

# City of Rochester, New Hampshire

### **WATER & SEWER BILLING**

19 Wakefield Street • Rochester, NH 03867 603) 332-3110 Fax (603) 335-7580

DATE: September 8, 2016

TO: Utility Advisory Board

FROM: John B. Storer, PE – Director of City Services

REGARDING: Utility Advisory Board Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Utility Advisory Board on Monday, September 12, 2016 at 5:30 P.M. in the City Hall Council Conference Room.

### **AGENDA**

1. Call to Order

- 2. Acceptance of July 18, 2016 Minutes (Page 3)
- 3. Previously Tabled Appeals
  - 3.1 Robert J Lemoine (Page 6)

PO Box 539

Barrington, NH 03825-0539 RE: 504 Oakridge Condo

3.2 Matthew R Cheney (Page 14)

665 Portland St

Rochester, NH 03867-2437

RE: 665 Portland St

3.3 Courtney Morgridge (Page 23)

29 Park St

Rochester, NH 03867

RE: 29 Park St

### 4. Appeals

4.1 Kenneth Powers (Page 39)

330 Diamond Hill Rd Berwick, ME 03901 RE: 30 32 Common St

4.2 Roman Catholic Bishop % (Page 46)

D/B/A Holy Rosary Parish

189 No Main St

### Rochester, NH 038367

- 4.3 Robert Roper (Page 51) 13 Jacobs Dr Rochester, NH 03867-2455
- 5. Finances- Reports to be supplied separately
- 6. Discussion
  New Policy on Water & Sewer Adjustments (Page 68)
  October 2016 Meeting Date
- 7. Adjournment

Copy to:

Blaine M.Cox, Deputy City Manager

# Utility Advisory Board July 18, 2016 5:30 P.M. City Hall Council Conference Room

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Dan Peterson, Chairman Shawn Libby Thomas H. Willis, Jr

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

John B. Storer, PE Director of City Services
Karen Bonneau, Utility Billing
Anthony Coraine, Representative 3 Gloria St
Sandra LaRoche, 4 Daniel Court
Thomas & Gerry Markam, Tenants 13 Moores Ct.
Mr. & Mrs Cheng Kam Chu, Owner 13 Moores Ct.

#### **MINUTES**

### 1. Call to order:

Chairman Peterson called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

### 2. Appeals -

### 2.1 3 Gloria Street, Dorothy Osgood - Owner

The appellant was unable to attend the meeting and sent Attorney Anthony Coraine to represent her. Mr. Coraine stated that this residence has one occupant and health staff that is in and out daily. He stated that the issue that caused the excessive water use was in a basement bathroom that is not in use. Mr. Coraine stated that there were at least two plumbing invoices to determine the problem and that it is now fixed. Chairman Peterson explained that as the water passed through the meter and did enter the sewer system the property owner is responsible for the charges. Mr. Willis stated that there may be a leak abatement policy instituted soon. He stated it is currently at the Committee level and it will likely go to the City Council for adoption in September. He stated that depending on what is decided this is the kind of situation the policy is meant to address and will give a onetime abatement of a percentage to be determined on both water and sewer charges.

Mr. Willis made a motion to table the appeal until the abatement policy has been voted on by the City Council in September. Mr. Libby seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### 2.2 4 Daniel Court, Sandra Laroche - Owner

The appellant Sandra Laroche was present. Ms. Laroche stated that her tenant had not informed her of the leaking pipe in the basement. She requested an abatement of both water and sewer charges. Chairman Peterson stated that as the water did pass

through the meter and is not in dispute that the water charges are not eligible for abatement.

Chairman Peterson made a motion to abate 32 units of sewer at \$6.24 each, for a total of \$199.68, plus all accrued interest. Mr. Willis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### 2.3 13 Moores Court – Mr. & Mrs Cheng Kam Chu - Owners

The appellants Mr.& Mrs Cheng Kam Chu were present and stated that their tenants informed them of a leaking toilet and that they fixed it as soon as notified. The tenants, Mr. & Mrs. Markam were also present. Mrs. Markam stated that her husband worked on the fixture and they thought it was fixed. She then got very ill and spent many weeks in the hospital with him staying with her most of the time. When she returned home she realized it was leaking and called the owner who came and fixed it immediately. Chairman Peterson stated that this is a case where the water did pass through the meter and into the sewer system and under the current ordinances would not be eligible for an abatement. Mr. Willis stated that this appeal should be tabled until the City Council makes a decision on the leak abatement policy currently on the Codes and Ordinance Committee agenda for August.

Mr. Willis made a motion to table the appeal until the abatement policy has been voted on by the City Council in September. Chairman Peterson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### 2.4 22 Richardson Street, Guy Harvey - Owner

The appellant did not attend the meeting. Mr. Storer stated that the appeal paperwork does not describe the recent increase in consumption well. He stated that there are currently two separate issues going on at this location. The first is that there was a leak at the meter connection going into the house. He stated that the Utilities Supervisor stated that the City is assuming the responsibility for that leak and that he has made a recommendation to abate both the water and sewer charges for the above average consumption. The second issue is that there is also an underground leak on the homeowner's property that has been going on for months and has not been resolved yet. Mr. Storer stated that he is working with the home owner who is attempting to hand dig the line and make the repairs.

Chairman Peterson made a motion to abate 20 units of water and sewer totaling \$221.00, and all accrued interest. Mr. Libby seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### 2.5 665 Portland Street, Matthew Cheney - Owner

The appellant did not attend the meeting. The Board discussed the appeal which noted several spikes in consumption. They also noted that the meter was tested and was found to be recording accurately. Mr. Willis stated that the appeal does not give any excuse or cause for the increase in consumption and without a reason the board cannot determine if abatement on the sewer would be appropriate. Mr. Storer stated

that he would send a letter explaining the need for additional information if available. Mr. Willis made a motion to table the appeal for one month in order for the appellant to supply any additional information. Mr. Libby seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### 2.6 504 Oakridge Condo, Robert Lemoine – Owner

The appellant did not attend the meeting. The Board discussed the appeal which noted a large spike in consumption. They also noted that it appeared to be a onetime spike and that the next reading had a slight increase but the problem had appeared to be resolved. Mr. Willis stated that the appeal does not give any excuse or cause for the increase in consumption and without a reason the board cannot determine if abatement on the sewer would be appropriate.

Mr. Willis made a motion to table the appeal for one month in order for the appellant to supply any additional information, and asked that the Utility Billing Office obtain one additional read to ensure that the problem is resolved. Chairman Peterson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### 3. Approval of the June Meeting Minutes

Chairman Peterson requested an action on the minutes from last meeting. Mr. Libby made a motion to accept the June 13, 2016 meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Willis. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Financial Reports** – The Board noted that the reports were missing from the packet and requested them for next month.

#### 5. Water & Sewer Rate Discussion

The Board discussed the handouts sent by Mark Sullivan in the business office. Per last month discussion Mr. Sullivan had run the rate projections with the water at a increase of 10% for FY17 and 9.8% for FY18. They also discussed the Sewer rate projection with 4.49% increase for FY 17 and an increase of 7.36% for FY18. Mr. Willis made a motion to make a recommendation that the full Council approve the Water rate increase of 10% and the Sewer rate increase of 4.49%. Chairman Peterson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### 6. Adjournment:

Mr. Libby made a motion to adjourn at 6:40 PM. The motion was seconded by Mr. Willis. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa Clark, City of Rochester Office Manager.



## City of Rochester, New Hampshire

### WATER & SEWER BILLING

19 Wakefield Street • Rochester, NH 03867 (603) 332-3110 Fax (603) 335-7580

Date: September 7, 2016

To: Utility Advisory Board

From: John B. Storer, Director City Services

Re: Water/Sewer Billing Appeal Application Dated: June 2016

Customer Name: Robert J Lemoine Account: 0142781

Service Address: #504 Oakridge Condo

Rochester NH 03867

The attached appeal has been reviewed in accordance with the provisions of the City of Rochester Ordinances, Chapter 16 "Sewer Ordinance" subsection 16.18 "Appeals," and Chapter 17 "Water" subsection 17.20 "Appeals."

### Recommendations

This appeal was tabled at the July meeting pending any additional information to be supplied by owner, meter testing and additional readings. I recommend no abatement at this time.

