

**TOWN OF TISBURY
Selectmen**

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ABATEMENT METER POLICY

PURPOSE

The purpose of the policy is to establish regulations for the installation, inspection and use of abatement meters.

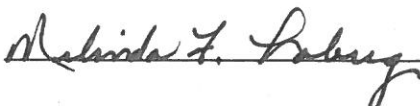
POLICY

The use of an abatement meter by businesses and residents who are connected to the Tisbury Wastewater collection system is permitted in order to receive a sewer bill abatement for water uses falling outside the wastewater collection system (e.g. boat /vehicle washing, landscape irrigation, etc.) An abatement meter user must adhere to the following requirements:

1. A resident or business who wishes to apply for permission to use an abatement meter will complete an abatement meter application at the DPW and receive approval from the DPW Director or his representative for the location of its installation.
2. Abatement meters must be purchased from the Tisbury Department of Public Works. Tisbury Wastewater Treatment Facility staff reserve the right to determine the type of meter that is acceptable for use.
3. The owner will install or have installed the meter in an accessible place to facilitate meter reading. At the time of the initial reading, the meter will be inspected and tagged by wastewater personnel. There is a \$50 charge for the initial inspection.
4. Meters will be read quarterly and abatements applied to the next sewer bill. If a meter cannot be read due to inaccessibility or unavailability of the owner, the owner may request a reading by appointment for a \$25 fee or simply wait for the abatement to appear on the bill following the next regular quarterly reading.
5. Some owners choose to remove their abatement meter during the winter months. Prior to removal and again when the meter is re-installed, the meter must be read and tagged by wastewater personnel. Any failure/removal of the tag will result in no reading for that quarter and no abatement applied. Before readings can resume, the meter must be re-installed, inspected and tagged. There is no fee for this re-inspection of previously inspected meters. It is the responsibility of the owner to ensure the meter is in proper working condition. There is no mechanism to estimate non sewer-related water use in the absence of a functioning abatement meter that has been tagged by the DPW.

Arrangements can be made for inspections and meter readings by calling the Department of Public Works at 508-696-4220 during regular office hours.

Accepted by Selectmen:

 Melinda Loberg, Chair