

Sewer Bills

You can make partial payments.

For any tax bill except Excise Tax, you can make partial payments.

Normally, interest and fees would accrue on any balance remaining after the due bill's date (which is 10/15/26 in this case), however, the Select Board has waived interest and fees on the fiscal year 2027 (FY27) Sewer bills for the entire fiscal 2027 year- this means that unpaid balances for FY27 Sewer will not start accruing interest or fees until after 6/30/27.

This applies ONLY to Sewer bills; all other tax bills will still be subject to the normal terms and will accrue interest and fees if they are unpaid after the due date. This also does not apply to FY26 Sewer bills with a remaining balance. This will not apply to FY28 bills.

To make a partial payment, please provide a note indicating your bill number along with your payment; hold on to the payment stub to be used for the final payment.

This is not a formal "payment plan". You will need to keep track of your remaining balance, as we are unable to send balance notifications.



Special Town Meeting

October 19, 2026

7:00 PM

Wahconah High School

Warrant Articles for the Special Town Meeting, Summarized

- Article 1 This is a vote to change the budget set at the meeting in May for one or more departments.
- Article 2 This is a vote to potentially purchase land on West Housatonic St
- Article 3 This is a vote to fund a bridge replacement project on Grange Hall Road
- Article 4 This is a vote to fund a rental of electronic voting machines for use at town meetings
- Article 5 This is a vote to fund a survey of the sewer system to identify where water is infiltrating our system
- Article 6 This is a vote to increase the budget for wastewater treatment to match actual expenses; the increase is paid for by the Sewer User Fees; this will not increase Taxation.
- Article 7 This is a vote to pay an invoice from fiscal year 2026 that had not been paid before the fiscal year ended
- Article 8 This is a vote to pay an invoice from fiscal year 2026 that had not been paid before the fiscal year ended
- Article 9 This is a vote to pay an invoice from fiscal year 2026 that had not been paid before the fiscal year ended
- Article 10 This is a vote to compensate Cheryl Nelsen for ongoing sewer issues
- Article 11 This is a vote to reduce the number of people on the Conservation Commission from 7 to 5
- Article 12 This is a vote to change the sewer billing from semi-annually to quarterly

***Articles are subject to changes - some may be removed or reworded**

**Once available, the full articles can be read on the Town website:
www.dalton-ma.gov**

There are 3 particularly important articles regarding Sewer bills:

Article 5 is incredibly important- right now, a very large amount of the wastewater that flows from Dalton to Pittsfield is not water that has been flushed from homes and businesses. An unacceptably high amount of this water is runoff from other sources that is somehow making its way into our sewer system. We MUST identify where this water is coming from, so we know where to make the needed repairs to keep that water out of our wastewater in a cost-effective manner. This is critical to controlling the future costs of wastewater treatment for everyone.

Article 6 is crucial for having funds available to make the repairs needed, in relation to article 5.

Article 12 would change the way we bill for Sewer use- we currently bill twice a year, but given the enormous increase we've experienced this year, the Town would like to bill quarterly for sewer.

Residents would still receive only 2 mailings per year, but there would be two pay stubs on the bill, each with a due date reflecting different quarters.

There would be no increase in cost to the Town to implement these changes, since there will still only be 2 mailings per year.

Taxpayers will have the choice to pay both bills at one time if they prefer, or they can pay over 2 quarters to ease the burden of the new higher Sewer rates.