% of the total current year expenditures (BTY) for the operating fund. For next fiscal year, this equals:

Cash Operating Expenditures Buc	2,340,421
Three Month's Expenses	25%
Recommended Designation for V	\$585,105

B. Designation for Unfinished CIP Projects & Equipment Reserve

These are either active ongoing projects or equipment reserves funded for future replacements/upgrades
The detail list of carryover projects are on Capital Fund Status worksheet

TOWN OF BAR HARBOR
 FISCAL YEAR 2026 WASTEWATER REVENUE BUDGET

			2024	2025	2026	% Change
			ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ADOPTED	FY25/FY26
47 INTEREST						
3597	4700	INVESTMENT INTEREST/FMV	\$614,892	\$568,000	\$600,000	5.6%
49 WATER & SEWER UTILITY						
3597	4704	LATE PENALTIES INTEREST	\$3,168	\$2,296	\$4,000	74.2%
3597	4900	RESIDENTIAL & MULTI FAMILY	\$731,156	\$776,384	\$838,495	8.0%
3597	4904	JACKSON LABORATORY	\$847,334	\$620,371	\$620,000	-0.1%
3597	4910	FOOD & LODGING SALES	\$998,426	\$1,009,260	\$1,090,001	8.0%
3597	4914	METERED MISC, RETAIL ETC	\$414,721	\$381,665	\$412,198	8.0%
3597	4916	METERED GOVT SCHL HOSP	\$80,076	\$88,471	\$95,549	8.0%
3597	4932	SLUDGE DEWATERING	\$0	\$0	\$0	
3597	4934	SEPTIC TANK DUMPING	\$35,233	\$21,706	\$30,000	38.2%
3597	4936	PERMIT CONNECTION FEES	\$4,572	\$4,190	\$6,000	43.2%
3597	4938	MISC O/S WTR FEES	\$2,306	\$816	\$1,250	53.2%
3597	4940	LIEN COSTS	\$4,987	\$2,210	\$4,400	99.1%
3597	4944	SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	\$3,161	\$918	\$4,000	335.7%
3597	4600	BOND FIN PROCEEDS	\$30,580,000			
TOTAL	WASTEWATER FUND		\$34,320,032	\$3,476,287	\$3,705,892	

