

**Town of Dixfield Water Department
Legal Notice**

The Town of Dixfield Water Department gives notice to the public that on **July 9, 2018, 5:30 p.m. at the Ludden Memorial Library, Dixfield, Maine**, its board of selectmen will hold a public hearing to discuss and hear comments on a proposed water rate increase.

	Effective on September 1, 2018	
	<u>% Revenue Increase</u>	<u>\$ Revenue Increase</u>
Residential	21.85%	\$38,960.00
Commercial	21.89%	\$ 9,521.00
Governmental	21.89%	\$ 2,100.00
Other (non meter)	-33.50%	-\$ 1,511.00
Private Fire Protection	21.47%	\$ 1,116.00
Public Fire Protection	<u>8.84%</u>	<u>\$10,142.00</u>
Overall Increase	16.95%	\$60,328.00

Public Fire protection rates are determined pursuant to Chapter 69 of the Public Utilities Commission Rules.

Rates are to become effective on September 1, 2018. Since the last adjustment in 2008, the Department has been incurring continuous increases in operating and maintenance costs and debt service costs.

Pursuant to 35-A MRSA Section (6104), a customer has the right to request additional information relating to the present and proposed rates from the Department, the right to an open and fair hearing, and the right to assistance from the Public Advocate. Customers also have the right under 35-A MRSA Section (6104) to petition the Maine Public Utilities Commission to suspend and investigate the Department's rates pursuant to 35-A MRSA Section 310, if, on or before **August 8, 2018, Eighty Six (86)** of the Department's customers (15% of customers or 1000 customers, whichever is less) file with the Town of Dixfield Town Clerk, and with the Public Utilities Commission, c/o Administrative Director, State House Station #18, Augusta, ME 04333-0018, a petition or petitions demanding review by the PUC of the proposed rate changes. Signatures on the petitions filed pursuant to Section 7 are invalid unless accompanied by the printed names and addresses of the signers. Upon request the Department will provide customers with petition forms that include space for the signatures and the printed names and addresses of the signers.

A copy of material supporting the proposed rate changes will be available at the Town of Dixfield Water Department Office for inspection on and after **June 1, 2018**. If you have any questions or desire additional information, you may call Carlo Puiia, Dixfield Town Manager, at 207-562-8151, or the Administrative Director of the PUC at (207) 287-3831. For additional assistance, contact the Public Advocate, State House Station #112, Augusta, ME 04333-0112, (207) 624-3687.

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