

I am writing this email to voice my opinion on the increase water rates for the town of Litchfield. I feel this is absolutely absurd, seeing as we are already paying more than double for the same water surrounding towns receive.

Litchfield's rates will be \$9.42 per unit of water. Hudson pays \$3.30, Merrimack is \$2.32, and Manchester is \$1.64. We pay between 2.9 times and 5.7 times more than our neighbors.

As it is I was paying close to \$300 per MONTH for water this summer, I can't even fathom what it will be if this increase happens.

Not to mention the quality of this water is terrible. It's hard and has already ruined my dishwasher.

With the St. Gobain PFOA situation, customers have no other water option as wells could be contaminated. We are forced to use Pennichuck.

I would appreciate an explanation in this increase, and why it is fair for Litchfield to be paying astronomical amounts for the same water other towns use. There are no other options for Litchfield residents and this is truly out of control and not ok.

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