TOWN OF BAR HARBOR WASTEWATER
FISCAL YEAR 2026 EXPENSE BUDGET

			2024	2025	2026	% Change
			ACTUAL	ADOPTED	PROPOSED	FY25/FY26
51 WAGES						
3597	5100	WAGES-SALARIES	\$87,291	\$91,229	\$100,963	9.6%
3597	5105	WAGES-HOURLY	\$438,006	\$454,147	\$459,376	1.1%
3597	5110	WAGES-OVERTIME	\$49,906	\$67,946	\$66,666	-1.9%
3597	5160	WAGES-OVERTIME EMERGENCY		\$20,000	\$30,000	33.3%
3597	5170	WAGES-ACCRUALS-27TH PP	\$2,079	\$1,500	\$2,300	34.8%
3597	5175	WAGES-VACATION ACCRLS	\$11,054	\$5,000	\$7,125	29.8%
TOTAL	WAGES		\$588,336	\$639,822	\$666,430	4.0%
52 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS						
3597	5200	BEN-FICA/MEDICARE	\$42,024	\$46,919	\$49,889	6.0%
3597	5210	BEN-MSRS RETIREMENT	\$55,779	\$60,719	\$70,105	13.4%
3597	5215	BEN-WORKERS COMPENSATION	\$12,723	\$15,088	\$16,955	11.0%
3597	5220	BEN-UEMPLOYMENT COMPNSTN	\$2,035	\$2,100	\$2,250	6.7%
3597	5225	BEN-HEALTH INSURANCE PREM	\$80,119	\$84,888	\$75,000	-13.2%
3597	5230	BEN-HEALTH INS.-OPT OUT PROG	\$34,327	\$36,000	\$48,500	25.8%
3597	5245	BEN-RET. HEALTH SAVINGS ACCT	\$209	\$700	\$500	-40.0%
3597	5255	BEN-INNOCULTNS & PHYS EXMS	\$0	\$400	\$400	0.0%
3597	5290	BEN-HRA ACCOUNT	\$17,291	\$22,000	\$24,000	8.3%
3597	5298	BEN - ME PAID FAMILY MED LEAVE	\$0	\$3,067	\$5,000	38.7%
TOTAL	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		\$244,507	\$271,881	\$292,599	7.1%
53 CONTRACTUAL SERVICES						
3597	5300	CONT SRV-ALARMS/PAGING	\$539	\$600	\$700	14.3%
3597	5304	CONT SRV-AUDIT & ACCOUNTING	\$2,800	\$2,800	\$5,000	44.0%
3597	5306	CONT SRV-BH TOWN MGT. SERV	\$166,733	\$193,368	\$193,368	0.0%
3597	5310	CONT SRV-BLDGCLEANING SERVICE	\$6,650	\$7,000	\$7,000	0.0%
3597	5311	CONT SRV-CLEANNG-SEPTIC R STAT	\$26,875	\$20,000	\$20,000	0.0%
3597	5312	CONT SRV-SEPTIC PUMPING	\$0	\$3,300	\$3,400	2.9%
3597	5314	CONT SRV-COPIER/TCLK/POSTG	\$2,821	\$4,500	\$4,200	-7.1%
3597	5326	CONT SRV-ENGINEERS/SURV	\$1,380	\$50,000	\$100,000	50.0%
3597	5332	CONT SRV-GENERATORS	\$13,431	\$14,000	\$14,250	1.8%
3597	5334	CONT SRV-GEN'L PROF FEES	\$15	\$0	\$500	100.0%
3597	5336	CONT SRV-GEN'L EQUIPMENT MT	\$0	\$2,400	\$2,400	0.0%
3597	5340	CONT SRV-LEGAL-GENERAL	\$0	\$800	\$800	0.0%
	5346	CONT SRV-LEGAL-MAPPING			\$4,900	
3597	5348	CONT SRV-MOWING/GROUNDS	\$4,155	\$4,000	\$0	
3597	5358	CONT SRV-HEATNG SYSTM CLEAN	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000	0.0%
3597	5364	CONT SRV-RENTAL OF EQPMNT	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	0.0%
3597	5366	CONT SRV-SLUDGE DISPOSAL	\$123,187	\$125,000	\$160,000	21.9%
3597	5368	CONT SRV-SOFTWARE LIC & SPPT	\$10,689	\$20,000	\$37,000	45.9%
3597	5378	CONT SRV-TESTNG-EQUIPMENT	\$1,525	\$3,000	\$3,000	0.0%
3597	5380	CONT SRV-TESTNG-DRUG & MEDICA	\$336	\$1,000	\$1,000	0.0%
3597	5384	CONT SRV-LABORATORY TESTING	\$14,602	\$15,000	\$10,000	-50.0%
3597	5388	CONT SRV- CLEANING MATS	\$724	\$5,000	\$2,600	-92.3%