The above recommendation is based upon the following findings:

- 1. The water did pass through the meter.
- 2. The appellant is responsible for undetected water leaks on property.
- 3. There was no additional information supplied to show cause.
- 4. Meter was pulled for testing and results are within normal limits.
- 5. Follow up read on 6/7/16 and 8/12/16 showed that usage had returned to normal.
- 6. Long term payment arrangements are available with the Utility Billing Office.

ohn B. Storer, PE

Director of City Services

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### WATER/SEWER BILLING MEMORANDUM

TO: Lisa Clark

FROM: Karen Bonneau

DATE: August 12, 2016

SUBJECT: Robert J. Lemoine

PROPERTY: 504 Oakridge Condo

Please find attached the Water Billing Appeal Application, account notes, consumption history and meter test results for the above location. The original appeal was tabled during the July 2016 meeting.

The customer is filing an appeal for 187 units of water and sewer on the March 2016 bill. No leaks were found and the meter test results came back within normal range.



# City of Rochester, New Hampshire

# Utility Billing Office 19 Wakefield Street Rochester, NH 03867

19 Wakefield Street Rochester, NH 03867 (603) 332-3110 or Fax (603) 335-7501

July 21, 2016

Robert J Lemoine PO Box 539 Barrington, NH 03825-0539

Your appeal of the Water/Sewer bills has been reviewed by the Utility Advisory Board at its meeting held **July 18, 2016**.

The decision of the Board was to:

	Abate the amount of \$ and any accrued interest charges if applicable
	Abate the amount of \$, with the following stipulation:
	Deny your appeal.
	Tabled your appeal for your 504 Oakridge Condominium
	pending additional information for cause of high usage.
	Refer the appeal to the City Manger for further review/discussion
V	Other - See Attached letter

Please contact the Utility Billing Office at 332-3110 or 335-7501 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Lisa J. Clark Office Manager



### METER TEST REPORT

EJP CONCORD, NH 210 SHEEP DAVIS ROAD CONCORD, NH 03301 Telephone (603) 224-9545 FAX (603) 224-2690

Customer

Rochester Water Dept. 45 Old Dover Rd Rochester, NH 03867

Website: http://www.EJPrescott.com

Tech Name: Joe Thompson

Date: 08/4/2016

Meter Location MBS Meter Shop

Meter Information

SIZE: 5/8x3/4

Make: Sensus SR

Serial #: 69890929

Register Type:

CF

Test	Flow Rate (GPM)	Begin Read	End Read	Registered	CF	Accuracy (%)
Low Flow	1/4	48,846.6045	48,847,5835	0.070	•	27 224
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Medium Flow	2	48,847.5835	48,848.5960	1.013	1	101,30%
High Flow	15	48,848,5960	48,858,6470	10.051	10	100.51%

Test performed in accordance with AWWA

recommendations as found in AWWA Manual M6

New Meter Standards Low Flow 95% - 101% Medium flow 98.5% - 101.5% High Flow 98.5% - 101.5% Meters over 1 year old standards

Low Flow

90% - 101%

Signature

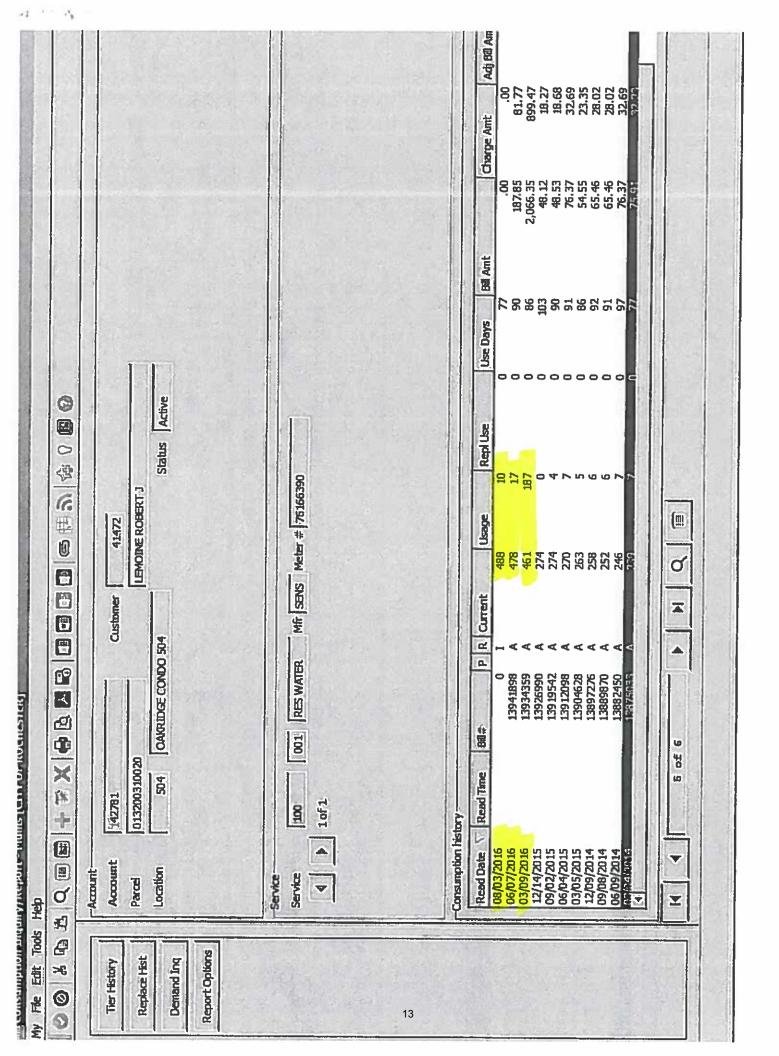
# CITY OF ROCHESTER Water/Sewer Billing Appeal Application

Office Use Only: Received: 4 7111

1.	Date of Appeal: JUNE 2016
2.	Property Owner's Name: Robert J LeMoine Account #: 14278/ Billing Address: P.O. Box 539
3.	Billing Address: P.O. Box 539
	Barrington, NH. 03825
4.	Service Location: 30 old Dover Rb #504 Zip Code 03867
5.	Owners Representative:
6.	Owners Representative's Signature:
7.	Phone #: 603 - 312 - 5201 Cell:
8.	Email Address: LIBRARYBOB L G GMAIL, COM
	(Agendas and Decision Letters will be emailed).
9.	Billing Period that is being appealed is from 12/14/15 to 3/9/16
10.	Abatement is being requested for:
	a. How many units of water x 4.81= \$
	b. How many units of sewer x 6.24= \$
	C. Water & Sewer Department Fees of: \$
	C. Water & Sewer Department Fees of:  S Total  S 7,066,35
11.	Explanation of Appeal Request:
	I have tenants who moved into my condo
_	in the beginning of February. The bill in
_	march, which to should have been forwarded
-	to me but was not, totals \$ 2066 35. I
-	have no way to explain how this usage could be that high, as water would almost be running 24/7 to come to that number, when
_	be that high, as water would almost be
-	running 24/7 to come to that number, When
-	I last spoke with the office, I was told
-	the meter was running normally. This is Is a 2nd-floor condo so I am aware of
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12. Do you dispute the meter reading used to determine your units of usage?
Yes No (circle one)
If yes, why?
This is an incredibly high usage with no
This is an incredibly high usage with no explanation. A later meter reading should
normal usage. I feel this was an estorial the reading or recording.
13. Do you claim that there was a leak that caused higher than normal units of usage?
Yes No (circle one)
If yes, did the water enter the sewer system?
If yes, has the leak been repaired?
Who made the repair?
Has proof of the repair been attached to this appeal form?
14. If your appeal is denied, will this cause you financial hardship for which you will seek
assistance from the City? If so, explain:
Yes. This is an incredibly high bill. I have never been behind in bills to this point
never been behind in bills to this point
in my t.fe.
Please note:
1. The Utility Advisory Board reviews abatement appeals at its monthly meetings which occur on the second Monday of every month at 5:30 P.M. at City Hall.
2. Abatement Appeal Applications must be received by the 20th of the month to be placed
on the following month's UAB agenda.  3. Customer's seeking abatement are encouraged, but not required, to appear before the
UAB when their abatement appeal is reviewed.
<ol> <li>Customers seeking an abatement will pay the uncontested average bill for both water and sewer prior to due date as specified on the invoice.</li> </ol>

