

# Nantucket Harbor Shimmo & Plus Areas Sewer Extension Project

## **COST CONSIDERATIONS**

As part of our continuing public outreach initiative for the town sewer expansion project, this article presents information regarding appropriation and allocation of public monies for design, permitting, public bidding, and construction of the current phase of the project as well as private costs associated with connection to the municipal sewer system.

**APRIL 2016 TOWN MEETING APPROPRIATION** Under Article 18 of the April 2, 2016 Annual Town Meeting, the Town appropriated \$41 Million in support of the Nantucket Harbor Shimmo & Plus Areas Sewer Extension Project. The appropriation will cover the following services/work:

- Construction of all municipal sewers and appurtenant work necessary to convey wastewater flows from the project areas to the existing sewer system and surface restoration of all impacted areas.
- Engineering services and legal support related to the project.
- Traffic control and public safety details during construction.

A zero interest loan for the construction-related work has been secured and will be administered through the State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan program. Based on the Town Meeting authorization, no betterments will be charged to the properties serviced by the project.

**PRIVATE PROPERTY COST CONSIDERATIONS** Upon completion of the public construction process, property owners that abut the new sewer will be notified that the system is ready for connection. More information on the connection process will be provided in a future article. In conjunction with this process, property owners will be responsible for the following costs:

- Extension of the building service connection from the edge of the right-of-way to the existing dwelling. The cost of on lot service connections may vary significantly, depending upon property specific conditions. For homes requiring a grinder pump to connect to the municipal sewer (go to <http://nantucket-ma.gov/DocumentCenter/Home/View/15110> for more information about grinder pumps), the Town has established a policy for procurement of the pump by the property owner at a discounted rate of \$1,500 per pump. A further discounted rate of \$500 will be charged for properties that have installed an approved innovative/alternative Title 5 system.
- For any dwelling unit connecting to the municipal sewer, a sewer service connection fee of \$2,000 will be assessed to cover administrative costs associated with the connection. For any dwelling that connects within two (2) years of the availability of the sewer for use, the sewer service connection fee shall be reduced to \$500.
- Any property owner making an application for a sewer connection permit shall be assessed a sewer privilege fee of \$6,322.15 to cover their share of costs associated with previous infrastructure improvements.

**CONTINUING PUBLIC OUTREACH** The Town is continuing the Public Outreach program for the project, which includes written information published and posted on the Town's website at [www.nantucket-ma.gov/NHS-Plus-Sewer](http://www.nantucket-ma.gov/NHS-Plus-Sewer). Neighborhood-specific meetings to discuss project items that are more unique to the individual areas are currently scheduled as follows:

- Meadowview Road Area – Monday, May 15th at 5PM in the PSF Community Rm.
- Bayberry/Tashama/Green Meadows Areas – Tuesday, May 16th at 5PM in the PSF Community Rm.
- Shimmo Area – Saturday, July 22nd at 9AM in the PSF Community Rm.

Email questions to [sewerproject@nantucket-ma.gov](mailto:sewerproject@nantucket-ma.gov) or call 508-228-7200 x7800.