

Permanent Sewer Commission FY 2017 Q4 Report

The Commission has reviewed the activities of the Wastewater Treatment Facility and staff including Woodard & Curran, the contract operator. Primary focus continues to be the repair of the system that is at risk from increased corrosion of exposed pipes and valves and lack of redundancy. Work includes repair, pump replacement and a backup bypass design at Pump Station #3 and improvements in the operation of the D Street surface drainage pump station that is under the Sewer Department's responsibility.

The Draft Fiscal Sustainability/Asset Management Plan (FSP) was completed and submitted to the DEP for review. The plan funded by a \$39,600 DEP grant provides recommendations for capital improvements over the next ten years. The resiliency, grant application to MA Coastal Zone Management for installation and use of the auxiliary pump was submitted. The pump will be used for influent, effluent or flow redirection as needed.

In April the Commission approved an increase in the total charge to Hull customers from \$11.44 to \$12.00 per 100 cubic feet of wastewater discharge to maintain the current operations. The annual impact of this increase on the average customer is \$47.00. There was a ruling of a no summary judgement decision in the federal court for Hull's case with the insurance company to get reimbursement from the flood damage in 2013.

Meetings have continued with representatives from Cohasset, Hingham and Scituate to discuss regional wastewater management with a subgroup working on details of process with the full group scheduled to meet again in September.

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