



# Wareham Water Well House Newsletter

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## Water Department Receives \$166,500 in Grant Funding!



### We're on Facebook!

Wareham Water has been developing a public out-reach program.

Find us on Facebook under "**#WarehamWater.**" You will get updates on current events and important announcements.

In the meantime, you will find a survey on the back of your bill. Please take a moment to fill it out and send back to us. **Thank you!**

## Winterize Service Lines

Each year a few patrons have their service lines freeze and break during a cold snap. If the water goes through your meter, you are responsible for the bill. It is not too early to begin to winterized your service lines. Work with your local plumber to make sure your service line is insulated. The District also can shut off your line for a small fee if you are away. We also offer insulation jackets for meters such as pictured below.



Wareham Water received \$166,500 in grant funding this year via three grants. All these efforts are part of the Wareham Water's efforts to Protect and Conserve. The grants were from the following sources:

- ◆ MassDEP Water Management Act Grant (WMA)
- ◆ MassDEP Water Infrastructure Assessment & Planning Grant (Asset Management)
- ◆ Eversource Energy Optimization Grant

### Grant Goals:

- ◆ WMA: To reduce the amount of unaccounted for water (e.g. water loss)
- ◆ Asset Management: To develop a long term budget for asset (e.g. pipe, etc.) replacement.
- ◆ Energy Optimization: Review current electrical energy consumption and look for ways to reduce energy consumption.

### Results:

- ◆ WMA - Wareham Water has for the first time in about a decade reduced unaccounted for water to less than 10%, the standard set by MassDEP.
- ◆ Asset Management: Wareham Water is at the end of developing a long term plan for asset replacement to allow for budgeting purposes.
- ◆ Eversource: There is an opportunity to add equipment to Well No. 7 which will reduce the Water Department's energy consumption.

Special thanks for Buzzards Bay Coalition, Representative Susan Gifford, Senator Marc Pacheco, and the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic District for supporting the grant effort. Also thanks to Eversource and MassDEP for providing these grants.

**FREE  
OFFER**

*FREE water conservation kits! Stop in to pick up a set (one per household).*

## Retirement and Replacement Announcement



Wareham Water recently learned that long time employee Ms. Donna Dykas has announced her retirement. Donna has faithfully served in the position of account manager for 22 years. She will be missed and we wish her well in her new phase of life.

Ms. Karen Doyle Bart of Marion has accepted the replacement position and will be starting on August 8. Please welcome Ms. Bart the next time you are in the office.