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Brice-Lemon Estates...

Déjà Vu All Over Again

For the third time since 2006, the MWRA Advisory Board has commented on a proposed development in Rutland.

Over the years, the Brice-Lemon Estates, a 111 lot residential subdivision spanning 121.6 acres off of Main Street in Rutland has raised concerns at the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA), as well as at the Advisory Board.

Concerns have centered on having no capacity in the local sewer, a lack of potable water and enforceable violations to the Watershed and Wetlands Protection Acts.

Agents for the proposed development have submitted a Notice of Project Change to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA).

The Advisory Board, in its comments, stated "The great misnomer of commenting on this Notice of Project Change is that nothing has really changed. The environmental issues/concerns that were front and center in 2006/2007 are still unresolved. In particular, there is currently no additional public sewer capacity to tie into." To access the full comment letter, please click [here](#).

The Advisory Board will keep you apprised on this project.

Revised Advisory Board Meeting Location Schedule

For your information, due to the unavailability of meeting sites, staff would like to share the revised locations through the remainder of the fiscal year.

Date	Time	Location
February 19, 2015	11:30 a.m.	Bradley Estate, Canton

Upcoming Events

February 11th -
MWRA Board of
Directors -
Charlestown
at 10:00 a.m.

February 13th -
Executive
Committee Meeting -
Charlestown at 8:30
a.m.

February 19th -
Advisory Board
Meeting - Canton at
11:30 a.m.

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March 19, 2015	11:30 a.m.	Boston Water & Sewer Commission
April 16, 2015	11:30 a.m.	Wellesley Free Library
May 21, 2015	11:30 a.m.	Public Services Building, Lexington
June 18, 2015	11:30 a.m.	Bradley Estate, Canton

Advisory Board Announces 2014 MWRA Advisory Board Legislators of the Year

Over the years the Advisory Board has recognized the contributions of state legislators who have worked to help water and sewer ratepayers and to elevate the discussion of water and wastewater infrastructure issues.

(To see a list of past recipients, click [here](#).)

This year is no exception. The Advisory Board has selected four individuals who not only are ratepayer advocates, but infrastructure advocates as well.

From the House:

Caucus Chairman/House Majority Leader Ron Mariano.

Ron is a steadfast advocate for the MWRA ratepayers. His actions/efforts have ensured nearly \$400 million in Debt Service Assistance throughout the years. Along with Speaker Robert DeLeo, he is a founding father of the MWRA Caucus and has served as Chairman since 2005.

Representative Carolyn Dykema

Representative Dykema has been a leader in putting water and wastewater issues back on a "front burner." She co-chaired the Water Infrastructure Finance Commission that created the report which spearheaded the water-wastewater infrastructure discussion of the past session. She has been a loud voice for a dedicated funding source.

From the Senate:

Senator Anthony Petruccelli

Anthony has served as Vice-Chair of the MWRA Caucus since 2005. He has been co-sponsor on all ratepayer legislation for nearly a decade. His advocacy has produced legislation that has strengthened watershed protection, infrastructure investment and, most importantly, the inclusion and receipt of Debt Service Assistance from the Commonwealth.

Senator James Eldridge

Senator Eldridge, along with Rep. Dykema, co-chaired the Commission which brought the need for water and wastewater investment to the forefront. In the past session, he authored the landmark Infrastructure Bill in the Senate Infrastructure Bill, which was signed into law this past July.

Our recipients will be in attendance at the March 19th Advisory Board meeting at the Boston Water and Sewer Commission to receive their awards.

Thank You!

Many of the Advisory Board's permanent designees have the responsibilities within their communities to deal with blizzards and snow removal. All of them have been working "flat out" since Monday dealing with the historic blizzard of 2015.

The Advisory Board wants to thank you for a job well done!