

## **Permanent Sewer Commission FY 2018 Q2 Report**

The Commission met during the quarter on November 8 and December 12 and continued to review the activities of the plant staff including Woodard & Curran the contract operator. Work continues to focus on improving reliability, redundancy, and resilience of facility equipment and operations. Ed Babcock resigned his position on the Sewer Commission and at the November meeting, Rick Mattila was elected Chair and Lou Collins was elected Vice Chair.

The newly purchased influent gate was installed and tested on time and within budget utilizing the Godwin auxiliary pump during the installation. The influent gate will help provide protection to the plant during high flow events.

The Commission is starting to review the FY 2019 budget and the initiatives impacting the plan. As information becomes available on specific projects and the resulting impact on the rate payer, public outreach will be provided to inform and gain public support. We have applied for four construction and planning loans from the State Revolving Fund (SRF). One to fund four capital projects to rehabilitate the collection system in the Gunrock area, force main 3, the interceptor running down Nantasket Ave, and provide for spare parts for critical equipment. The planning loans are to assess the outfall piping condition, resiliency planning, and Reliability Centered Maintenance (RCM). We have also applied for a grant to elevate the electrical and HVAC systems at the plant and expect to hear on this in January.

No additional information has been received regarding Hull's case in federal court with the insurance company to get reimbursement from the flood damage in 2013. Parties are continuing to meet to provide information for the Court.

Another meeting was held with representatives from Cohasset and Scituate to discuss regional wastewater management. A feasibility study funded equally by the three communities and conducted by Woodward & Curran, should be completed in early 2018. Anticipating the study will have a recommendation to move forward, an application for a separate efficiency & regionalization grant has also been submitted for which we expect to hear in January.

Rick Mattila  
Chair