Ы [2016-07-21 11:30:44 karenb]: UAB TABLED APPEAL FOR ONE MONTH PENDING ANY FURTHER INFORMATION HOMEOWNER CAN GIVE TO EXPLAIN [2016-08-12 11:34:03 karenb]: WETER TEST RESULTS CAME BACK WITHIN NORMAL RANGE, ADDED METER TEST FEE TO ACCOUNT, GOT ANOTHER READ TODAY OF 1, WHICH IS I UNIT IN 10 DAYS = .11/DAY. SENDING BACK FOR SEPTEMBER UAB. 2016-08-01 10:14:41 karenb): ROBERT CAME IN TODAY; HE DOES NOT HAVE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION AND REQUESTED TO HAVE HIS METER [2016-06-07 08:56:54 karenb]: ROBERT REQUESTED APPEAL FORM, EMAILED HIM FOR AND HE IS GOING TO FILE AND APPEAL FOR THE MARCH BILL. 2015-12-01 16:40:23 karenb]: BILL RETURNED WITH CHANGE OF ADDRESS TO ROBERT LEMOINE, 20 HORNE ST DOVER, NH 03820. GAVE TO 2016-08-04 10:13:46 karenb]: PULLED METER FOR TESTING 8/2/16. READ 488, 10 UNITS IN 57 DAYS = .18/DAY. NEW METER PUT IN AND EJP 10/4/05 - NEW OWNER CALLED - CLOSED ON 9/29 - NO FINAL BILL DONE ADVISED NEW OWNER TO CHECK WITH REALTOR [2016-04-05 10:49:56 karenb]: MARCH BILL RETURNED FROM POST OFFICE. DOOR TAGGED TO LOCATE OWNER. [2016-03-10 13:08:49 karenb]:HIGH LISAGE ON MARCH BILL (187 LINITS), DOOR TAGGED AND MAILED LETTER. [2013-10-04 15:06:22 ann]: SEPTEMBER BILL RETURNED WITH ROBERT'S NAME ONLY - LETTER SENT [2015-12-16 12:16:14 karenb]: ZERO USAGE ON DECEMBER BILL. MALLED DEAD METER LETTER. [2016-06-06 12:10:13 sjuneau]: GEORGE READ - USAGE IS BACK TO NORMAL AMOUNT. [2016-06-23 14:55:29 karenb]:APPEAL FORM SENT TO UAB FOR JULY APPEAL Display as HTML HIGH USAGE AND ANOTHER READ. File Edit Tools Insert Heb PICKED UP METER. Check Speling Account: 142,781 Samue connes ESTED





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Date: September 7, 2016

To: Utility Advisory Board

From: John B. Storer, Director City Services

Re: Water/Sewer Billing Appeal Application Dated: 6/7/16

Customer Name: Matthew R Cheney

thew R Cheney Account: 104840

Service Address: #665 Portland St

Rochester, NH 03867-2437

The attached appeal has been reviewed in accordance with the provisions of the City of Rochester Ordinances, Chapter 16 "Sewer Ordinance" subsection 16.18 "Appeals," and Chapter 17 "Water" subsection 17.20 "Appeals."

### Recommendations

This appeal was tabled at the July meeting pending any additional information to be supplied by owner. I recommend no abatement at this time.

The above recommendation is based upon the following findings:

- 1. The water did pass through the meter.
- 2. The appellant is responsible for undetected water leaks on property.
- 3. There was no additional information supplied to show cause.
- 4. The meter was pulled for testing and results were within normal limits.
- 5. Readings on 7/15/16 (4) and 8/12/16 (8) show normal, consistent usage.

6 NLong term payment arrangement are available with the Utility Billing Office

John B. Storer, PE

Director of City Services

#### WATER/SEWER BILLING MEMORANDUM

TO: Lisa Clark

FROM: Karen Bonneau

DATE: August 12, 2016

SUBJECT: Matthew R Cheney

PROPERTY: 665 Portland St

Please find attached the Water Billing Appeal Application, account notes and consumption history for the above location. The original appeal was tabled during the July 2016 meeting.

The customer is filing an appeal for 42 units of water and sewer on the March 2016 bill. The customer did find a toilet running intermittently, which has been repaired. Follow up reads at this property has shown that usage has gone down and remains more consistent.



# City of Rochester, New Hampshire

# Utility Billing Office 19 Wakefield Street Rochester, NH 03867 (603) 332-3110 or Fax (603) 335-7501

July 21, 2016

Matthew Cheney 665 Portland St Rochester, NH 03867-2437

Your appeal of the Water/Sewer bills has been reviewed by the Utility Advisory Board at its meeting held July 18, 2016.

The decision of the Board was to:

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	Abate the amount of \$, with the following stipulation:
	Deny your appeal.
<b>✓</b>	Tabled your appeal pending additional information for cause of high usage.
	Refer the appeal to the City Manger for further review/discussion
<b>✓</b>	Other - See attached Letter

Please contact the Utility Billing Office at 332-3110 or 335-7501 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Lisa J. Clark Office Manager

### WATER/SEWER BILLING MEMORANDUM

TO: Lisa Clark

FROM: Karen Bonneau

DATE: June 23, 2016

SUBJECT: Matthw R Cheney

PROPERTY: 665 Portland St

Please find attached the Water Billing Appeal Application, account notes and consumption history for above location.

The customer is filing an appeal for 42 units of water and sewer on the March 2016 bill. The customer opted to have his meter pulled for testing.



### METER TEST REPORT

EJP CONCORD, KH 210 SHEEP DAVIS ROAD CONCORD, NH 03301 Telephone (603) 224-9545 FAX (603) 224-2690

Customer

City of Rochester 45 Olds Dover Rd Rochester, NH 03867

Website: http://www.EJPrescott.com

Meter Location

Tech Name: Joe Thompson

Date: 07/5/2016

MBS Meter Shop

Meter Information

SIZE: 5/8\*

Make: Sensus SR

Register Type:

Serial #: 69992652 - U.S Po-Mand St

**Cubit Foot** 

	Flow Rate			<del>-</del>		Accuracy	
Test	(GPM)	Begin Read	End Read	Registered	CF	(%)	
Low Flow	1/4	73,310,433	73,311,419	0,9855	1	98.55%	
Medium Flow	2	73,311.419	73,312.419	1,0005	1	100,05%	
High Flow	15	73,312.419	73,322.417	9.998	10	99,98%	

Test performed in accordance with AWWA recommendations as found in AWWA Manual M6 Meters over 1 year old standards

Low Flow

90% - 101%

New Meter Standards Low Flow 95% - 101%

Medium flow 98.5% - 101.5%

High Flow 98.5% - 101.5%

Signature:

# CITY OF ROCHESTER Water/Sewer Billing Appeal Application

Office Use Only:
Received:

1.	1. Date of Appeal: 07 Jun 2016		wis
2.	2. Property Owner's Name: Mothlew RChenex Account #: 16	4840	
	3. Billing Address: 665 Portland St		
	Rochester, NH 03867		
4.	4. Service Location: Zip Code C	33867	
	5. Owners Representative:		_
6.	6. Owners Representative's Signature:		
7.	7. Phone #: 693-312-1416 Cell:		
8.	3. Email Address:		
	(Agendas and Decision Letters will be emailed).		
9.	D. Billing Period that is being appealed is from <u>©2.Dec 2015</u> to <u>01 Mar</u>	3016	
10.	0. Abatement is being requested for:	1	
	a. How many units of water $\frac{42}{x}$ x 4.67= \$ $\frac{90}{x}$	+	
	b. How many units of sewer $\frac{42}{x}$ x 6.24= \$ $\frac{202}{x}$	B	
	C. Water & Sewer Department Fees of:		
	Total \$ 458.22		
11.	1. Explanation of Appeal Request:		
	Water consumption usage is extremely	inconsis	text.
_	Worter usage is not on par with a single	person	20
_	the residence. The Billing period in ques		
_	01 Mar 2016.		
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12. Do you dispute the meter reading used to determine your units of usage?	
Yes No (circle one)	
If yes, why?	
See explanation of appeal	_
	-
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13. Do you claim that there was a leak that caused higher than normal units of usage?	
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If yes, did the water enter the sewer system?	
If yes, has the leak been repaired?	
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[2014-06-05 15:58:14 kathy]: TURNED OFF/ON FOR NON-PAYMENT 6/3/14

2015-06-10 11:00:53 karenb]TURNED OFF/ON FOR NON-PAYMENT 6/9

[2015-12-08 16:53:27 karenb]: TURNED OFF/ON FOR NON-PAYMENT 08:32:01 karemb]:DOOR TAG FOR LEAK (47 UNITS) 2015-09-14

2016-03-08 16:32:03 sjuneau]: WATER TURNED OFF/ON FOR NON PAYMENT 3/8/16

HIM HOW TO CHECK HIS WETER. OFFERED TO HAVE TECH GO AND CHECK METER WITH HIM. HE STATED THAT HE HAS AND THAT HE WANTS TO HAVE THE METER TESTED BECAUSE HE FEELS THAT IT HAS BEEN INCONSISTENT. HE WILL COME IN TODAY AND PAY AVERAGE BILL. HE WILL FILE APPEAL (2016-06-07 09:01:09 karenb): MATTHEW CALLED REGARDING HIGH BILL. HIS USAGE HAS JUMPED AROUND THE LAST THREE BILLS. EXPLAINED TO ON REST BASED ON METER TEST RESULTS.