TOTAL	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES		\$376,462	\$474,768	\$573,118	17.2%
	54 MATERIALS & SUPPLIES					
3597	5410	SUPPLIES-UNIFORMS/SHOE & CLOTH	\$10,248	\$15,000	\$15,000	0.0%
3597	5412	SUPPLIES-COPIER & CMPTR SUP	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	0.0%
3597	5418	SUPPLIES-FORMS/CHECKS & ETC.	\$284	\$800	\$600	-33.3%
3597	5424	SUPPLIES-SOD HYPOCHLORITE	\$22,010	\$44,000	\$44,000	0.0%
3597	5428	SUPPLIES-LAB SUPPLIES	\$16,202	\$20,000	\$20,000	0.0%
3597	5432	SUPPLIES-FLO TOTE BATTERIES	\$6,466	\$12,500	\$12,500	0.0%
3597	5436	SUPPLIES-OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$2,062	\$2,000	\$2,000	0.0%
3597	5438	SUPPLIES-OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$22,628	\$25,000	\$25,000	0.0%
3597	5441	SUPPLIES-MAG HYDROX/OTHER	\$35,896	\$50,000	\$65,000	23.1%
3597	5442	SUPPLIES-POLYMER SUPPLIES	\$39,617	\$48,000	\$35,000	-37.1%
3597	5444	SUPPLIES-SAFETY SUPPLIES	\$4,303	\$3,000	\$5,000	40.0%
3597	5452	SUPPLIES-SODIUM BISULFITE	\$9,436	\$20,000	\$20,000	0.0%
3597	5458	SUPPLIES-VEHICLE SUPPLIES	\$8,472	\$8,000	\$8,000	0.0%
TOTAL	MATERIALS & SUPPLIES		\$177,624	\$249,300	\$253,100	1.5%
	55 UTILITIES & COMMODITIES					
3597	5504	UTIL-ELECTRICITY-PLANTS	\$152,044	\$140,000	\$160,000	12.5%
3597	5506	UTIL-ELECTRICITY-PUMPING	\$94,546	\$90,000	\$105,000	14.3%
3597	5508	UTIL-HEATING OIL	\$16,659	\$17,000	\$18,000	5.6%
3597	5512	UTIL-CABLE WEATHER CHAN	\$1,011	\$950	\$1,000	5.0%
3597	5514	UTIL-FUEL-DIESEL	\$18,106	\$20,000	\$20,000	0.0%
3597	5516	UTIL-MOTOR FUEL-UNLEAD GAS	\$14,390	\$20,000	\$14,000	-42.9%
3597	5518	UTIL-MOTOR OILS & GREASE	\$1,686	\$5,000	\$3,000	-66.7%
3597	5520	UTIL-PROPANE	\$7,341	\$10,000	\$9,000	-11.1%
3597	5528	UTIL-TELEPHONE & CELLULAR	\$7,079	\$8,000	\$8,500	5.9%
3597	5530	UTIL-WATER	\$7,518	\$10,000	\$15,000	33.3%
TOTAL	UTILITIES & COMMODITIES		\$320,380	\$320,950	\$353,500	9.2%
	56 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE					
3597	5602	REP & MT-BUILDINGS	\$8,817	\$15,000	\$15,000	0.0%
3597	5616	REP & MT-LINE EQUIPMNT	\$23,208	\$25,500	\$26,500	3.8%
3597	5628	REP & MT-MAINS & SERVICES	\$47,726	\$80,000	\$80,000	0.0%
3597	5634	REP & MT-PLANT EQUIPMNT	\$26,662	\$100,000	\$125,000	20.0%
3597	5640	REP & MT-PUMP STAT EQPMNT	\$33,544	\$80,000	\$70,000	-14.3%
3597	5644	REP & MT-RADIOS & ALARMS	\$319	\$1,000	\$1,000	0.0%
3597	5658	REP & MT-VEHICLE REPAIRS	\$2,987	\$7,500	\$7,500	0.0%
TOTAL	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE		\$143,264	\$309,000	\$325,000	4.9%
	57 EQUIPMENT					
3597	5700	EQP PURCH-COMPUTER/PRNTRS	\$1,183	\$5,000	\$4,000	-25.0%
3597	5702	EQP PURCH-OFFICE	\$440	\$1,500	\$2,500	40.0%
3597	5704	EQP PURCH-OPERATING	\$3,186	\$3,000	\$3,000	0.0%
TOTAL	EQUIPMENT		\$4,808	\$9,500	\$9,500	0.0%
	58 OTHER EXP, TRAVEL, ETC					
3597	5800	ADVERTISING	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	0.0%
3597	5802	UNCOLLECTBLE CUST ACCNTS	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	
3597	5808	DUES/LICENSES & OTHER	\$4,519	\$5,000	\$5,000	0.0%
3597	5822	INSURANCES-GEN LIAB & PRP	\$6,322	\$6,600	\$7,000	5.7%

3597	5824	INSURANCES-PROP & CASLTY	\$26,386	\$26,000	\$27,500	5.5%
3597	5826	INSURANCES-VEH & LIAB	\$5,898	\$6,400	\$7,200	11.1%
3597	5832	PERMITS & FEES	\$5,363	\$8,500	\$8,500	0.0%
3597	5836	POSTAGE & SHIP COSTS	\$3,759	\$3,300	\$1,500	-120.0%
3597	5838	REGISTRY-H CTY & LIEN COSTS	\$2,030	\$2,000	\$1,000	-100.0%
3597	5844	TRAINING/WORKSHOPS/ ETC	\$4,255	\$4,400	\$5,000	12.0%
3597	5846	TRAVEL RMS MILES & MEALS	\$977	\$1,000	\$1,500	33.3%
TOTAL	OTHER EXP, TRAVEL, ETC		\$59,509	\$65,200	\$65,200	0.0%
	Total Operating Expenses		<u>\$1,914,889</u>	<u>\$2,340,421</u>	<u>\$2,538,447</u>	7.8%

