

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

July 15th, 2019

1. Readings – Started our fifth set of readings of the year.

2. Meetings/Presentations –

- Attended scoping session (5/8) and wrote a comment letter (6/25) for the One Kenmore Hotel project.
- Attended annual meeting of the Back Bay Association. (5/13)
- Attended the Mayors Coffee Hour in the Back Bay. (5/23)
- Presented at the 2019 Capstone guest speaker series at Wentworth Institute of Technology. (5/29)
- Met with Eric Gordon, Ph.D., Professor of Media Art & Director of Engagement Lab at Emerson College to discuss beta blocks initiative. (5/29)
- Along with representatives from Boston Water & Sewer Commission (BWSC) and Inspectional Services Department (ISD) I conducted site visits of 10 and 31 Saint James Avenue. (5/30)
- Attended scoping session (6/3) and wrote a comment letter (6/7) for the Simmons University project.
- Met with members of the Boston Water & Sewer Commission (BWSC) to review all areas of low groundwater levels throughout our monitoring area. (6/4)
- Attended scoping session (6/5) and wrote a comment letter (6/13) for the Boston University Data Sciences Center project.
- Met with members of our Technical Advisory Committee. (6/12)
- Attended scoping session (6/17) and wrote a comment letter (7/9) for the 125 Lincoln Street Project.
- Spoke & met with residents, engineer, & developers throughout the GCOD to discuss ZBA procedures and advised them on what they need to provide us to meet the zoning.

3. MBTA - Approximately 41.5 gpm is being injected into recharge wells in the South End Ellis Neighborhood area along Appleton, Berkeley, Saint Charles, Cazenove, and Clarendon Street. In addition to our manual monitoring we have 4 wells in the area with dataloggers recording a water level every 60 min.

- The MBTA has committed to continue funding the current recharge well solution for the next 10 years and have assured me that funding will be provided beyond the 10 years if this current solution is still in place.

4. DCR – Dataloggers are installed in 3 wells to monitor the levels along the Storrow Drive tunnel pump station groundwater recharge system have dropped back a bit but the levels are still within their usual range. The DCR and their consultants continue to work with the DOT on traffic studies in support of a redesign effort for the underpass. Recharge will be part of that plan and is targeted for upgrade.

5. **BWSC** – An update on the following:
 - In the South End areas of infiltration were discovered. BWSC to follow-up with additional inspections and plan for repairs.
 - In the North End, at the corner of Richmond and Commercial Streets, infiltration has been discovered at two manholes. BWSC is inspecting additional infrastructure and the manholes are scheduled to be repaired this summer.
 - Stuart Street area of the Back Bay between Berkeley and Dartmouth Streets were televised and indicated voids and infiltration. One sewer was repaired in mid-June but no change has been observed in the groundwater levels. BWSC to follow-up with additional inspections and repairs of pipes and manholes in this area.
 - On Blagden Street in the Back Bay infiltration was observed in infrastructure. BWSC has filed change work order to current construction contract to repairs.
 - In the Fenway, at Boylston and Kilmarnock Streets, infiltration was observed. BWSC to has filed change work order to current construction contract to repair.
6. **MWRA** –Along with BWSC, infrastructure was investigated along Maverick Street, between Frankfort and Gove streets and at the intersection of Breman and Porter streets in East Boston. A report of the results is being prepared and I should have it by next week.
7. **MassDOT** - Dry weather inspections of the Pru Tunnel sub-surface stormwater drainage system, which runs parallel along the Turnpike & terminates at the prudential garage, indicated infiltration. Remainder of pipe cleared and inspected. Repairs scheduled for this summer.
8. **Website** – Traffic on the website remains steady. We continue to average 100 visits/day and around 250 page views/day.
9. **Vacation** – I'll be on vacation from August 19th-23rd.