[2016-06-15 11:06:48 karenb]; METER PULLED FOR TESTING, READ 733, OLD METER #69992652 MODEL 63664943, PICKED UP BY ETP

[2016-06-23 11:07:12 karenb]: SENT UAB BOARD FOR JULY APPEAL.

(2016-07-05 14:43:00 sjunebul): METER TEST CAME BACK, METER PASSED PER AWWA STANDARDS. CHARGED METER TEST FEE.

2016-07-21 11:28:03 karenbj: UAB BOARD TABLED APPEAL FOR ONE MONTH PENDING ANY FURTHER INFORMATION HOMEOWNER CAN GIVE TO EXPLAIN HIGH USAGE

[2016-08-01 16:47:26 karenb]: MATTHEW CHENEY DID COME IN TO INQUIRE ABOUT RESULTS OF UAB BOARD. HE STATED THAT HE DID FIND A TOILET THAT SEEMED TO BE RUNNING INTERMITTENTLY THAT HE DID REPAIR AND WOULD STILL LIKE HIS APPEAL TO BE HEARD AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER. GETTING ANOTHER READ ON AUGUST 12TH.

[2016-08-12 13:17:40 karenb]: CHECKED READING TODAY, READ WAS 8 WHICH IS .14/DAY. THIS STILL SHOWS CONSISTENT USAGE WITH LAST READ ON 7/15/16, WHICH WAS 4 UNITS FOR .13/DAY. SENT APPEAL BACK TO BOARD FOR SEPTEMBER UAB.

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### WATER & SEWER BILLING

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Date:

September 8, 2016

To:

**Utility Advisory Board** 

From: John B. Storer, Director City Services

Re:

Water/Sewer Billing Appeal Application

Dated: 3/1/16

Customer Name:

Courtney Morgridge

Account: 012570

Service Address:

#29 Park St

Rochester, NH 03867-1227

The attached appeal has been reviewed in accordance with the provisions of the City of Rochester Ordinances, Chapter 16 "Sewer Ordinance" subsection 16.18 "Appeals," and Chapter 17 "Water" subsection 17.20 "Appeals."

### Recommendations

This appeal was tabled from the April UAB Meeting pending an established consumption history for this new property owner. I recommend an abatement of 3 units of sewer on the invoiced amount.

The above recommendation is based upon the following findings:

- 1. The water did not enter the sewer system.
- 2. The appellant is responsible for undetected water leaks on the property.
- 3. The readings as follows are too erratic to calculate an average. 2/1/16=15 units, 5/2/16=5 units and 8/8/16=18 units
- 4. The City Assessing records indicate a 24'x36' foundation. Based on these dimension and assuming 4 inches of standing water as indicated in the appeal, this would equate to 300 cubic feet (288) or 3 units of water.

Value of 3 Units of Sewer at the current sewer rate of 6.24 = 18.72

Total abatement = \$ 8.72 plus accrued interest.

Director of City Services

### WATER/SEWER BILLING MEMORANDUM

TO: Lisa Clark

FROM: Karen Bonneau

DATE: August 31, 2016

SUBJECT: Courtney Morgridge

PROPERTY: 29 Park St

Please find attached the original Appeal from the April 2016 UAB and updated consumption history for the above account.

The customer is filing an appeal for water usage due to the furnace breaking, causing the basement to flood. The furnace has since been repaired.

# CITY OF ROCHESTER Water/Sewer Billing Appeal Application

Received: 2/1/11/0	Office Use Only:		
Meeciaca: Tillian Co	Office Use Only: Received: 3/1	$\Box$	<u>(p</u>

1.	Date of Appeal: 3/10
2.	Property Owner's Name: Courtney Morgridg (Account #: 012570
	Billing Address: 29 Park 8t.
	Rochester NH 03867
	Service Location: Rochester, NH Zip Code 08867
5.	Owners Representative: Courtey Morgridge
	Owners Representative's Signature: Quituy Monde
	Phone #:   Cell: 1003.973.282
8.	Email Address: CJ Morandae Qyahoo Com
	(Agendas and Decision Letters will be emailed).
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12. Do you dispute the meter reading used to determine your units of usage?
Yes (No (circle one)
If yes, why?
13. Do you claim that there was a leak that caused higher than normal units of usage?
Yes No (circle one)
If yes, did the water enter the sewer system? NO
If yes, has the leak been repaired? Yes
Who made the repair? Joseph Lintcau
Has proof of the repair been attached to this appeal form? Yes
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Customer:

COURTNEY

**MORGRIDGE** 

Business: (800) 936-7700

Property:

29 PARK ST

Cell: (603) 973-2821

Home:

29 PARK ST

ROCHESTER, NH 03867

ROCHESTER, NH 03867

Claim Rep.:

James Turco

Company:

THE TRAVELERS HOME AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY

Business:

44 Bedford St.

Business: (207) 217-4735

Middleboro, MA 02344

E-mail: JTURCO@travelers.com

Claim Number: HXV9152001H

Policy Number: 0CLY79994995481633 1

Type of Loss: WATER DAMAGE - NON-

**WEATHER RELATED** 

Date of Loss: 1/25/2016

Date Completed: 1/26/2016 4:13 PM

Price List: NHMA8X JAN16

Coverage	Deductible	Policy Limit	
Dwelling	\$1,000.00	\$154,000.00	
Other Structures	\$0.00	\$15,400.00	
Contents	\$0.00	\$107,800.00	

#### Dear COURTNEY

#### **MORGRIDGE:**

We have prepared an estimate of damages which will serve as the basis for our determination of benefits. Therefore, you and/or your contractor should review this estimate carefully and let us know immediately if you have any questions prior to beginning any work. A letter with an explanation of benefits and coverage will be provided to you separately.

Thank you for allowing us to be of service, and thank you for choosing THE TRAVELERS HOME AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY for your insurance needs. If you have any questions regarding this estimate or any aspect of your claim, please contact James Turco at (207) 217-4735.

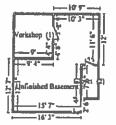
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DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT PRICE	TAX	RCV	DEPREC.	ACV
CONTENTS	-					
20. Chair PRICE IS PER OWNER.	1.00 EA	200.00	0.00	200.00	(100.00)	00.001
21. Sofa / Couch sleeper / Hide-a-Bed - Microfiber - Std grade	1.00 EA	420.00	0.00	420.00	(210.00)	210.00
Contents Totals:	<del></del>		0.00	620.00	(310.00)	310,00
Totals: Contents			0.00	620.00	310.00	310.00



**Unfinished Basement** 

Height: 7' 3"

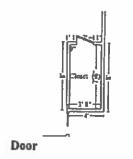
610.21 SF Walls 299.40 SF Ceiling 299.61 SF Walls & Ceiling 299.40 SF Floor 33.27 SY Flooring 84.17 LF Floor Perimeter 84.17 LF Ceil. Perimeter

Door

2' 6" X 6' 8"

2' X 6' 6"

Opens into Exterior



Subroom: Closet (2)

Height: 7' 3"

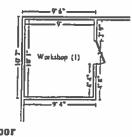
 161.92 SF Walls
 27.50 SF Ceiling

 189.42 SF Walls & Ceiling
 27.50 SF Floor

 3.06 SY Flooring
 22.33 LF Floor Perimeter

22.33 LF Ceil. Perimeter

Opens into UNFINISHED B



Subroom: Workshop (1)

Height: 7' 3"

276.71 SF Walls 90.75 SF Ceiling
367.46 SF Walls & Ceiling 90.75 SF Floor
10.08 SY Flooring 38.17 LF Floor Perimeter
38.17 LF Ceil. Perimeter

Door 3' X 7' Opens into UNFINISHED\_B

DESCRIPTION QTY UNIT PRICE TAX RCV DEPREC.