Personnel Services & Benefits

51 PERSONNEL SERVICES

HOURLY RATE CALCULATIONS

Fiscal Year Starting: **July 1, 2025**

	FY25	Union	One Time	FY26	
Classification	Base Rate This Yr.	Wage Incr	Adjust- ment	Base Rate This July	
Superintendent	47.36		0.00	48.54	Salary Non Union
Operations Manager	34.12	0.51	0.00	34.63	Union
Maint worker I	27.18	0.41	0.00	27.59	Union
Maintenance Tech II	31.59	0.47	0.00	32.06	Union
Maintenance Tech II	31.59	0.47	0.00	32.06	Union
Maintenance Tech I	31.54	0.47	0.00	32.01	Union
Maintenance Worker I	27.45	0.41	0.00	27.86	Union
Collections System Mgr	34.12	0.51		34.63	Union
			0.00	0.00	

Total Annual Pay	Positions	Regular	Scheduled	Emerg/unsch	Ave. OT			Base Pay
	Next Yr.	Hours	O.T.Hours	O.T.Hours	Rate			Next Year
Superintendent	1	2,080						100,963
Operations Manager	1	2,080	0	0	0	0	0	72,034
Maint worker I	1	2,080	0	0	0	0	0	57,382
Maintenance Tech II	1	2,080	0	0	0	0	0	66,693
Maintenance Tech II	1	2,080	0	0	0	0	0	66,693
Maintenance Tech I	1	2,080	0	0	0	0	0	66,587
Maintenance Worker I	1	2,080	0	0	0	0	0	57,952
Collections System Mgr	1	2,080	0	0	0	0	0	72,034
Regular Hrly wages	7.0	14,560						459,376
Asst Safety Coord		2,080						0
Safety Coord		2,080						0
Overtime - (5)			1,203	100	\$ 47.33			66,666
Emergency Overtime								30,000
Accrual - 27th PP								2,300
Vacation Accrual								7,125
Next Year's Total	8.0	18,720	1,203	100				\$666,429

