



**Board of Sewer Commissioners**  
**Wareham Water Pollution Control Facility**  
**6 Tony's Lane**  
**Wareham, MA 02571**

**To: Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator**  
**From: James Giberti, Chairman Board of Sewer Commissioners**  
**Subject: Moratorium**  
**Date: 29 Apr 2022**  
**Cc: Judith Whiteside, Chair BoS, Richard Bowen, Town Counsel, All Town  
Departments, Board of Health, Wareham Water District, Onset Water District,  
Bourne Select Board**

At the 29 Apr 2022 meeting of the Board of Sewer Commissioners a GHD 24 Sept 2020 memorandum titled “Draft memorandum of capacity at the Wareham Water Pollution Control Facility” and updated April 2022 was discussed. The document was presented by Russ Kleekamp an engineer from GHD. The memorandum covered the high peak influent flow that the plant has been experiencing as well as the committed allocations and permit discharge restrictions for the facility. This document is attached. This is a draft copy and the final will be available next week.

With all allocations and present flows considered, it was determined that we are in excess of our 80% allowance. The recommendation of GHD, the engineering firm, based on their findings was to not allow any new **flow** to the system. This means **no** new building hookups as well as **no** additions to existing structures that would increase flow.

We are continuing efforts to expand discharge capacity through potential groundwater discharge, attempting to acquire Federal Approval to increase our discharge to the Agawam River, continuing to explore the feasibility of discharge to the canal as well as stand alone treatment plants for select neighborhoods.

Until one or more of these options materialize, we have no other option than to institute this moratorium effective immediately and begin a queue for future hook ups.