

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
November 17, 2011

1. **City-State Groundwater Working Group** – The Working Group will meet again in January.
2. **MBTA** – The MBTA has adjusted the flow at the recharge wells on Cazenove Street because the well was overflowing into the street. This had happened previously when there was only one recharge well on that street, and the second well was added to even out the flow and reduce mounding. The T's consultant will be trying to determine the cause of the overflow (at a substantially lower flow rate than is used on St. Charles Street) as part of their design work on a long term solution.
3. **BWSC** – BWSC has made further repairs, including installation of a liner, to the manhole on Dartmouth Street that appears to have been a major cause of the reduction in groundwater levels along the street. As of Tuesday, BWSC is injecting water into the injection well that they installed on Dartmouth Street near the Beacon/Marlborough alley. Because this is using a hose, they will have to turn off the water when temperatures drop below freezing, but we will hopefully see some significant benefit. We continue to monitor the levels along the street closely with data loggers in all wells and will coordinate with BWSC as we see if the levels start to come up.
4. **MassDOT** – MassDOT has completed the cleaning of the Turnpike drain line from the Prudential Tunnel. They are awaiting results of a video inspection. They plan to walk the drain line with the MBTA's consultants, probably in November.
5. **GCOD** – In what is, hopefully, a sign of gradual economic recovery, we have been seeing increasing numbers of applications for GCOD approvals at the Board of Appeals. There continues to be excellent compliance, with the very small number of variances all for good technical reasons. The Board, ISD, BWSC, and the BRA have all been critical players in assuring compliance with GCOD requirements.
6. **Website** – Our consultant has completed an initial pass at upgrading the interactive map on our website so that it is more user friendly and so that it can be used on a tablet computer. We hope that she will complete her work and allow us to get the new map up in the near future.
7. **Meetings** – Christian and I met with the consultant for Emmanuel College on their plans for GCOD compliance that will be included in the new Institutional Master Plan that the college is developing.
8. **Vacation** – Both Christian and I will be on vacation the week of Thanksgiving. I will be checking voicemail and email periodically during that time.