DWELLING

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**ACV** 

### **CONTINUED - Unfinished Basement**

DESCRIPTION	Q	ΓY	UNIT PRICE	TAX	RCV	DEPREC.	ACV
MITIGATION							
REBUILD							
28. (Material Only) 1/2" drywall - hung & fire taped only	94.16	SF	0.46	0.00	43.31	(1.44)	41.87
29. Drywall Installer / Finisher - per hour	4.00	HR	54.85	0.00	219.40	(7.31)	212.09
30. Batt insulation - 4" - R15 - paper faced	94.16	SF	0.98	0.00	92.28	(3.08)	89.20
31. R&R Linoleum floor covering (sheet goods)	B.85	SF	8.33	0.00	73.72	(13.49)	60.23
32. R&R Interior door slab only	1.00	EA	99.36	0.00	99.36	(4.65)	94.71
CLOSET UNDER STAIRS.							
33. Final cleaning - construction - Residential	417.65		0.17	0.00	71.00	(0.00)	71.00
34. Haul debris - per pickup truck load - including dump fees	0.25	EA	161.42	0.00	40.36	(0.00)	40,36
FOR MINIMAL SCRAP DRYWALL.							
MITIGATION							
22. Content Manipulation charge - per hour	6.00	HR	30.49	0.00	182.94	(0.00)	182.94
2 WORKERS FOR TWO HOURS.						(4.55)	
23. Tear out wet drywall, cleanup, bag, per LF - up to 2' tall	47.08	LF	2.52	0.00	118.64	(0.00)	118.64
FOR THE CLOSET UNDER THE STAIRS, WALL AGAI	NST FINIS	HE	D WALL AND T	HE WORKSH	OP AREA.		
24. Tear out and bag wet insulation	94.16		0.56	0.00	52.73	(0.00)	52,73
25. Air mover (per 24 hour period) - No monitoring	12.00	EΑ	24.95	0.00	299,40	(0.00)	299.40
2 AIR MOVER IN THE WORKSHOP, 1 IN THE CLOSET	UNDER :	THE	STAIRS AND I	ON THE WA	LL NEAR TH		
26. Dehumidifier (per 24 hour period) - Large - No monitoring	3.00		71.00	0.00	213.00	(0.00)	213.00
27. Apply anti-microbial agent	417.65	SF	0.19	0.00	79.35	(0.00)	79.35
Dwelling Totals:				0.00	639.43	(29.97)	609.46
Mitigation Totals:				0.00	946.06		946.06
Totals: Unfinished Basement				0.00	1,585.49	29.97	1,555.52
Area Dwelling Total:				0.00	1,019.97	(85.48)	934.49
Area Contents Total:				0.00	620.00	(310.00)	310.00
Area Mitigation Total:				0.00	3,042.00	(171.67)	2,870.33
Totals: Main Level				0.00	4,681.97	567.15	4,114.82
Labor Minimums Applied							
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DWELLING							
35. Painting labor minimum	1.00 E	2 A	91.78	0.00	91.78	(0.00)	91.78

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Total

### **CONTINUED - Labor Minimums Applied**

DESCRIPTIO	N		QTY UN	IT PRICE	TAX	RCV	DEPREC.	ACV
Dwelling Total	<b>s:</b>				0.00	91.78		91.78
Totals: Labor	Minimums Applied				0.00	91.78	0.00	91.78
Area Dwelling	Total:				0.00	1,111.75	(85.48)	1,026,27
Area Contents	Total:				0.00	620.00	(310.00)	310.00
Area Mitigation	Total:				0.00	3,042.00	(171.67)	2,870.33
Line Item Tota	Is: COURTNEY				0.00	4,773.75	567.15	4,206.60
Grand Tota	ıl Areas:							
1,747.00	SF Walls	721.48	SF Ceiling		2 468	AS CE Wall	s and Ceiling	
	SF Floor		SY Flooring			.00 LF Floo	-	
0.00	SF Long Wall		SF Short Wi	•		.00 LF Ceil.		
721.48	Floor Area	790.84	Total Area		1,747.	.00 Interior	Wall Area	
1,332.38	Exterior Wall Area	161.50	Exterior Per Walls	imeter of	·	5%		
0.00	Surface Area	0.00	Number of S	iquares	0.	00 Total Pe	rimeter Length	
0.00	Total Ridge Length	0.00	Total Hip Le	ength		•		
Coverage		Ite	n Total	%	A	CV Total	%	
Dwalling			1,111.75	23.29%		1,026.27	24.40%	•
Other Structure	S		0.00	0.00%		0.00	0.00%	
Contents			620.00	12.99%		310.00	7.37%	
Mitigation			3,042.00	63.72%		2,870.33	68.23%	

4,773.75

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### Summary for Dwelling

Line Item Total	1,111.75
Replacement Cost Value Less Depreciation	\$1,111.75 (85.48)
Actual Cash Value Less Deductible	\$1,026.27 (1,000.00)
Net Claim	\$26.27
Total Recoverable Depreciation	85.48
Net Claim if Depreciation is Recovered	\$111.75

James Turco

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### **Summary for Contents**

Line Item Total	620.00
Replacement Cost Value Less Depreciation	\$620.00 (310.00)
Actual Cash Value Net Claim	\$310,00 \$310,00
Total Recoverable Depreciation	310.00
Net Claim if Depreciation is Recovered	\$620.00

James Turco

### **Summary for Mitigation**

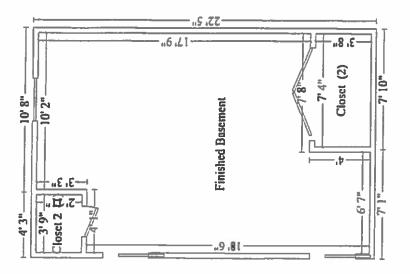
Line Item Total	3,042.00
Replacement Cost Value Less Depreciation	\$3,042.00 (171.67)
Actual Cash Value Net Claim	\$2,870.33 \$2,870.33
Total Recoverable Depreciation	171.67
Net Claim if Depreciation is Recovered	\$3,042.00

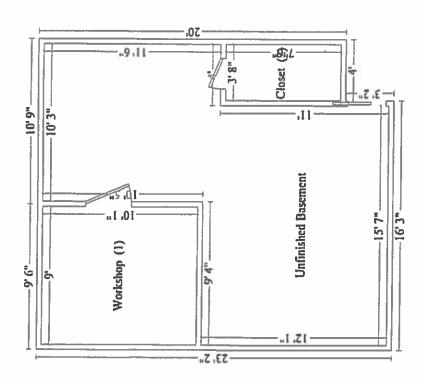
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### Recap by Room

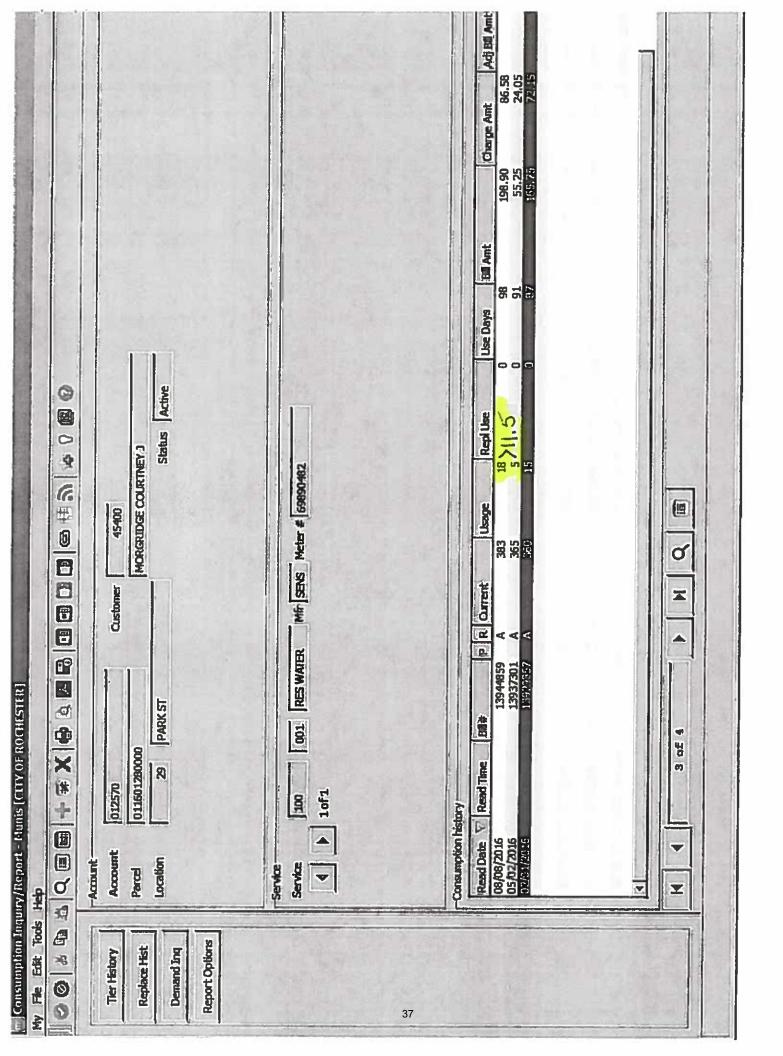
Estimate: COURTNEY			
Area: Main Level			
Finished Basement		2,476.48	51.88%
Coverage: Dwelling	15.37% =	380.54	
Coverage: Mitigation	84.63% =	2,095.94	
Contents		620.00	12.99%
Coverage: Contents	100.00% =	620.00	
Unfinished Basement		1,585.49	33.21%
Coverage: Dwelling	40.33% =	639.43	
Coverage: Mitigation	59.67% =	946.06	
Area Subtotal: Main Level		4,681.97	98.08%
Coverage: Dwelling	21.79% =	1,019.97	
Coverage: Contents	13.24% =	620.00	
Coverage: Mitigation	64.97% =	3,042.00	
Labor Minimums Applied		91.78	1.92%
Coverage: Dwelling	100.00% =	91.78	
Subtotal of Areas	-	4,773.75	100.00%
Coverage: Dwelling	23.29% =	1,111.75	
Coverage: Contents	12.99% =	620.00	
Coverage: Mitigation	63.72% =	3,042.00	
Total	_	4,773.75	100.00%

