

2023 – 2024 WATER FUND
BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

What's In (> \$1,000)

1. 600.445.110 - +\$10,360 for second summer engineer helper to assist with service line inspection requirement.
2. 600.445.620 - +\$3,000 for engineering to upgrade water intake pumps at Websterville plant.
3. 600.446.232 - +\$2,000 for programming plant equipment and adding alarms (alerts) for backwash.
4. 600.446.283 - +\$1,690 for equipment and testing supplies to measure oxygen in water.
5. 600.447.110 - +\$18,720 for temporary, part-time service line inspectors.

What's Not In (> \$1,000)

~ Nothing requested was denied ~

Significant Changes (> \$1,000)

1. 600.445.811 - +\$3,325 for workers comp because of adding two temporary helpers and experience modification increased.
2. 600.445.831 - -\$2,095 for health insurance.
3. 600.445.850 - +\$2,595 for social security almost entirely due to the two temporary helpers for service line inspections.
4. 600.445.910 - +\$1,235 for debt service principal because principal payments increase when interest decreases.
5. 600.445.920 - -\$1,165 in debt service interest.
6. 600.446.232 - -\$4,560 because large purchase in '22-'23 not repeated.
7. 600.446.337 - +\$1,195 for treatment chemicals because of price increases.
8. 600.446.420 - +\$1,765 for electricity mostly due to payments to GMP when solar farm production inadequate to cover Town's electrical demand.
9. 600.446.870 - -\$1,220 because equipment budgeted for '22-'23 not repeated.
10. 600.447.283 - -\$8,320 because equipment purchased in '22-'23 not needed again.
11. 600.447.338 - +\$17,125 to purchase water. Two customers being billed about \$160,000 per year. Their large consumption causing Town to buy more water from Barre City.
12. 600.447.440 - -\$1,225 for heat mostly because one building converted from heating oil to propane.
13. 600.447.670 - +\$1,090 for Barre City's readiness to serve charge.

BOTTOM LINE

1. Budget is increased 10.50% or \$49,515 over current budget. Primary drivers are: **1)** increase in expense to purchase water - \$17,125; and **2)** wages for two temporary part-time helpers to assist with water service line inspection program - \$29,080. All other accounts increasing \$3,310.
2. VT Creamery has had quarterly bills in excess of \$25,000 the last year. The Graniteville Fire District's quarterly bills have been more than \$15,000 the past year. Changes these two very large customers make have a noticeable impact on the budget-both revenue and expenses (purchase of water).
3. A 2% increase in the water consumption rate is proposed. That would cost most residential users less than \$8 per year. The base quarterly charge would remain the same.
4. The proposed budget provides for complying with a major regulatory requirement (service line inspections) that must be completed by October, 2024. The budget provides money to research (engineer) means to better use Websterville's primary water source.