

REPORT OF THE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS

During calendar year 2005 we completed the Bunyan Rd. well improvement project. Funding for this project included \$200,000 in grant money from the USDA Rural Utilities Service. The two new replacement wells went online in August of 2005 and together can supply over 600 gpm to the Town's distribution system. Our other major undertaking for 2005 was the Hospital Road reconstruction project which was awarded to low-bidder Palmer Paving Corporation. This job included upgrading over 4000 feet of six inch water main that was originally installed in the 1930's with new twelve inch cement lined ductile iron. Thirteen water services were also renewed as part of that project.

In other business for 2005, the Department in cooperation with the Mass Rural Water Association began working on a Source Water Protection Plan for the Town of Monson. When completed and adopted this plan will assist us in minimizing risks to our water sources and provide common sense guidelines for future growth and development.

Throughout the Town in calendar year 2005, we repaired five water service leaks and one water main break, updated / replaced twelve water services from the main to the curb stop, assisted in the replacement of nine services from the curb stop to the house, replaced one traffic damaged fire hydrant and added ten new connections to the water system bringing the total to 1344. We pumped 167,048,000 gallons of drinking water from the town wells at an average rate of 457,665 gallons per day. Our peak day was August 2, 2005 when we pumped 1,111,000 gallons. We recorded 73.96" of precipitation at our Palmer Road Station and responded to 234 Dig-Safe requests throughout our area of responsibility.

At our sewer lift station in 2005, we pumped a total of 150,133,000 gallons of wastewater to the Palmer Water Pollution Control Facility for treatment. Sixteen new connections were added to the sewer system.

The Commission and staff of the Water and Sewer Department would like to thank the Board of Selectmen and all Town Departments and officials for their extraordinary support this year. Special thanks go to Dorothy P. Jenkins and her staff at the Collector's Office for their superior collection efforts throughout the year. We are especially grateful to the Highway Department and the Park and Recreation Department, because without their assistance our jobs would be that much more difficult. In 2005 we again relied heavily on the use of the Highway Departments heavy equipment. This need was constantly met with cooperation and assistance from Highway Surveyor John Morrell who managed to always fit us into his busy work schedule. We amassed 89 hours of backhoe time and 66 hours of truck time throughout the year at rates far below any outside contractor allowing our Department to operate more efficiently. The Water and Sewer Department is very appreciative and proud to have such good working relationships with all of Monson's Town Departments.

We wish to thank the water and sewer customers for their patience and support as we strive to improve and upgrade the water and sewer systems to provide you the best service possible while still keeping rates below the state average.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas R. North, Chairman Marshall L. Harris, V. Chairman Stephen C. Lobik, Clerk
BOARD OF WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS