

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

July 16th, 2015

1. **Readings** – We wrapped up our second set of well readings for 2015 on June 11th. We started a new set of readings on June 14th and are roughly halfway through the set.
2. **GCOD** – We have entered into an MOU with ISD for approving projects that only trigger GCOD zoning. Once the proposed project plans are approved pursuant to Article 32 requirements, then the applicant will submit the BWSC approved plans and BWSC Article 32 letter to the ISD Plans Examiner and the Zoning Board of Appeal. Upon receipt of the letter and plan, the Boston Groundwater Trust will communicate any comments to the BWSC and the ZBA for consideration within 5 business days. Upon approval of the Zoning Appeal, the Board of Appeal shall file its written decision within two weeks of the hearing date, and upon expiration of the 20 day appeal period, ISD will issue the Conditional Use Permit.
3. **Meetings** – I met with Pascale Schlaefli (5/27), general manager of the Eliot Hotel, to review the groundwater issue and Article 32 zoning. I met with Anthony Gilardi (6/4), Chief of Staff of Environment & Energy to update him on the Trusts efforts. Along with Bob Uhlig, Art Byers, Maria Bellalta, and Jim Newman I presented an update on the performance of the Boston Architectural College porous green alley (6/18). I attended the scoping session (6/23) for the 500 Boylston Street courtyard project. I met with representatives from MassDOT (6/26) to review our observation well locations to ensure their preservation during construction along Massachusetts Avenue. I met new Neighborhood Services liaison's Jacob Wessel (7/2) (Back Bay) and Maria Lanza (7/7) (North End)
4. **MBTA** – Approximately 52.2 gpm is being injected into recharge wells in the area. In addition to our manual monitoring we have 4 wells in the area with dataloggers recording a water level every 60 min. Levels in the Appleton & Tremont Street area are lower than what was projected. The T is investigating why levels are not higher and will report back to us at the City/State Groundwater Working Group.
5. **Porous Alley 543** –We continue to datalog (using instruments to record a water level every 60 mins.) six wells in the area and levels in these wells continue to be above post-porous alley installation levels. The City (as they committed) has vacuumed and inspected the Alley for the spring. According to the report generated by the City 90% of the debris were removed and the cleaning was acceptable and satisfactory.
6. **BWSC** – BWSC continues their investigation in Alley 430 and will be issuing a letter to all interested parties to provide an update on their efforts. I will be meeting with BWSC and members of the community in August where BWSC will update us on their efforts.

- 7. Exeter St/Huntington Ave Area** – Although still low, levels in this area have rebounded significantly. A nearby underpinning project may have had an effect on levels in the nearby wells since last April. We have three dataloggers in the area and will keep these in place until the nearby underpinning work has been completed.
- 8. Website** – I added some new content to our website. The most recent items are posted under our “Newest” tab on our homepage. I have also updated the GCOD section of our website and moved our well data map to a new server. Our old map server host (Wynet Services) no longer supported our current map format. Our new server host is HostGator and will cost around \$100 less annually. As always, I would appreciate any feedback you may have.
- 9. Vacation** – I’ll be on vacation from August 14-23.