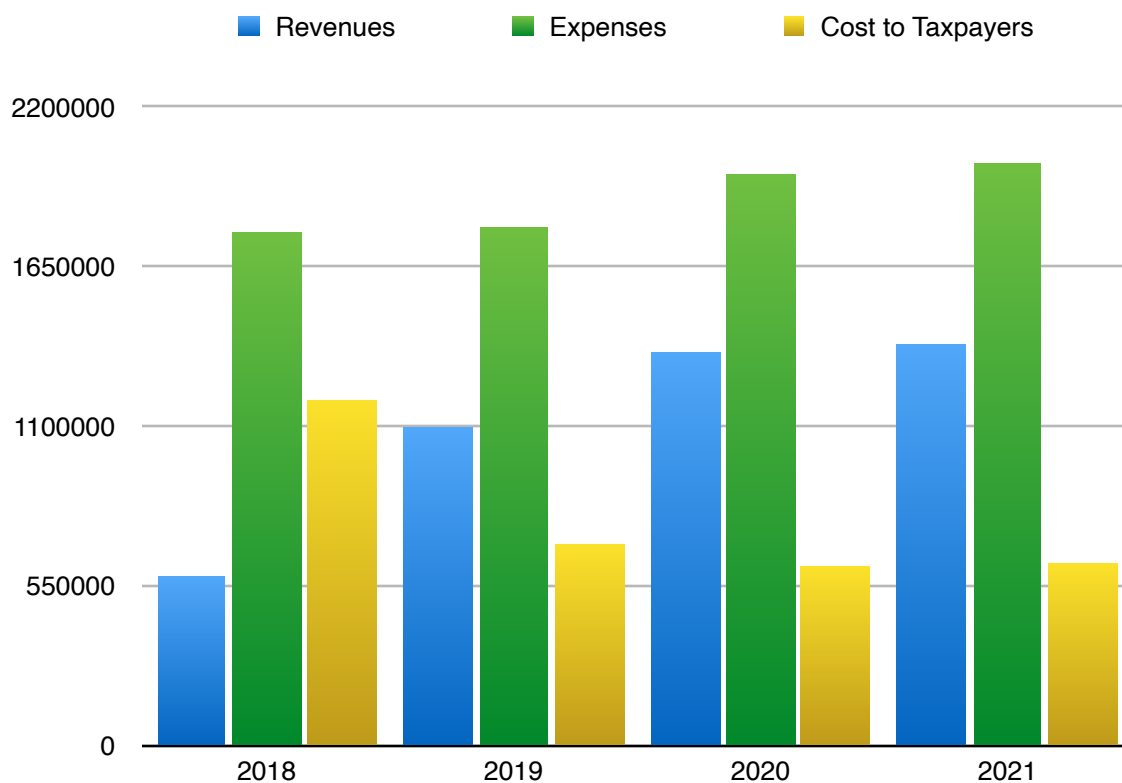


This report, on sewer finances and flows, was first submitted to the Board of Selectmen seven years ago, and will be submitted annually. It differs from the water system report in that we are not able to break down the sewer flows to the same level of detail we do with the water report. My report will cover the last four years of data.

The numbers in sewer show some positive trends, but in this department there is a bit more work to be done. Sewer revenues, year to year, were up by 2.4%. Over the four measured years the operational taxpayer subsidy has been reduced by 47.4%. Despite those impressive gains the 2021 taxpayer subsidy in sewer was over \$600,000. When combined with water both systems combined are running an operational taxpayer to ratepayer subsidy of \$139,790. That number increases with the inclusion of capital expenses. Progress has been made but the stamping out of the taxpayer subsidy is not fully achieved.



Sewer	2018	2019	2020	2021
Revenues	\$575,940	\$1,092,987	\$1,350,912	\$1,384,157
Expenses	\$1,764,666	\$1,782,124	\$1,968,761	\$2,008,890
Net Cost to Taxpayers	(\$1,188,726)	(\$689,137)	(\$617,849)	(\$624,733)

The recently provided CMOM Report show the wet and dry tonnage produced by the plant each year, as well as some other technical data.