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Main Level



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### City of Rochester, New Hampshire

### WATER & SEWER BILLING

19 Wakefield Street • Rochester, NH 03867 (603) 332-3110 Fax (603) 335-7580

Date: September 8, 2016

To: Utility Advisory Board

From: John B. Storer, Director City Services

Re: Water/Sewer Billing Appeal Application Dated: 8/10/16

Customer Name: Kenneth Powers Account: <u>071120</u>

Service Address: #30 32 Common St

Rochester, NH 03867

The attached appeal has been reviewed in accordance with the provisions of the City of Rochester Ordinances, Chapter 16 "Sewer Ordinance" subsection 16.18 "Appeals," and Chapter 17 "Water" subsection 17.20 "Appeals."

### Recommendations

### I recommend no abatement on the invoiced amount

Per Section 17.21 (b) Unpaid bills of over thirty (30) days shall constitute cause for water shutoff.

Per Section 17.34 <u>Fees</u> Service Reactivated following payment when shutoff due to non-payment. \$60.00

Per Section 17.19 (d) The failure of a customer to receive water bills does not relieve the customer of the responsibility of making prompt payment.

ohn B. Storer, PE

Director of City Services

#### WATER/SEWER BILLING MEMORANDUM

TO: Lisa Clark

FROM: Karen Bonneau

DATE: August 11, 2016

SUBJECT: Kenneth Powers

PROPERTY: 30 32 Common St

Please find attached the Water Billing Appeal Application, account notes and copy of bill receipt for the above account.

The customer is filing an appeal for the \$60 turn on/off fee on his May bill. The water was turned off for non-payment 3/8/2016.

## CITY OF ROCHESTER Water/Sewer Billing Appeal Application

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Received:	UDIID

1.	Date of Appeal: 8/10/16	
2.	Property Owner's Name: Kenneth Powers Account #: 07/120	_
	Billing Address: 30-32 Common St. WS	~
	RochesterNH	
4.	Service Location: Same Zip Code 03867	_
5.	Owners Representative: Ken Power	<u>.</u>
6.	Owners Representative's Signature	
7.	Phone #: (603) 973-637  Cell:	_
8.	Email Address: Ken Powers & 2@ Hotmail Com	
	(Agendas and Decision Letters will be emailed).	
9.	Billing Period that is being appealed is from $\frac{2}{17}/6$ to $\frac{5}{9}/6$	
10.	. Abatement is being requested for:	
	a. How many units of water x 4.81= \$	
	b. How many units of sewer x 6.24= \$	
	C. Water & Sewer Department Fees of: \$ 60	
	Total \$_60	
11.	Explanation of Appeal Request:	
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	Do you dispute the meter reading used to determine your units of usage?	
	Yes No (circle one)	
	If yes, why?	
_	Not at this time	
	Do you claim that there was a leak that caused higher than normal units of usage	?
	'es No (circle one)	
1	f yes, did the water enter the sewer system?	_
I	f yes, has the leak been repaired?	
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4.	Customers seeking an abatement will pay the uncontested average bill for both we and sewer prior to due date as specified on the invoice.	ier

I am appealing the fee that was assessed on my 2/17-5/9 bill when my water was turned on/off on3/8.

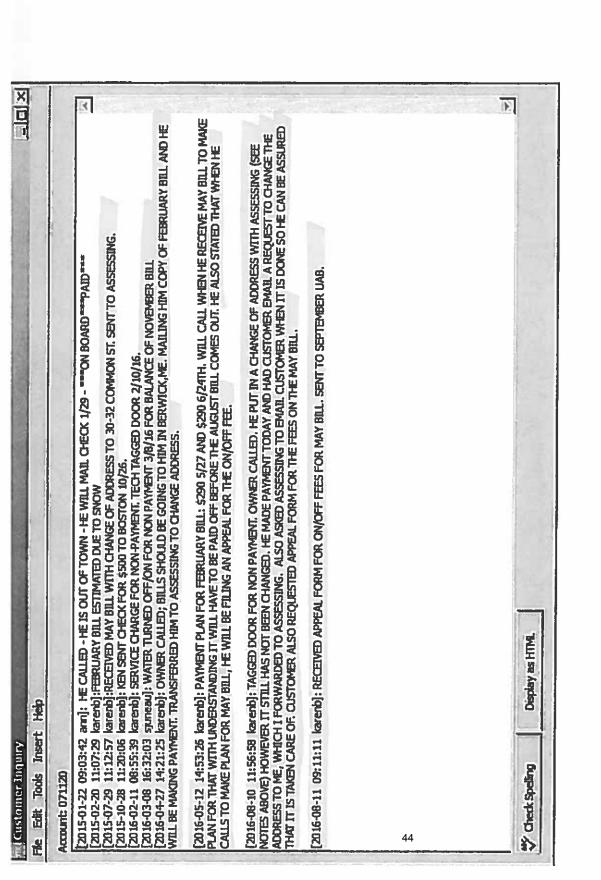
I do not believe I should be responsible for this fee because the water/sewer bill was sent to the incorrect address and no "warning notice" was placed on the door. At some point prior to this bill being assessed the billing address was changed erroneously by the town. I did not request a change of the billing address and until than had been receiving the bills at the Berwick address. Once I was informed that the bill payment was due I paid it immediately and on 4/27 requested the billing address be changed to the Berwick address.

This is the first time I have had the water shut off and it is an embarrassment to me. I changed the address when I spoke to the billing department after this occurrence, but it still was not changed. I am still trying to get this straightened out.

I do not feel as though I should be responsible for this fee of \$60 as I was not made aware that the payment was due.

Thank You

Ken Powers



Rec'd 7-129/15

WATER & SEWER BILL
Remit Copy

Please write your account number on your check and anclose this portion of bill with your payment.

Make checks payable to: City of Rochester

Other Current Charges | Current Charges Amount Dua 15. ABS. 450 S Past Due 42.10 Past Due Date 06/16/2015 Bill Date 05/14/2015 Account Number 071120 Bill Number 13909239

071120 POWERS KENNETH & LISA 330 DIAMOND HILL RD BERWICK, ME 03901 4209604203563390923990000394304

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Please Note Address Correction Below:

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Name Street City

City of Rochester

Boston MA 02298-1096

P.O. Box 981096



### City of Rochester, New Hampshire

### **WATER & SEWER BILLING**

19 Wakefield Street • Rochester, NH 03867 (603) 332-3110 Fax (603) 335-7580

Date: September 8, 2016

To: Utility Advisory Board

From: John B. Storer, Director City Services

Re: Water/Sewer Billing Appeal Application Dated: 8/15/16

Customer Name: Roman Catholic Bishop Account: 150750

D/B/A Holy Rosary Parish

Service Address: #83 Brock St

Rochester, NH 03867

The attached appeal has been reviewed in accordance with the provisions of the City of Rochester Ordinances, Chapter 16 "Sewer Ordinance" subsection 16.18 "Appeals," and Chapter 17 "Water" subsection 17.20 "Appeals."

### Recommendations

I recommend to table appeal until meter test results are received and readings on new meter have been taken.

The above recommendation is based upon the following findings:

1. The appellant disputes the meter readings.

Meter was pulled and sent out for testing.

