

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

September 9th, 2021

1. **Readings** – Started our fifth set of readings for 2021.
2. **Meetings and Calls**–
 - Zoomed with proponent for Kenmore and Commonwealth Buildings project. (7/16)
 - Attended scoping session via Zoom and wrote a comment letter for the proposed 819 Beacon Street project in Audubon Circle. (7/19)
 - Zoomed with proponent for 648 Beacon Street project in Kenmore Square. (7/21)
 - Zoomed with all members of the City-State Groundwater Working Group. (7/22) Agency updates are below.
 - Attended scoping session (7/14) and public meeting (7/27) via Zoom for the 380 Stuart Street project in the Back Bay.
 - Google met with the Inspectional Services Department (ISD) Plans Examiners to review the efforts of the Trust and the revised GCOD zoning established in June. (7/28)
 - Google met with the Inspectional Services Department (ISD) Legal and Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) personnel to review the efforts of the Trust and the revised GCOD zoning established in June. (7/30)
 - Microsoft Teams met with members of the project team for the 380 Stuart Street project in the Back Bay. (7/30)
 - I attended the Mayors Coffee Hour in the Back Bay. (8/16)
 - Testified via WebEx Zoning Board of Appeals hearings in July and August.
 - Communicated with residents, engineers, attorneys, & developers throughout the GCOD to discuss ZBA procedures and advised them on what they need to submit to meet the GCOD zoning.
3. **BluCloud Remote Monitoring Solution** – The 5 new units were manufactured and deployed. The units have been removed for maintenance and to standardize the cable length. The plan is to redeploy these units the week of 9/6.
4. **BWSC** – An update on the following:
 - BWSC is in the process of distributing bids to address the spots where groundwater infiltration has been observed in East Boston, Back Bay, South End, and the Fenway.
 - In the North End, additional CCTV inspections in Richmond & Commercial Streets revealed leaking joints. Repairs are slated under the Capital Improvement Project with the timeline to be determined. The storm drain within Christopher Columbus Park has been televised and is under review.



- In Lower Beacon Hill, investigations continue at Brimmer and Beacon Streets where catch basins need to be cleaned. Once cleaned the laterals will be televised.
 - In the Back Bay, a deep sewer on Berkeley Street, between Beacon & Back Street, revealed leaks at the crown (top) of the pipe which is at approximately El. 5', where current groundwater levels have been measured. Additional inspections and repairs are scheduled.
5. **MBTA** - Approximately 48 gpm is being injected into recharge wells in the South End Ellis Neighborhood area along Appleton, Berkeley, Saint Charles, Cazenove, and Clarendon Streets. 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.
 - In an effort to conserve water and limit operational costs, flow rates are slowly being reduced.
6. **DCR** – Dataloggers are installed in 3 wells to monitor the levels along the Storrow Drive tunnel pump station groundwater recharge system.
- Storrow Drive Tunnel Pump Station, recharge galleys, and flood control pumps operating normally with no anomalies.
7. **Vacation** – I'll be away from September 18th-28th.