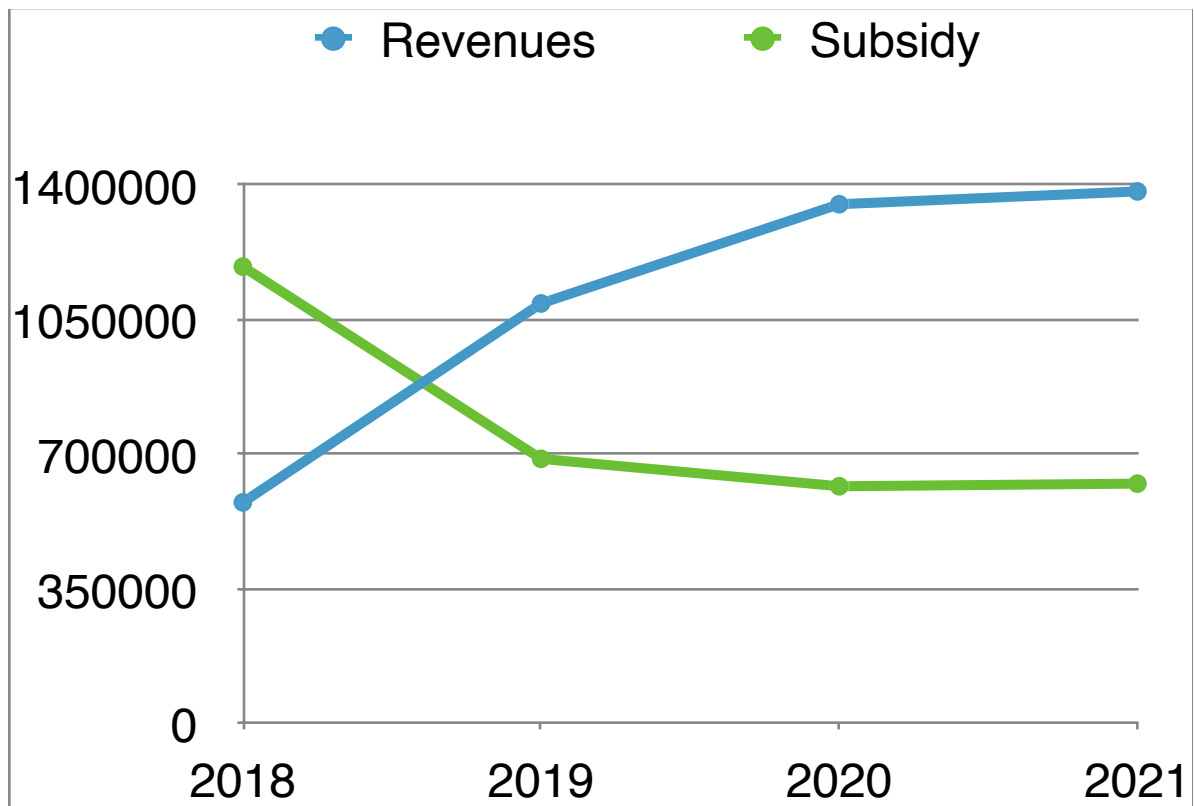
Sewer Flows	2018	2019	2020	2021
Sewer Flows (Million Gallons)	256.35	234.93	231.64	224.72
Biosolid Wet Tons	1827	1750	1685	1714
Dry Tons	256	226	207	226

These numbers show an 2.9% drop in sewer flows, with plant capacity being used at 34%, down from 35% last year.

The below graphic shows us moving in the right direction on both the revenue and subsidy front.

I have included the Sewer capital spending budgets below. These additional capital expenditures are not calculated as part of the "operating subsidy" from taxpayers but are certainly part of a broader number when calculating the true subsidy.

Year	Sewer Capital Spending
2017	\$60,000
2018	\$524,000
2019	\$75,000
2020	\$194,000
2021	\$2,995,000



The Board of Selectmen have made major strides towards their budgetary goals for both water and sewer. Sewer revenues are up in this measured period by 140%, and the operational taxpayer subsidy has been cut substantially. But as more burden falls on residential taxpayers from the NextEra shift this area is ripe for an additional look. When you include capital spending the 2021 year looks quite different.

Sewer	2021
Revenues	\$1,384,157
Expenses	\$2,008,890
Capital	\$2,995,000
Taxpayer Subsidy	(\$3,619,733)