HISTORICAL OVERTIME

FY2025	1,081
FY 2024	1,189
FY 2023	1,339
	3,609
3 Year Avg.	1,203

FY26 Sewer Budget
Capital Expenditures 5 Year Plan

68 Acct. No.	Wastewater Division Account Description	FY25	Year One FY26			Year Two FY27			Year Three FY28			Year Four FY29			Year Five FY30		
		Balance	Funding	Spending	Balance	Funding	Spending	Balance	Funding	Spending	Balance	Funding	Spending	Balance	Funding	Spending	Balance
	Bond Issue Payments (See Chart I)																
n/a		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
n/a	Bond Issue D: Hulls Cove 2005	0	52,500	52,500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
n/a	Bond Issue H: Sewer Rehab 2011	0	85,897	85,897	0	87,509	87,509	0	76,787	76,787	0	76,105	76,105	0	77,717	77,717	0
n/a	Bond Issue P: Priority Infrastructure 2023	0	2,625,250	2,625,250	0	2,556,250	2,556,250	0	2,487,250	2,487,250	0	2,418,250	2,418,250	0	2,344,375	2,344,375	0
	Projects & Facilities (See Chart A)																
6801	Pump Stations Replacements-Bond \$	7,868,255	0	3,720,000	3,963,255	0	3,845,000	118,255	0	0	118,255	0	0	118,255	0	0	118,255
6802	Pump Stations Degregoire Park	67,544	25,000	20,000	72,544	25,000	75,000	22,544	10,000	0	32,544	10,000	0	42,544	10,000	0	52,544
6804	CSO/Plant Treatmnt Optimization-Bond \$	358,449	0	150,000	208,449	0	0	208,449	0	0	208,449	0	0	208,449	0	0	208,449
6805	DeGregoire Plant - SCADA & Equipment	89,643	20,000	0	87,643	8,000	0	95,643	20,000	0	115,643	8,000	0	123,643	20,000	0	143,643
6808	Hulls Cove Plant -SCADA&Equipment	132,942	20,000	0	152,942	20,000	0	172,942	20,000	0	192,942	20,000	0	212,942	20,000	0	232,942
6809	Main Treatment Plant - Equipment	1,227,827		1,200,000	27,827	1,190,000	1,200,000	17,827	30,000	0	47,827	30,000	0	77,827	30,000	0	107,827
6810	Sewer Main Kavanaugh Place	50,000	100,000	150,000	0		0										
6810	CSO-Sewer Mains & Services-Bond \$	12,848,277	0	3,198,000	9,650,277	0	6,319,000	3,331,277	0	2,932,160	399,117	0	369,117	30,000	0	0	30,000
6810	CSO-Main Hancock Street	2,272,544		2,000,000	272,544		260,000	12,544									
6810	CSO-Cromwell Hbr	1,877,411		850,000	1,027,411			1,027,411									
	Equipment & Vehicles (See Chart A)																
6811	Air Compressor, mobile	42,245	0	0	42,245	696	16,000	26,941	696	0	27,636	696	0	28,332	0	0	28,332
6402	Backhoe	59,000	5,000	0	64,000	0	0	64,000	0	0	64,000	0	0	64,000	0	0	64,000
6812	Generators, Backup - (10)	203,310	10,000	132,000	81,310	50,000	90,000	41,310	50,000	90,000	1,310	10,000	0	11,310	10,000	0	21,310
6814	GIS System, incl. support eqpmt	60,061	0	0	60,061	3,000	0	63,061	3,000	0	66,061	3,000	0	69,061	0	0	69,061
6816	Line Eq-Flo Totes (5) + spares CSO	30,005	5,000	30,000	5,005	5,000	0	10,005	5,000	0	15,005	5,000	0	20,005	5,000	0	25,005
6818	Sewer Cameras	7,865	0	0	7,865	0	0	7,865	0	0	7,865	0	0	7,865	0	0	7,865
6820	Communication Systems-SCADA	310,942	0	100,000	210,942	0	100,000	110,942	0		110,942	0		110,942	0		110,942
6821	Cartegraph System	30,986	0	0	30,986	0	0	30,986	0	0	30,986	5,000	0	35,986	5,000	0	40,986
6823	Rain Gauge & USB Logger	8,150	545	0	8,695	545	0	9,241	545	0	9,786	545	0	10,332	545	0	10,877
6825	Spectrophotometer/Lab Eqpmnt	4,830	1,200	6,000	30	700	0	730	700		1,430	700	0	2,130	1,200	0	3,330
		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6826	Sewer Jet / Vacuum Truck	176,701	25,000	0	201,701	25,000	0	226,701	30,000	0	256,701	30,000	0	286,701	30,000	0	316,701
6827	Issco Samplers (5)	23,604	3,250	6,000	20,854	3,250	0	24,104	3,250	0	27,354	3,250	0	30,604	3,250	0	33,854
6830	Pickup Trucks (4)	182,114	44,000	70,000	156,114	44,000	60,000	140,114	44,000	0	184,114	44,000	0	228,114	44,000	0	272,114
6830	PWorks Vehicle	37,320	2,500	7,000	32,820	12,440	0	45,260	12,440	0	57,700	12,440	0	70,140	2,500	0	72,640
		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6836	Sludge Truck w/Containers	49,339	20,000	0	69,339	20,000	0	89,339	25,000	0	114,339	25,000	0	139,339	25,000	0	164,339
6837	Sludge Liquid Tank	43,165	2,857	0	46,022	2,857	0	48,879	2,857	40,000	11,736	2,857	0	14,594	2,857	0	17,451
6838	Triton Flo Mtrs -3 Collection sys monitor	5,953	1,500	0	7,453	4,250	10,500	1,203	4,250	0	5,453	5,250	10,500	203	4,250	0	4,453
6839	Dump Trailer	0	1,000		1,000	1,000		2,000	1,000		3,000	1,000		4,000	1,000		5,000
6899	Undesignated - lapse if not used	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	28,068,482	3,150,500	14,402,647	16,509,334	4,059,497	14,619,259	5,949,572	2,826,775	5,626,197	2,110,196	2,711,093	2,873,972	1,947,317	2,636,695	2,422,092	2,161,920
	<i>Total without bond</i>	2,733,546	3,150,500	3,052,647	2,687,353	0	8,300,259	2,291,591	2,826,775	2,694,037	1,384,375	2,711,093	2,504,855	1,590,613	2,636,695	2,422,092	1,805,216
	<i>Bond interest or monies</i>	25,334,936		11,350,000	13,821,981	0	6,319,000	3,657,981		2,932,160	725,821		369,117	356,704		0	356,704

