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Memorandum

TO: Todd Selig, Town Administrator
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FROM: Michael Lynch, Public Works Director 

DATE: October 13, 2011

RE: Recommended 2012 Public Works Operational Budget: Water Department

On behalf of the Department of Public Works, I present our 2012 Water Department Operating Budget for your consideration and support. The Water Department budget is broken into three sections; Administration, Low Pressure System & Water Treatment. The Administration budget is like that of any other department, mostly self explanatory. The Low Pressure System consists of all the distribution components in the system such as water meters, house services, storage tanks, water main piping, and fire hydrants. The Water Treatment component is all things relating to the Lee Well, pump house, piping, pumps, booster pump stations and the Beech Hill water tank. Administration costs consist of staffing, benefits, training, insurances, printing, audits, fuel, radios and several other items. The Durham part of the Durham/UNH water system is comprised of 18 miles of piping, 1,250 service connections, 147 fire hydrants, 250 operational gate valves and 2 storage tanks.

In this letter we have included an evaluation by Town, of the current water rates and how Durham compares to similar towns.