

# REPORT OF THE ABINGTON/ROCKLAND JOINT BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

To the Inhabitants of the Towns of Abington and Rockland:

The Abington/Rockland Joint Board of Water Commissioners respectfully submit the following report of the Joint Water Works for the year 2006.

The Joint Water Board is comprised of the six elected Water Commissioners of the two Towns, as provided in Section 13, Chapter 206, of the Acts of 1885. The powers and duties of the Joint Board are set forth in said Chapter 206, in Chapter 56 of the Acts of 1897; in Chapter 656 of the Acts of several sections of the Massachusetts General Laws which are not specifically set forth in the Special Acts. There are other special Acts of Legislature which govern the Joint Water works, including Chapter 139 of the Acts of 1886, Chapter 200 of the Acts of 1903, Chapter 618 of the Acts of 1945, Chapter 288 of the Acts of 1952, Chapter 130 of the Acts of 1953 and Chapter 535 of the Acts of 1959.

As the year began we completed Phase I of the renovation work at the Hannigan Water Treatment Plant in Rockland. Phase II will consist of upgrading all the chemical feed systems within the plant. These renovations are due the department successfully pursuing low interest loans from the Massachusetts Water Abatement Trust Fund.

In addition to securing the funding for the treatment plant renovations we have been awarded funding to replace the water storage tanks on Lincoln Street, in Abington, with a single tank and the construction of a new tank in the Chestnut Glen area of Abington.

The expansion of the Hingham Street Reservoir has reached a substantial completion point and in October of this year we began filling the newly constructed reservoir. This project was completed approximately two years prior to the anticipated date of completion of 2008.

The Abington/Rockland Joint Water Works delivered 982,585,413 gallons of water throughout the year. The following record details our monthly pumping rate:

JANUARY	77,330,200 gals	JULY	88,450,300 gals
FEBRUARY	69,535,000 gals	AUGUST	89,001,600 gals
MARCH	77,826,400 gals	SEPTEMBER	90,384,500 gals
APRIL	77,049,000 gals	OCTOBER	84,285,300 gals
MAY	86,951,600 gals	NOVEMBER	75,684,000 gals
JUNE	83,668,900 gals	DECEMBER	80,431,700 gals

In addition to what we pumped we received 1,986,913 gallons of water from the Town of Weymouth while the Hannigan Treatment Plant was inoperable during the upgrades. The Board of the Abington/Rockland Joint Water Works would like to thank The Town of Weymouth for their assistance.

A wish for best luck to Bob Noone, who retired from the department this year and a thanks to all the employees for their work ethics and persistence in carrying out our mission "to provide Safe Drinking Water to every consumer".

**"With Water Works Pride"**

Abington/Rockland Joint Water Works  
Commissioners

Steven D. Bradbury, *Co-Chairman*

Ray Campanile, *Co-Chairman*

John Warner

William T. Low, *Secretary*

Richard Muncey

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Daniel F. Callahan, *Superintendent*