

## **Permanent Sewer Commission FY 2017 Q3 Report**

The Commission now has a full slate of five members with the addition of Richard Booth and Peter Pyclik who join Lou Collins, Ed Babcock and Rick Mattila. With long-time chair John Struzziery now serving as Director of Wastewater Operations at the plant, Rick was nominated interim chair at the Commission meeting in February.

The Commission reviews the activities of the plant staff including Woodard & Curran (W&C) the contract operator. Primary concern is continued repair of the system that is at risk from increased corrosion of exposed pipes and valves and lack of system redundancy. Contract services with W&C has been added to include evaluating resiliency upgrades using the Climate Resilience Evaluation and Assessment Tool (CREAT), efficiency improvements, the inflow and infiltration requirements of the Capacity Management Operations and Maintenance (CMOM) and our NPDES permit, and prioritizing repair and replacement of critical assets. W&C and staff are proceeding with the Fiscal Sustainability Plan (FSP) and Asset Management Plan associated with a recently received \$39,600 DEP grant. The plans will review the structural condition of the plant, interceptor, select pumping stations and force mains impacted by age, hydrogen sulfide deterioration, and corrosion. Results will help to predict the remaining service life of the system and determine long term upgrades for continued future use. Details of activities and plans were outlined in Winter 2017 edition of Sewer Works included in the recent sewer bill mailing.

Meetings are being held regarding renewed interest from Cohasset and possibly Hingham and North Scituate for a greater regional planning effort to accept more flow from these communities. Accepting increased flow could provide Hull with greater rate stabilization and capital funds for system upgrades. Staff has begun discussions with the MWRA to explore the feasibility and cost to connect with their wastewater treatment system. The cost will help the Commission as it reviews capital improvements to the current plant and its relationship to future sewer rates.

Rick Mattila  
Interim Chair