

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

July 21, 2011

1. **Well Installation** – We have completed our well installations for 2011. We were able to install 12 of the projected 13 wells. We were pleased with the new contractor that we used this year. The wells will be read for the first time in the cycle now under way.
2. **City-State Groundwater Working Group** – The Working Group will meet again next week.
3. **MBTA** – The MBTA has given GZA Environmental authorization to proceed on the Tunnel Repair design contract. Design of the long term solution for low groundwater levels in the South End near Back Bay Station will be one of the first items to be addressed.
4. **BWSC** – BWSC is continuing intensive efforts to isolate the cause of low groundwater in the area of Dartmouth Street in the Back Bay. They will be installing two new injection wells next week to allow them to put more dye into the ground and have purchased additional equipment to allow them to observe dye in low light conditions.
5. **MassDOT** – MassDOT plans to begin the cleaning and inspection of the drain line serving the Prudential Tunnel of the Turnpike shortly. This will be the first cleanout of the drain line since the extension was built over 50 years ago. It may well reveal potential causes of low groundwater levels in several areas adjacent to the Turnpike and its ramps.
6. **GCOD** – Compliance with GCOD remains excellent. We continue to work with project proponents to help them meet the requirements in the most economical way. The support of the Board of Appeals, ISD, the Mayor's Office, and the BRA has been critical in making this an important part of the approval process for projects. There has been a very small number of projects that have been granted variances, all for very good technical reasons.
7. **Technical Advisory Committee** – The Technical Advisory Committee will be meeting this summer to take a fresh look at those hot spots where we have been unable to pinpoint a likely cause. BWSC has provided us with additional information and drawings to let the group better understand infrastructure details in the hot spot areas.
8. **Website** – We will be working on an upgrade to the interactive map that will be designed to make it easier to use and also allow easier upgrading in the future. We also hope to make the map more user friendly for those with tablet computers and no mouse. This should be in place early in the fall.
9. **Meetings** – I attended a meeting at the PIC on the recharge system that will be installed as part of the construction of the Avalon Bay Exeter Street tower at the Prudential Center.
10. **Comment Letters** – I filed comments on the Institutional Master plan Notification Form for Emmanuel College. As always, these are posted on our website.