

CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT

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To: Public Utilities Public Works Committee Members

From: Water and Sewer Dept., Director Demetrios G. Vidalis, PE, SHEP

Subject: Response to Item 22-1692- That the Director of Water and Sewer report to this Council,

the account, purchase and usage information requested

The Director of Water and Sewer reporting back to the Council on:

1) The total number of water and sewer accounts There are 15,546 meters/accounts in the City of Somerville

2) The number of water and sewer accounts that have seen year-on-year increases of greater than 50 percent for the most recent billing period

In looking at our most recent bill run, consisting of 5,476 accounts within District 2, Water and Sewer found that less than 1.5% (82) of the accounts show an increase of greater than 50% from the previous year.

3) The total amount of water purchased by the City from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority by billing period for this year and the previous two years

		Somerville Water Use					
	CY2	CY2020		CY2021		CY2022	
	MG	MGD	MG	MGD	MG	MGD	
Jan	166.4	5.37	163.5	5.27	165.8	5.35	
Feb	159.5	5.50	149.7	5.35	158.6	5.67	
Mar	184.0	5.93	165.2	5.33	168.0	5.42	
Apr	171.9	5.73	166.5	5.55	162.0	5.40	
May	176.8	5.70	179.7	5.80	174.5	5.63	
Jun	184.7	6.16	189.3	6.31	172.9	5.76	
Jul	172.3	5.56	173.9	5.61	0.0	0.00	
Aug	178.1	5.75	187.2	6.04	0.0	0.00	
Sep	171.3	5.71	177.4	5.91	0.0	0.00	
Oct	167.3	5.40	174.7	5.64	0.0	0.00	
Nov	155.3	5.18	158.6	5.29	0.0	0.00	
Dec	157.7	5.09	160.9	5.19	0.0	0.00	
YTD Total*	1,043.4		1,013.9		1,001.8		
Annual Total	2,045.3		2,046.6		1,001.8		
YTD Average*		5.73		5.60		5.53	
Annual Average		5.59		5.61		5.53	

4) The total amount of water used by Somerville water and sewer accounts by billing period for this year and the previous two years.

The information on non-revenue water is not yet available for the current year, however for 2021 and

2020, see below:

2020

PWSID#: 3274000	Year: 2020
Name: Somerville Water Department	
Town: Somerville, MA	

Unaccounted for Water	Million Gallons	%
Total Water Available for Distribution	2045.29	100.00%
Total Metered Use	1760.665	86.08%
Total Confidently Estimated Municipal Use	26.448	1.29%
Unaccounted for Water	258.177	12.62%

Confidently Estimated Municipal Use	
Category	Million Gallons
Fire Protection & Training	1.1
Hydrant/Water Main Flushing/Construction	5.035
Flow Testing	0.401
Bleeders/Blowoffs	NA NA
Sewer & Stormwater Flushing	0.052
Street Cleaning	1.203
Source Meter Calibration	NA NA
Major Water Main Breaks	18.657
Total CEMU	26.448

2021

2021	
PWSID#: 3274000	Year: 2021
Name: Somerville Water Department	
Town: Somerville, MA	

Unaccounted for Water	Million Gallons	%
Total Water Available for Distribution	2,046.569	100.00%
Total Metered Use	1,884.928	92.10%
Total Confidently Estimated Municipal Use	51.127	2.50%
Unaccounted for Water	110.514	5.40%

Confidently Estimated Municipal Use	
Category	Million Gallons
Fire Protection & Training	1.372
Hydrant/Water Main Flushing/Construction	43.086
Flow Testing	0.488
Bleeders/Blowoffs	0.000
Sewer & Stormwater Flushing	0.018
Street Cleaning	1.203
Source Meter Calibration	0.000
Major Water Main Breaks	4.961
Total CEMU	51.127