John B. Storer, PE

Director of City Services

#### WATER/SEWER BILLING MEMORANDUM

TO: Lisa Clark

FROM: Karen Bonneau

DATE: August 19, 2016

SUBJECT: Roman Catholic Bishop d/b/a Holy Rosary Parish

PROPERTY: 83 Brock St

Please find attached the Water Billing Appeal Application, account notes and consumption history for the above location.

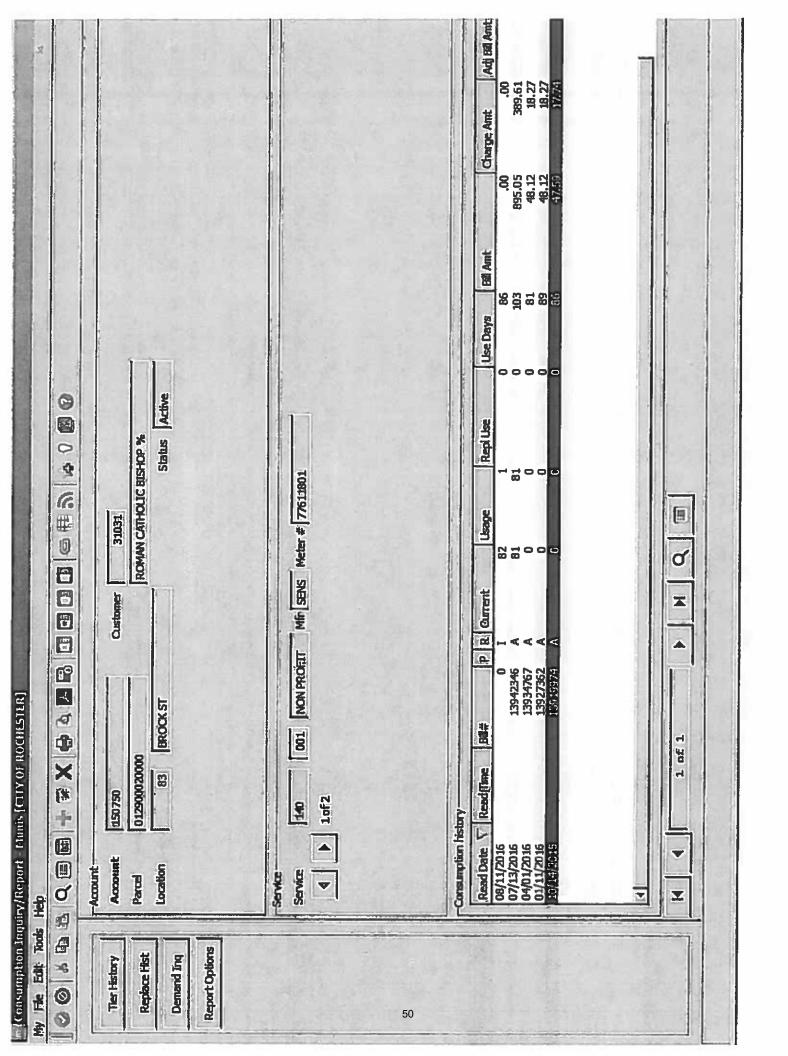
The customer is filing an appeal for 81 units of water and sewer on the July 2016 bill. The customer could not find any leaks and the meter has been pulled for testing.

## CITY OF ROCHESTER Water/Sewer Billing Appeal Application

Office Use Only: Received: Y/15/14
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1.	Date of Appeal:	W
2.	Property Owner's Name: Roman Catholic Bishop  D/B/A/Holy Rosary Parish  Account #: 150750	
3.	Billing Address: 189 North Main St.	
	Rochester, NH 03867	
4.	Service Location: 83 Brock St., Rochester, NH Zip Code 03867	
5.	Owners Representative: Norbert Hamann	
6.	Owners Representative's Signature:	
7.	Phone #: 603-332-1863 Cell: 603-534-3341	
8.	Email Address: nhamann@hrsl.org	
	(Agendas and Decision Letters will be emailed).	
9.	Billing Period that is being appealed is from 04/01/2016 to 07/13/2016	
10.	. Abatement is being requested for:	
	a. How many units of water 81 x 4.81= \$ 389.61	
	b. How many units of sewer 81 x 6.24= \$ 505.44	
	C. Water & Sewer Department Fees of: \$	
	Total \$_895_05	
11.	Explanation of Appeal Request:	
	After receiving the bill I went to the cemetery to check for any leaks	_
_	having found none I called the city to come checkwhat was happening. They came	_
-	and could not find anything. The city checked the toilet and sink and found no leaks.	_
-	The water dept. has changed the meter and sent the old meter out to be checked.	_
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	Do you dispute the meter reading used to determine your units of usage?  Yes No (circle one)
`	If yes, why?
	aving found no leaks in the system I don't know where all this water would have gone.
_	
13. I	Do you claim that there was a leak that caused higher than normal units of usage?
Y	es No (circle one)
I	f yes, did the water enter the sewer system?
I	f yes, has the leak been repaired?
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	I don't believe so.
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	on the following month's UAB agenda,
3.	Customer's seeking abatement are encouraged, but not required, to appear before the UAB when their abatement appeal is reviewed.
4.	Customers seeking an abatement will pay the uncontested average bill for both water and sewer prior to due date as specified on the invoice.





### City of Rochester, New Hampshire

### WATER & SEWER BILLING

19 Wakefield Street • Rochester, NH 03867 (603) 332-3110 Fax (603) 335-7580

Date:

September 8, 2016

To:

**Utility Advisory Board** 

From: John B. Storer, Director City Services

Re:

Water/Sewer Billing Appeal Application

Dated: 8/19/16

Customer Name:

Robert Roper

Account: 121000

Service Address:

#13 Jacobs Dr

Rochester, NH 03867-2455

The attached appeal has been reviewed in accordance with the provisions of the City of Rochester Ordinances, Chapter 16 "Sewer Ordinance" subsection 16.18 "Appeals," and Chapter 17 "Water" subsection 17.20 "Appeals."

### Recommendations

### I recommend no abatement at this time.

The above recommendation is based upon the following findings:

- 1. The appellant is responsible for undetected water leaks on property.
- 2. The appellant does not dispute the meter readings as they had two leaking toilets.
- 3. The additional use did enter the sewer system.
- 4. The additional usage does not meet minimum of (100% increase or 35,000 gallons) to be considered for an adjustment.

long term payments arrangements are available through the billing office.

Director of City Services

#### WATER/SEWER BILLING MEMORANDUM

TO:

Lisa Clark

FROM:

Karen Bonneau

DATE:

August 24, 2016

SUBJECT: Robert Roper

PROPERTY: 13 Jacobs Dr

Please find attached the Water Billing Appeal Application, account notes, consumption history, bill and invoices for the above location.

The customer is filing an appeal for 34 units of water and sewer on the June 2016 bill. The customer had two leaking toilets, which have both been repaired.

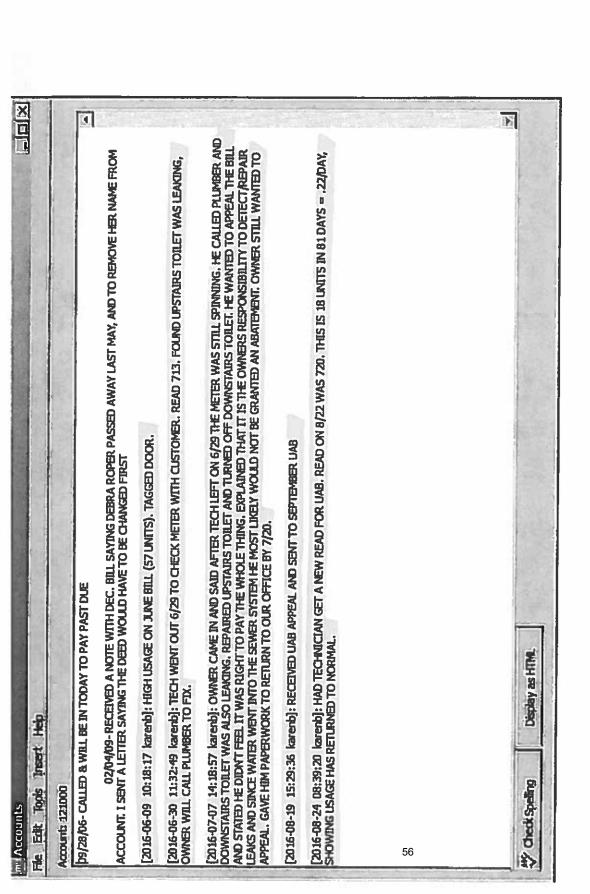
# CITY OF ROCHESTER Water/Sewer Billing Appeal Application