Denotes Bond monies

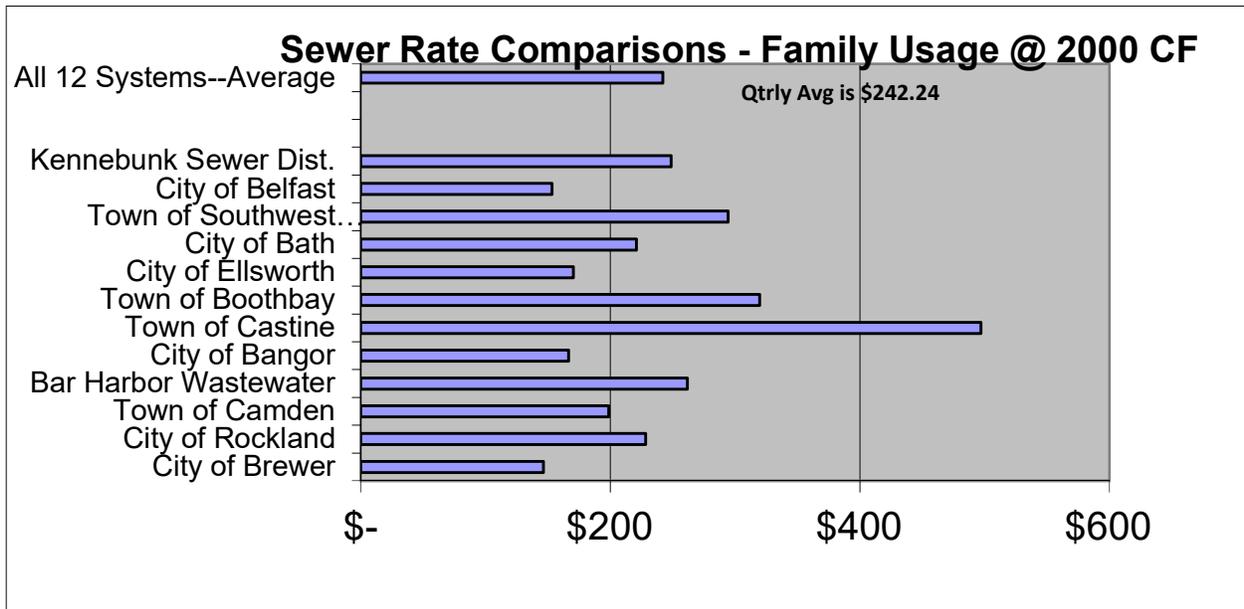
Sewer Rate Schedule

<i>Type of Fee</i>	<i>Measure</i>	<i>Old Rate</i> <i>FY25</i>	<i>New Rate</i> <i>FY26</i>	<i>Percent</i> <i>Change</i>
\	Per 100 cubic Feet of Water Used	\$12.12	\$13.09	8.0%
Minimum Bills: (per quarter)				
- Residential Customers	Based on 600 Cu. Ft. of Water Used	\$72.72	\$78.54	8.0%
- Non-Residential Cust.	Based on 1700 Cu. Ft. of Water Used	\$206.04	\$222.52	8.0%
- Unmetered Customers	Based on 1300 Cu. Ft. of Water Used	\$157.56	\$170.16	8.0%
Septic Tank Pumpage	Per 100 Gallons	\$16.87	\$18.22	8.0%
Sludge Disposal	Per 100 Gallons	\$10.11	\$10.92	8.0%
Connection Fee Rate (COLA)	Per Gallon of Sewage Per Day	\$15.50	\$15.89	2.5%
	Per Inch of Sewer Service Diameter	\$135	\$135	0.0%
Late Payment Penalty (Note A)	Per Annum	8.5%	8.5%	

Sewer Rate Comparisons - Quarterly Usage

(USDA std)

