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TO: Board of Selectmen

FROM: Stephen G. Barrett, CPA SGB

RE: January 2003 Sewer O&M Rate Setting

DATE: January 10, 2003

Based on a review of financial data, I recommend we bill at a rate of $.01560 cents per gallon for January 2003.

Attached, please find:

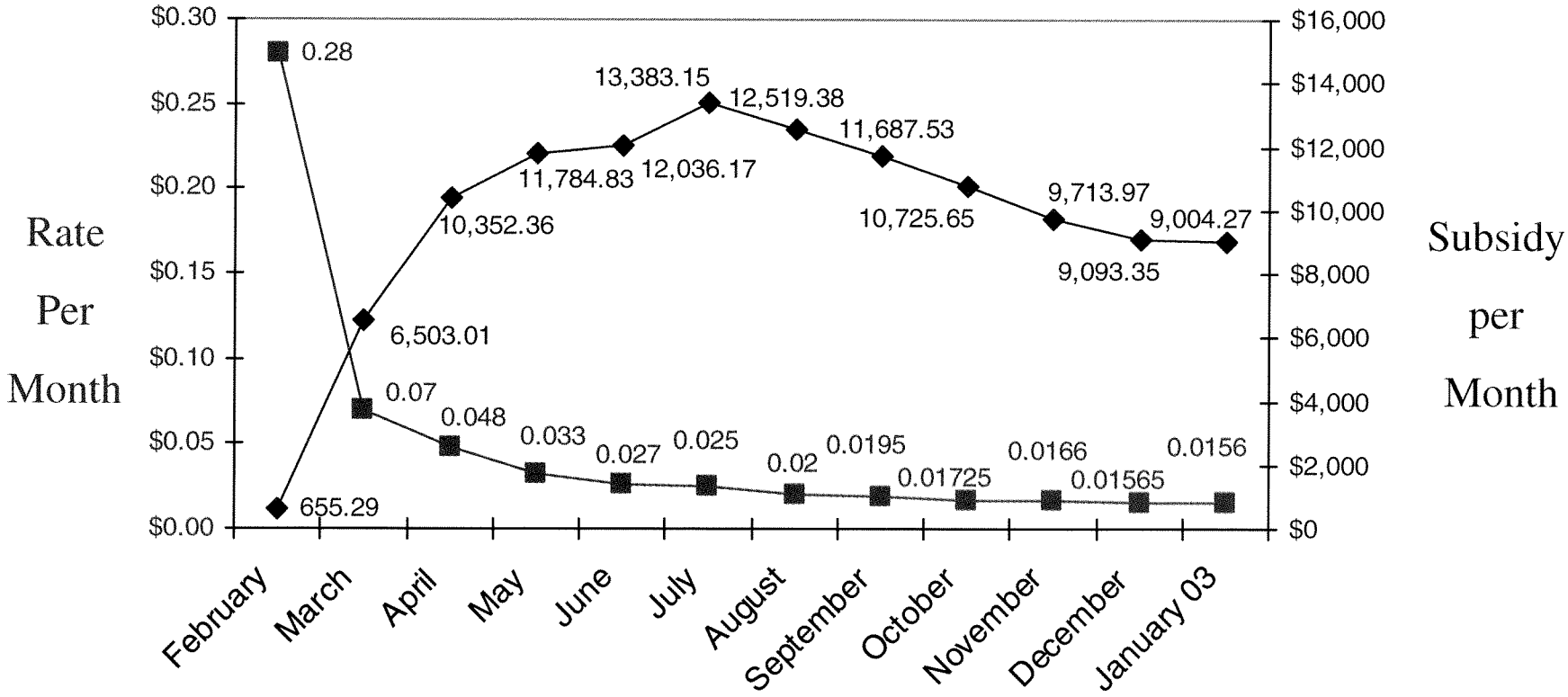
1. A graph depicting the Gross Billing Rate and the Subsidy Utilization Amount.
2. A chart detailing billing rates and subsidy amounts used since inception, Feb. 02.
3. A summary of Sewer Gift Fund Financial Activity, to date.

The following is the average daily billable flow volume as of the billing cutoff date for the present and last four billing periods:

September 2002	= 69,807 gpd
October 2002	= 74,906 gpd
November 2002	= 79,714 gpd
December 2002	= 82,114 gpd
January 2003	= 82,617 gpd

Since my December 2002 communication to you on rate setting, we have added 4 residential accounts. Presently, we have 285 residential accounts, 36 commercial businesses, 4 schools, 2 municipal properties and 2 religious organizations connected to the sewer system as of close of business January 09, 2003.

Rate vs. Subsidy



TOWN OF ACTON
SUMMARY OF SUBSIDY USED
INCEPTION THROUGH JANUARY 2003

Month	Gross Billing Rate Per Gallon	Subsidy Rate Per Gallon	Net Rate to Residential Customers	Residential Volume Billed	Actual Subsidy used / to be used	Cumulative Subsidy used / to be used	Total Subsidy used / to be used
February 02	0.28000	0.26662	0.01338	2,457.8	655.29	655.29	
March	0.07000	0.05856	0.01144	111,048.8	6,503.01	7,158.30	
April	0.04800	0.03708	0.01092	279,167.3	10,352.36	17,510.66	
May	0.03300	0.02293	0.01007	514,039.9	11,784.83	29,295.49	
June	0.02700	0.01602	0.01098	751,227.7	12,036.17	41,331.66	
FY 02 subtotal					41,331.66		41,331.66
July 02	0.02500	0.01448	0.01052	924,257.2	13,383.15	13,383.15	54,714.81
August	0.02000	0.00924	0.01076	1,347,371.6	12,519.38	25,902.54	67,234.20
September	0.01950	0.00842	0.01108	1,388,065.9	11,687.53	37,590.07	78,921.73
October	0.01725	0.00659	0.01066	1,627,556.6	10,725.65	48,315.72	89,647.38
November	0.01660	0.00558	0.01102	1,740,858.3	9,713.97	58,029.69	99,361.35
December	0.01565	0.00498	0.01067	1,825,963.7	9,093.35	67,123.04	108,454.70
January 03	0.01560	0.00488	0.01072	1,845,125.7	9,004.27	76,127.31	117,458.97

Jan 03 rate set. sub. used

01/10/2003

TOWN OF ACTON, MASSACHUSETTS
SUMMARY OF SEWER GIFT FUND FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

Beginning Balance @ 1/1/2001	$	419,602
Permanent Uses - MWPAT/Borrowing Costs/etc.		70,091
Amount currently reserved for construction		150,000
Balance available		199,511
Expended for FY 02 sewer rate subsidy		41,332
Expended for FY 03 sewer rate subsidy, 7/02 through 01/03		76,127
Balance available - 01/31/2003	$	82,052