



# News & Notes

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## A Send-off for Matt

### *Starting a New Chapter*



Join Chairman Lou Taverna and Advisory Board staff in thanking Matt Romero for his incredible service to ratepayers and our communities. As you are all aware, Matt is leaving the Advisory Board to become the Executive Director of the Massport Community Advisory Committee. In recognition of all he has accomplished, we will be holding a luncheon on Wednesday, August 22 (see flyer below for details). This will give all of us a chance to thank/roast/share stories about Matt.

Hope to see you on the 22nd!



**Celebrating**  
Matt's Contributions to Ratepayers  
2004 to 2018





Please join Advisory Board Chairman Lou Taverna and the Advisory Board staff to wish Matt Romero well on his new position as the Executive Director of the Massport CAC!

Wednesday, August 22, 2018  
12:00 PM to 2:00 PM  
CNY Board Room  
**\$17 Donation Includes Chinese Buffet & Gift**

**RSVP by August 20, 2018** to

[James Gulod](#) x2055 in the CNY  
[Lenna Ostrodka](#) x2057 in the CNY

## When One Door Closes

### *Another One Opens*

As much as we are saddened that Matt is leaving, we're thrilled to announce that Travis Ahern is coming back. Travis served as a finance and policy analyst for the Advisory Board. Three years ago, he left to become Finance Director for the Town of Danvers, MA. Travis will bring his strong finance and policy skills to the Advisory Board and will be a superb addition to our already skilled staff. Join us in welcoming back Travis.



## Less Than One Month Away!

### *Advisory Board Field Trip*



If you haven't already, [sign up](#) today for our annual field trip on Thursday, August 23. Join us for a day of exploring key components of the waterworks system, including an overview of the Shaft 5 Building, a walk on the Weston Aqueduct Trail, and a tour of Wachusett Aqueduct Pump Station. We'll have a BBQ lunch for everyone. [Click](#) to see the detailed itinerary. We hope to see you on

August 23!

## FY19 State Budget Includes DSA

*\$1.1 Million Approved*

We're pleased to announce that \$1.1 million was included in the final FY19 State Budget. The Advisory Board thanks the House for including \$1.1 million in their version of the budget, as well as the Senate for accepting the House recommendation in the conference report, and



Governor Baker for not vetoing the \$1.1 million line item (as he had included \$500,000 in H2). The Advisory Board looks forward to working with all branches of state government to keep water and wastewater funding on the state's agenda moving forward.

## Upcoming Events

*For the Month of [August](#)*

**August 22** | 10:45 AM, Andrew Pappastergion Swearing In, State House

**August 22** | 12:00 PM, [Matt Romero Luncheon](#), CNY Board Room

**August 23** | [Annual Advisory Board Field Trip](#)

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