

**REPORT OF THE
BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Abington, the Board of Sewer Commissioners respectfully submits its Annual Report for the year 2008. We would first like to welcome our newest member to the Board, Kate Hall, a life-long resident of Abington and an excellent addition to the Department. We would also like to acknowledge the commendable work of our Superintendent John Stone.

As a Department, we have worked very hard to maintain our current sewer rates even at times in which the City of Brockton has continuously increased our treatment fees. At this time, our usage rates are about average in comparison to surrounding areas, something we are very happy with and hope to continue.

Growth of the sewer system has been stopped indefinitely as we have reached our allotted capacity with the City of Brockton. We currently have 12 operating pump stations. We have roughly 90 miles of sewer pipe, and approximately 1,700 manholes which are maintained by our capable staff throughout the year.

The Board continues to keep the lines of communication open with the Town of Rockland and the City of Brockton as well as with the Town of Whitman.

We are continuing our efforts to find new ways to eliminate as much Inflow & Infiltration as possible. We have implemented a new program in which we are contacting homeowners to set up inspections of individual sewer connections. We have one staff-member per day devoted strictly to inspecting connections. We are looking for sump pumps, drains, etc. that may be illegally connected to the Town's sewer system. These are things that increase our flow, which in turn will increase the cost of treatment. We cannot stress enough that finding these things and correcting them will only benefit the taxpayers and we are very appreciative of the cooperation of homeowners while scheduling these appointments.

In 2008, we inspected approximately 500 sewer manholes for groundwater and have replaced castings on Adams St., Ashland St., Pearl St. and Progress St. We video-inspected approximately 35,753 linear ft. of pipeline and jetted 45,760 linear ft. of gravity main. Major repairs have been made on Bank St., Buckboard Ln., Central St. Hancock St., Leonard Farm Rd., Rockland St. and Thayer St. These repairs have shown a significant reduction in our daily flow, to the City of Brockton, by roughly 30,000 gallons per day. A number we are very happy with and will continue to add to.

In 2008, we performed a major upgrade of the Town's primary pumping station on Summer Street. Three premium efficient pump and motor assemblies and a new controller were added which has lowered our energy cost significantly. A major overhaul of other components was also done.

The Board of Sewer Commissioners would like to note the outstanding work of the Department's Personnel this past year. In the office, Kristin Devine, Jeanne White and Claire Wing continue to keep things running smoothly. While in the field, Foreman Craig Burnett and Technicians Brian McLaughlin and William Donovan go above and beyond to ensure that all aspects of their work is done thoroughly. We take great pride in the commendable job that they do.

We would like to thank the entire staff of the Sewer Department for a job well done.

Respectfully Submitted,

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