



# TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON MASSACHUSETTS

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**TITLE:** Septage Rates

**BACKGROUND:** During FY 21 the Great Barrington Wastewater Treatment Plant saw a 141,000 gallon increase of septage receiving. The wastewater plant processed nearly 3 million gallons of septage last year and generated nearly \$324,000. The increase was driven by private septic systems. In the same period of time the town paid an increase costs to process and dispose of the sludge generated by the septage.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Sewer Commissioners raise the rates for septage receiving from .11 cents per gallon to .143 per gallon effective November 1, 2021 to cover the increase costs of processing and to help cover future capital improvements at the wastewater plant.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The Wastewater Enterprise Fund will generate an additional \$95,000 annually in septage receiving fees.

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