

BOSTON GROUNDWATER TRUST (BGwT)  
MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

July 17, 2006

The Lenox Hotel — Patriot Room

NOTE: A quorum of the Trustees was not present at 4:05pm. The Boston Groundwater Trust (BGwT) met as a committee of the whole. Notice of the trustees meeting had been posted in accordance with the open meeting laws. That committee was comprised of the following board members:

Mr. Tim Mitchell, Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay

Mr. Galen Gilbert, Fenway Community Development Corporation

Mr. Jim Hunt, City of Boston

Mr. Michael Nairne, Ellis Neighborhood Association

Also present were:

Elliott Laffer, BGwT Executive Director; Christian Simonelli, BGwT Technical Coordinator; Ms. Sita Smith, Councilor Michael Ross Office; Mary Ann Esparo, North End resident; Augustine Serino, Back Bay resident.; Jacklynn Freeman, Back Bay Sun

**1. Adoption of the minutes of the June 5, 2006 Meeting**

A motion was made by Trustee Hunt and seconded by Trustee Nairne to accept the minutes.

**NOTE:** The committee proposed that the BGwT board accept Trustee Hunt's motion at their next meeting.

## 2. **Finance Report**

Mr. Laffer reviewed the BGWT *Financial Report and reconciliation detail*. Discussion followed.

## 3. **FY06 Actual vs. Budget**

Mr. Laffer apologized for not having a printed copy of his FY06 Actual vs. Budget Totals. He noted that he will e-mail everyone a copy of it so they have for their records. Mr. Laffer said the trust expenses were less than budgeted and income was greater than anticipated, with a consequent increase in the budgeted surplus. Discussion followed.

## 4. **Southwest Corridor: MBTA Groundwater Repair**

Mr. Laffer discussed the MBTA's presentations to the City-State Groundwater Working Group and its technical subcommittee on July 13, 2006. Discussion followed. Refer to the attached [linked [here](#)] *Executive Director's Report: July 17, 2006*, for a complete summary of the meeting.

## 5. **City-State Groundwater Working Group Meeting**

Mr. Laffer discussed the latest meeting of the City-State Groundwater Working Group. Discussion followed. Refer to the attached [linked [here](#)] *Executive Director's Report: July 17, 2006*, for a complete summary of the meeting.

## 6. **GCOD Update**

Mr. Laffer noted that the 5 appeals presented before the ZBA on July 11, 2006 all complied with GCOD. These were the first cases under GCOD to be heard by the Board of Appeals. Discussion followed. Refer to the attached [linked [here](#)] *Executive Director's Report: July 17, 2006*, for a complete summary/

## **7. Executive Director's Report**

BGWT Executive Director Mr. Elliott Laffer distributed his report and reviewed his activities of the past month. Refer to the attached [linked [here](#)] *Executive Director's Report: July 17, 2006*, for a complete list of all activities.

## **8. Technical Coordinator's Report**

BGWT Technical Coordinator Mr. Christian Simonelli distributed and presented his activities of the past month. Refer to the attached [linked [here](#)] *Technical Coordinator's Well Monitoring & Installation Report BGWT Meeting: July 17, 2006* for a complete list of what was distributed and presented.

Mr. Simonelli noted that the city has imposed a moratorium on all construction activities indefinitely. This is in response to the CA/T tunnel ceiling failure and subsequent tunnel closings.

## **9. Old & New Business**

### **Old Business**

1.) *Pumping Permits & Rates*. Trustee Gilbert expressed interest in the BGWT pursuing information on pumping rates and permits. Mr. Laffer noted conversations he has had with BWSC. Discussion followed. Mr. Laffer indicated that he will meet with Mr. Hunt to further discuss the issue.

2.) *Recharge through Sidewalks*. Trustee Gilbert requested an update on where the what has happened regarding recharge systems for sidewalks. Discussion followed.

3.) *Funding Committee*. Trustee Gilbert expressed his concerns over the funding committee not having set a next meeting date. Mr. Laffer note that when new information becomes available that a next meeting will be set. Discussion followed.

### **New Business**

1.) *Laterals*. Trustee Gilbert expressed interest in the BGwT pursuing information on leaking lateral connections to the BWSC system. He feels that it should be an agenda item from here on out. Discussion followed.

2.) *Moving Meeting Site*. Trustee Gilbert requested that the BGwT move the board meetings back into City Hall where they initially started. He expressed his gratitude towards the Saunders hotel group ,but feels that their will be more attendance by city officials and overall better facilities to have the meetings in. Trustee Mitchell suggested Mr. Laffer look into it. Discussion followed.

**The committee meeting ended at 5:35 p.m.**

**NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be in September at a date to be set.**

**Submitted by Christian Simonelli, BGwT Technical Coordinator, on 07/18/06**