Utility Name	Qtr Minimum	Qtr - Family 2000 CuFt
City of Brewer	\$ 94.08	\$ 146.44
City of Rockland	\$ 67.31	\$ 228.31
Town of Camden	\$ 99.40	\$ 198.80
Bar Harbor Wastewater	\$ 78.54	\$ 261.80
City of Bangor	\$ 99.96	\$ 166.60
Town of Castine	\$ 157.55	\$ 497.15
Town of Boothbay	\$ 108.00	\$ 319.68
City of Ellsworth	\$ 76.68	\$ 170.40
City of Bath	\$ 65.55	\$ 220.95
Town of Southwest Harbor	\$ 138.20	\$ 294.51
City of Belfast	\$ 153.36	\$ 153.36
Kennebunk Sewer Dist.	\$ -	\$ 248.88
 Average Billing	 \$ 103.51	 \$ 242.24
BH Rate as a % of Avg. Rate		108%



**TOWN OF BAR HARBOR
SEWER DIVISION
ANNUAL SUMMER DISCOUNT APPLICATION**

ELIGIBLE TO "RESIDENTIAL" SERVICE CLASS CUSTOMERS ONLY

Date _____

Return by 9/15/2025!

A/C# _____

If you use water outside your home for lawns and gardens, you may be eligible for an adjustment in your sewer user fees for the Third Quarter (July 1 – September 30). This application (or renewal) must be filled out each season by the customer.

Please fill out the attached form and return the lower section to the Finance Department office at the Municipal Building or the Water Division office at Public Works Way if you do expect to use water outside during the Third Quarter. The Finance Department will then use an average of your first and second quarter usage to calculate your Third Quarter bill. This adjustment should provide a savings to families who wish to water their lawns, gardens, or wash their cars, etc.

NOTE: YOU WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS ADJUSTMENT IF:

- 1) You run a business on your property;
- 2) Your Residence is used for any commercial/vacation rental;
- 3) Your service accepts waste from more than one residential unit;
- 4) You are classified as a seasonal water customer

Per Chapter 165, Sewer Ordinance; Article III, Sewer Rates, Sec #165-7.B.(2)(c)[2]

Top – Customer Copy

 **Return this section** **Town Copy** **2025 Usage**

Date _____

Account# _____

I wish to apply for an adjustment in my sewer residential charges for the Third quarter (summer usage) because I use water for outside purposes (lawn, garden, car washes, etc.) that does not flow into the sewer system.

Customer signature

Print name of Property Owner
as it appears on the tax bill

Location of Property

If not returned to the Bar Harbor Finance Department at the Municipal Building by September 15th, you may be disqualified for an adjustment.

Debt Service

A Responsibility of the Finance Department

Bond Issue D

USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT REFUNDING ISSUE--HULLS COVE SEWER

Original Principal = \$800,000	Lender: Roosevelt & Cross, Inc.
Issued: 2/1/05	Paying agent: USBank St. Paul
Interest Rate = 2.0% - 5.0% (Avg. - 3.83%)	Agent fee: None
TIC = 2.69%	No longer can be refinanced
Notes: 2005 (Refinanced two 12/15/00 & 9/10/15)	
Payment Dates: April 15 (interest only) & October 15 (principal and interest)	

FY	Date	Interest Rate	Principal Payment	Interest Payment	Payment Total	Fiscal Year Total
26	10/15/25	4.35%	50,000.00	1,875.00	51,875.00	
	4/15/26			625.00	625.00	52,500.00

Debt Service

A Responsibility of the Finance Department

3597-5910

Bond Issue H - Refunding 2011 Duck Brook Pump Station

35-2768

Authorized by Town Meeting Vote 6/2011

Lender: US Bank

<u>Date</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Wastewater</u>	<u>Coupon</u>	<u>Wastewater</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>FY Total</u>
10/15/2025	130,000	64,454	5.000%	11,527	23,250	153,250	
4/15/2026				9,916	20,000	20,000	85,897
10/15/2026	140,000	69,412	5.000%	9,916	20,000	160,000	
4/15/2027				8,181	16,500	16,500	87,509
10/15/2027	125,000	61,975	5.000%	8,181	16,500	141,500	
4/15/2028				6,631	13,375	13,375	76,787
10/15/2028	130,000	64,454	5.000%	6,631	13,375	143,375	
4/15/2029				5,020	10,125	10,125	76,105
10/15/2029	140,000	69,412	5.000%	5,020	10,125	150,125	
4/15/2030				3,285	6,625	6,625	77,717
10/15/2030	145,000	71,891	5.000%	3,285	6,625	151,625	
4/15/2031				1,487	3,000	3,000	76,663
10/15/2031	150,000	74,370	4.000%	1,487	3,000	153,000	75,857
Total		475,968		80,568			556,536