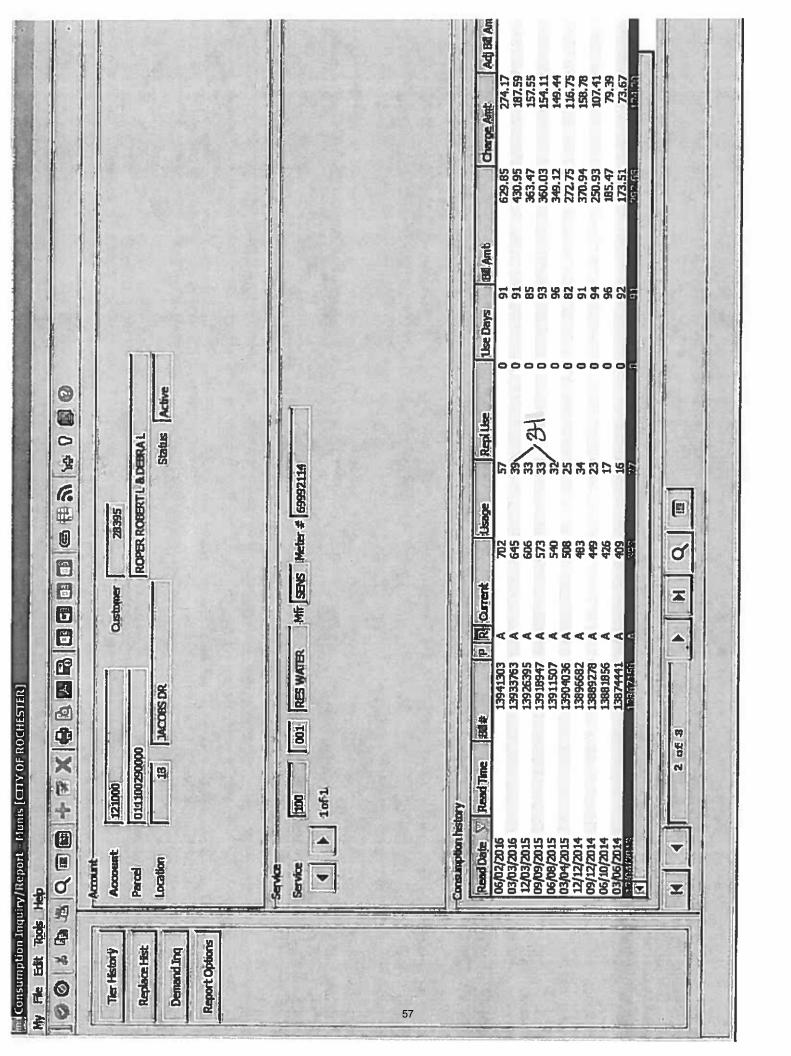
Office Use Only:
Office Use Only: Received:

1. Date of Appeal: 7276 8 18 16
2. Property Owner's Name: Robert Roper Account #: 121000
3. Billing Address: 13 Jacobs Dr
4. Service Location: Rochester Zip Code 03867
5. Owners Representative: Self
6. Owners Representative's Signature:
7. Phone #: Cell: 312-8705
8. Email Address: broper 6 @ hatneyl. con
(Agendas and Decision Letters will be emailed).
9. Billing Period that is being appealed is from 3/3/14 to 6/31/16
10. Abatement is being requested for:
a. How many units of water x 4.81= \$ 14.30 143.54
b. How many units of sewer 30 34 x 6.24= \$ 187. 20 212.14
C. Water & Sewer Department Fees of: \$
Total \$ = 331.50 375.70
11. Explanation of Appeal Request:
Upon Received, my bill (6/21/16) I noted it was for 629.85
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CITY OF ROCHESTER
WATER & SEWER
DEPARTMENT
603-332-3110
603-335-7501
CUSTOMER SERVICE

19 WAKEFIELD STREET MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

We have registered high usage on this property. 57 Units YOU COULD HAVE A LEAK.
Check the property for leaks and/or call our office for tips on how to read the water meter.



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#### POLICY ON WATER & SEWER ADJUSTMENTS

It is the policy of the City of Rochester not to grant adjustments to water & sewer bills unless the problem rests within the City's system. However, the City recognizes that a high bill resulting from accidental, unpreventable water release can present financial hardship to a customer. While most water releases are preventable, there are certain circumstances when an accidental water release cannot be reasonably prevented. The intent of this policy is to establish a one-time abatement, during any ten-year period, for up to half of the excess water consumption above normal consumption, due to an accidental, unpreventable water release.

### **Adjustment Determination Procedure:**

- 1. All customer requests to abate any portion of a metered water bill that is unusually high due to unpreventable leakage shall be reviewed by City staff on a case-by-case basis. In order to qualify for abatement, a customer's excess consumption must exceed the greater of 100% or 35,000 gallons above their normal average consumption. The customer must also prove that the deficiency responsible for leakage has been repaired or corrected. This policy only applies to leaks that have occurred within the previous six (6) months of the date of the abatement request.
- 2. In the event that a customer cannot determine the source or cause of the abnormally high consumption, the customer is required to hire a private licensed plumber to assist the customer in trying to determine said source or cause. If the plumber is unable to determine the source or cause of the abnormally high consumption, the City can only speculate that the customer has located and repaired or corrected said source. If the customer claims that said source never existed, the City shall test the meter and make an adjustment to the bill in accordance with NHPUC requirements for meters found to be over-recording. If the meter test reveals an accurate or under-recording meter, the customer shall be held responsible for the entire bill plus the cost of meter testing and shipping/handling.
- 3. In the event the source or cause of the abnormally high consumption is related to a leak due to customer negligence such as the failure to maintain internal (private) plumbing fixtures in good repair and/or protect plumbing from freezing, the customer shall be held responsible for the entire bill.
- 4. In the event the abnormally high consumption has occurred due to "unpredictable leakage" not caused by customer negligence, ignorance or unfortunate circumstances, as determined by City staff and the Utility Advisory Board, the City shall consider granting a one-time abatement, per account, during any ten-year period, up to half of the water consumption above normal consumption. The abatement calculation may consider compensation from any other sources, including insurance policy claims, etc. Normal consumption will be the average of at least the previous three years' consumption history, for similar billing periods, unless deemed otherwise by the City staff or the Board. The City staff and Utility Advisory Board reserve the right to grant adjustments on water use or sewer use or both.

- 5. The customer may be required to submit a written statement from their homeowner's insurance policy provider stating what portion, if any, of the leak is covered by insurance.
- 6. The City shall not disconnect service (for abnormally high consumption) provided the customer pays the entire amount due within the normal payment period or enters into payment arrangements for the excessive amount and is in good standing on all current billings.
- 7. Landlords will be responsible for tenant bills in accordance with this policy. Failure by a tenant to pay water and sewer charges will not excuse the landlord of any outstanding obligations.

## The following example shows how the abatement is calculated based on rates in effect as of 5/1/16:

<u>Water Impact</u> – Rate \$4.81 per 1 unit of consumption

Note: 1 unit of consumption = 100 cu. ft. = 748 gallons

	Consumption	Dollar Amount
Total Usage (1 quarter)	70 units (52,360 gallons)	\$336.70
3 year average (quarterly average)	14 units (10,472 gallons)	\$67.34
Excess above average	56 units (41,888 gallons)	\$269.36
Half of excess abated	28 units (20,944 gallons	s) \$134.68
Remaining excess - Customer responsibility	28 units (20,944 gallons)	) \$134.68
3 year average (quarterly average)	14 units (10,472 gallons)	\$67.34
Total remaining bill due		\$202.02

### **Sewer Impact** – Rate \$6.24 per 1 unit of consumption

Note: 1 unit of consumption = 100 cu. ft. = 748 gallons

	Consumption	Dollar Amount
Total Usage (1 quarter)	70 units (52,360 gallons)	) \$436.80
3 year average (quarterly average)	14 units (10,472 gallons)	\$87.36
Excess above average	56 units (41,888 gallons)	) \$349.44
Half of excess abated	28 units (20,944 gallons	s) \$174.72
Remaining excess - Customer responsibility	28 units (20,944 gallons)	\$174.72
3 year average (quarterly average)	14 units (10,472 gallons)	\$87.36
Total remaining bill due		\$262.08

The above policy replaces all existing water and sewer adjustment policies.