



NEWS & NOTES

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JUDGE MAZZONE HONORED AT DEER ISLAND MEMORIAL

Judge A. David Mazzone presided over the federal lawsuit surrounding the Boston Harbor Clean Up from 1983 until 2004. This month he was honored at a memorial service and sculpture dedication on Deer Island. The bronze sculpture depicts a relief portrait of the judge, as well as a humpback whale, signaling the return of sea life to the Boston Harbor.

Today the Boston Harbor clean up is recognized as one of the country's greatest environmental success stories. Judge Mazzone played a critical role in the project by ruling that "the law secures to the people the right to a clean harbor." This quote is now inscribed in the statue as a permanent reminder of Judge Mazzone's foresight which led to the massive public works project that ultimately cleaned up the harbor and restored its ecological health and recreational use for future generations. The Judge was involved in the case for 21 years; he routinely engaged with those involved with the project including advocates, lawyers, state officials and construction workers, whom he believed deserved the most praise for their physical labor. After his death, the MWRA Board of Directors voted to name the park land on Deer Island after him.

The Judge Mazzone Memorial was constructed by his family and friends. Speakers at the dedication ceremony included Governor Michael Dukakis; Douglas Foy, former Executive Director, Conservation Law Foundation; Doug MacDonald, former MWRA Executive Director; Chairman Robert DeLeo, House Committee on Ways & Means; Secretary of EOEa and Chair of MWRA Board of Directors, Ian Bowles; The Honorable Richard G. Stearn, U.S. District Court Judge; and Vivien Li, Executive Director, the Boston Harbor Foundation.



The sculpture dedicated to Judge A. David Mazzone is on Deer Island with spectacular views of a clean Boston Harbor and the City of Boston skyline.

ADVISORY BOARD VISITS QUABBIN

The Advisory Board held its October monthly meeting at the Quabbin Reservoir. Designees from MWRA communities met at the visitor center and heard presentations from Jonathan Yeo, Director of the Division of Water Supply Protection, DCR, regarding the accomplishments of the water supply system and J.R. Greene, local author and Advisory Board member, on the history of the Quabbin Reservoir. In addition to the Reservoir, the Board toured a Massachusetts Fisheries and Wildlife fish hatchery.



Advisory Board members board DCR boats at the Quabbin Reservoir for an informational tour at the October meeting.

AB MODEL GETS NATIONAL RECOGNITION

The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) recently highlighted the MWRA Advisory Board as an example of a "Best Practice" for achieving transparency and communication between a regional authority and its customer communities. The Oakland County Drain Commissioner presented research findings in a White Paper as officials consider options for providing checks and balances to the operation of DWSD to protect the public interest. The report highlighted the Advisory Board's membership and its organizational access to the MWRA, assuring meaningful reviews and implementable recommendations. To access the White Paper, follow this link:

<http://drain2008.quiecom.com/wp-content/uploads/2007/09/4-transparency-through-the-dwdsd-model-contract.pdf>

UPCOMING MEETINGS

NOVEMBER 9: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING / 8:30 AM - BOSTON
NOVEMBER 14: MWRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS / 10 AM - CHARLESTOWN
NOVEMBER 15: MWRA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING / 11:30 AM – BWSC
BOSTON WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION | 980 HARRISON AVENUE
BOSTON, MA 02119 | ONSITE PARKING IS AVAILABLE.
SECRETARY IAN BOWLES, EOEa, WILL BE FEATURED PRESENTER.

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