

## **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 2007. We would first like to acknowledge the excellent work of our Superintendent John Stone.

As a Department, we have been working 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.

The sewer system has continued to grow. We currently have 12 operating pump stations. We also have over 100 miles of sewer pipe, and roughly 2,000 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 always, we are trying to find new ways to eliminate as much Inflow & Infiltration as possible. We have a staff-member checking all homes in Town that are tied into the municipal sewer system. 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. In 2007, we inspected over 350 sewer manholes for groundwater and have replaced castings on Myers Avenue, Walnut Street, Bicknell Hill Road and Washington Street. We video-inspected over 12,500 linear ft. of pipeline and jetted over 17,200 linear ft. of gravity main. Major repairs have been made on Lake Street, Leonard Farm Road, Brockton Avenue, Isabelle Street, Rice Street, Walnut Street, Randolph Street and Summer Street. These repairs have shown a significant reduction in our daily flow to the City of Brockton.

In 2007, we CIPP lined approximately 800 ft. of 18" ductile sewer main on Brockton Avenue resulting in restoration of structural integrity and reduced flow due to the elimination of groundwater infiltration in that particular section of the system.

The Board of Sewer Commissioners would like to note the commendable work of the Department's Personnel this past year. In the office, Kristin Devine, Jeanne White and Claire Wing have kept things running smoothly. And the Department welcomed new employees William Donovan and Brian McLaughlin. They join Foreman Craig Burnett in the field and their eagerness and knowledge are a great addition to the staff.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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Janice McCarthy, *Vice-chair*  
E. Thomas Rogers  
Robert Toomey  
Michael Donovan, Sr.