

WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS 2009

Matt River Valley Water District Treatment Plant	661,917,463
Total water consumption-2009	187,684,263
Average daily demands	514,203 gals
Highest one-day pumping 4/26/09	1,163,000
Max. Week consumption - 8/16/09-8/22/09	6,408,000
Total number of water services - 12/31/09	2,883 services
Total number of active water services	2,759 services
Total water mains installed during 2009	0 feet
Total miles of water mains	60.214 miles
New water services installed during 2009	1 service
Water services renewed	1 service
New water meters set	101 meters
Total number of fire hydrants	373 hydrants
New fire hydrants installed	0 hydrants
Fire hydrants repaired	3 hydrants
Fire hydrants replaced	1 hydrant
Total number of gate valves 6" or large	541 valves
Total rainfall recorded at No. 3 station	54 inches
Total measurable snowfall recorded at No. 3 station	36 inches
Leaks repaired	28 leaks
Total number of sewer services on 12/31/09	1,631 services
Total number of active sewer services on 12/31/09	1,605 services
New sewer services connected during 2009	22 services
Sewer main replaced in 2009	12 feet
Sewer Services repaired	3 services
Total gallons of sewage pumped to Fairhaven in 2009	147,738,117

ROUTE 6 SEWER EXTENSION

There was no progress made in 2009 in trying to complete this project.

This sewer project had been bid along with the Bid specifications to replace the North Street sewer line. Due to unexpected issues relative to the lack of funding from the Bay Club for the North Street Sewer replacement required the Commissioners to not award the combined contract for these two projects. It is hoped that in 2010 funds will be available to complete these two much needed projects.

MA TTAPOISETT NECK SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT

The project has a new draft designed consisting of low-pressure sewers, along with the design of one pumping stations.

This sewer project went to Town Meeting on two occasions in 2009. Once by petition to a special Town Meeting in March and once by the Water /Sewer Commissioners to the May Annual Town meeting.

The article presented at the special town meeting received a vote of 132 yes and 100 no but failed to meet the required 2/3 vote. The article was again presented at the May 2009 Annual Town Meeting and received a vote of 166 yes and 102 no but once again fail to get the 2/3 vote that was required.

This project has been revisited through out 2009 in an attempt to come up with a project that would service as many of the parcels that want the sewer. It is expected that a new sewer project will be presented to a May 2010 Annual Town Meeting.

Additionally the Board of Water /Sewer Commissioners submitted an application for a low interest State Revolving Fund (SRF) to fund this project in the event that it passes Town Meeting.

COMPREHENSIVE WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN (CWMP)

Work continued through 2009 on to final draft plan being completed and submitted to DEP for their review and comments. The year ended with a response from DEP on the report that an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) would be required for the plan prior to their approval and acceptance of this document. The Commissioners submitting an article for the 2009 ATM to fund this EIR and work continued on the report with many responses and meetings with various State Agencies. However as of the end of 2009 we still have not received an approval on or CWMP.

The CWMP was originally funded through a low interest loan, which the Board of Water/Sewer Commissioners where successfully in obtained from DEP.

River Valley Land purchase

The town was successful in purchasing an additional 29.75 acres of land in the Mattapoisett River Valley for water supply protection purposes.

This property is located North of Beech Wood Road and East of Long Plan Road and is adjacent to land previously acquired by the Town for water supply purposes.

The purchase was made using a State Grant and funding from the Mattapoisett River Valley Advisory Committee with out any cost back to the Town.

Home Rule Petition

The Water/Sewer Commissioners sponsored an article at the May 2009 Annual town meeting to petition the General Court to have special legislation for an act to allow the Town of Mattapoisett to assess interest on the apportioned sewer betterments equal to that of the actual rate chargeable to the Town. With out this bill interest by law would have had to be charged at 5% or 2% higher then the rate the town had borrowed the money.

The Commissioners did this to make every effort to hold down the cost for the people that where served by the sewer projects and received betterment charges.

MA TTAPOISETT RIVER WATER DISTRICT

A complete year of operation of the new District Water Treatment Plant occurred in 2009. There have been many challenges associated with the new operation of this facility.

This year 661,917,463 gallons of water where processed at the plant.

This plant was a regional undertaking by the Towns of Mattapoisett, Marion, and Fairhaven for the removal of the naturally occurring levels of iron and manganese that are found in the raw water of our wells.

Water Storage Tank

This year we completed the design for a new 1.0 gallon storage tank as well as negotiating with the Bay Club for a parcel of land to locate the tank on. This parcel is large enough to build the storage tank on as well as a future building.

When the design was finished we bid the tank project in November with a bid opening in late November. There where two bidders on the project, both are well know names in the industry. The results of the bid where as follows. Landmark Industries \$1,763,000 and Chicago Bridge and Iron \$1,894,660. The bid was awarded to Landmark Industries and construction is expected to begin in the spring of 2010 with the completion by June 2011.

The continued support and corporation from other Boards and Departments is fully appreciated Information regarding water and sewer charges, income and expenses may be found in the reports of the Town Account and Town Treasurer.

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