



NOTICE OF PROPOSED FY27 USAGE RATE INCREASE – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

October 31, 2025

Dear Valued Weir River Water System Customer:

As outlined in the rules and regulations of the Weir River Water System, this letter is a notice to all our customers of a proposed usage rate increase of **three percent (3%)** scheduled to take effect on July 1, 2026.

In addition there will be a capital debt service assessment of **sixty-five dollars (\$65.00)** per year for single-family residential customers scheduled to take effect on July 1, 2026. Multi residential, industrial, commercial and municipal / government customers will also contribute to the capital debt service, which will be outlined in our public hearings. Overall, we anticipate the average water bill will increase approximately eight percent (8%).

The Town of Hingham acquired the water company in 2020 and at the time projections for operation and maintenance of the water system anticipated the likely need for a usage rate increase of ten percent (10%) every three years. However we are proud to say that this is the first rate increase since 2021.

The cost of operating and maintaining the Weir River Water System, including repair materials, fittings, fire hydrants, meters, and contracted services, have increased an average of thirty-four percent 34%. Even with these rising expenses, the proposed rate increase remains well within the range that was anticipated when the system was acquired. This is a result of our continued commitment to operating the system efficiently and responsibly, on behalf of the communities we serve.

The three percent (3%) usage rate increase reflects the actual, ordinary cost of running the water system. The capital debt service assessment will fund extraordinary capital improvements, which in this case includes the design, permitting and construction of a new 1.0 million gallon water storage tank to be located on Strawberry Hill in Hull, a booster station to support the new tank, and rehabilitation of the existing Turkey Hill Tank. The total estimated cost of this multi-year capital project is eighteen million dollars (\$18,000,000).

The Weir River Water System is committed to continuing overall system improvements and the construction of a new water storage tank in Hull. In January 2026, we will hold a public meeting to review the proposed usage rate increase and capital assessment with our customers. We will publish the date, time and location of this meeting in accordance with the Open Meeting Law.

Should you have any questions prior to our public meetings please visit www.weirriverwater.com/feedback.

Regards,

A blue ink signature of Russell E. Tierney.

Russell E. Tierney
Managing Director / Superintendent