Debt Service

2023 New Money (Downtown Infrastructure - Sewer)

Bond Issue P

Downtown Infrastructure 2023

Delivery Date 8/15/2023

FY	Date	Principal	Coupon	Interest	Debt Service	FY Total
26	10/15/2025	\$1,380,000	5.00%	\$ 639,875.00	\$ 2,019,875.00	
	4/15/2026			\$ 605,375.00	\$ 605,375.00	\$ 2,625,250.00
27	10/15/2026	\$1,380,000	5.00%	\$ 605,375.00	\$ 1,985,375.00	
	4/15/2027			\$ 570,875.00	\$ 570,875.00	\$ 2,556,250.00
28	10/15/2027	\$1,380,000	5.00%	\$ 570,875.00	\$ 1,950,875.00	
	4/15/2028			\$ 536,375.00	\$ 536,375.00	\$ 2,487,250.00
29	10/15/2028	\$1,380,000	5.00%	\$ 536,375.00	\$ 1,916,375.00	
	4/15/2029			\$ 501,875.00	\$ 501,875.00	\$ 2,418,250.00
30	10/15/2029	\$1,375,000	5.00%	\$ 501,875.00	\$ 1,876,875.00	
	4/15/2030			\$ 467,500.00	\$ 467,500.00	\$ 2,344,375.00
31	10/15/2030	\$1,375,000	5.00%	\$ 467,500.00	\$ 1,842,500.00	
	4/15/2031			\$ 433,125.00	\$ 433,125.00	\$ 2,275,625.00
32	10/15/2031	\$1,375,000	4.00%	\$ 433,125.00	\$ 1,808,125.00	
	4/15/2032			\$ 405,625.00	\$ 405,625.00	\$ 2,213,750.00
33	10/15/2032	\$1,375,000	4.00%	\$ 405,625.00	\$ 1,780,625.00	
	4/15/2033			\$ 378,125.00	\$ 378,125.00	\$ 2,158,750.00
34	10/15/2033	\$1,375,000	5.00%	\$ 378,125.00	\$ 1,753,125.00	
	4/15/2034			\$ 343,750.00	\$ 343,750.00	\$ 2,096,875.00
35	10/15/2034	\$1,375,000	5.00%	\$ 343,750.00	\$ 1,718,750.00	
	4/15/2035			\$ 309,375.00	\$ 309,375.00	\$ 2,028,125.00
36	10/15/2035	\$1,375,000	5.00%	\$ 309,375.00	\$ 1,684,375.00	
	4/15/2036			\$ 275,000.00	\$ 275,000.00	\$ 1,959,375.00
37	10/15/2036	\$1,375,000	5.00%	\$ 275,000.00	\$ 1,650,000.00	
	4/15/2037			\$ 240,625.00	\$ 240,625.00	\$ 1,890,625.00
38	10/15/2037	\$1,375,000	5.00%	\$ 240,625.00	\$ 1,615,625.00	
	4/15/2038			\$ 206,250.00	\$ 206,250.00	\$ 1,821,875.00
39	10/15/2038	\$1,375,000	5.00%	\$ 206,250.00	\$ 1,581,250.00	
	4/15/2039			\$ 171,875.00	\$ 171,875.00	\$ 1,753,125.00
40	10/15/2039	\$1,375,000	5.00%	\$ 171,875.00	\$ 1,546,875.00	
	4/15/2040			\$ 137,500.00	\$ 137,500.00	\$ 1,684,375.00
41	10/15/2040	\$1,375,000	5.00%	\$ 137,500.00	\$ 1,512,500.00	
	4/15/2041			\$ 103,125.00	\$ 103,125.00	\$ 1,615,625.00
42	10/15/2041	\$1,375,000	5.00%	\$ 103,125.00	\$ 1,478,125.00	
	4/15/2042			\$ 68,750.00	\$ 68,750.00	\$ 1,546,875.00
43	10/15/2042	\$1,375,000	5.00%	\$ 68,750.00	\$ 1,443,750.00	
	4/15/2043			\$ 34,375.00	\$ 34,375.00	\$ 1,478,125.00
44	10/15/2043	\$1,375,000	5.00%	\$ 34,375.00	\$ 1,409,375.00	\$ 1,409,375.00
Totals		\$27,525,000		\$ 14,432,291.67	\$ 41,957,291.67	