

Report of the Ogunquit Sewer District

The District continues to work hard to maintain services and rates during this period of declining revenue caused by the poor economic climate. The Trustees and staff are delighted to be able to maintain sewer rates again this year in the face of this situation.

A key challenge is to continue to upgrade aging infrastructure while operating at high standards to protect our environment. This year's projects included the upgrade of several pump station controls and electrical panels. We were also able to replace blowers with higher efficiency VFD rotary blowers as part of our ongoing efforts to conserve energy usage at the plant. We also installed motion detectors to shut off lights in some areas and moved to more energy efficient lighting where possible.

The District also upgraded 550 feet of 12" clay tile sewer main on Beach Street using slip lining trenchless technology. The District completed the update of the lighthouse pumping station and also added generator capacity to ensure the ability to maintain service during power outages. The District also completed a required periodic operational audit from OSHA (US Department of Labor) which ensures our operations adhere to all pertinent federal regulations.

Over the past year, Phil Pickering, Superintendent of the District, worked closely with the Conservation Commission and the Shellfish Commission to assist in water testing and problem identification. The District is proud to provide this assistance to help maintain the quality of our waterways and clam flats.

The District looks forward to 2011 as we continue to operate in a safe, environmentally friendly manner. The Trustees wish to acknowledge the expertise, dedication and effectiveness of our staff in all phases of our operations. They truly make a difference every day.

Ogunquit Sewer District Trustees

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Good Luck Charm from Days Gone By

Long before the turn of the twentieth century there were already combined street drainage and sewer lines discharging into the Ogunquit River.

In the mid 1940's some of these lines were turned into sanitary sewer as Ogunquit started its primary treatment facility.

In 2010 during a poly slip lining project one of these old Clay and Tile sewer mains was cleaned out and one old horse shoe was recovered from the bottom of a large sag in the main.

Due to the fact that the resting place of this shoe was completely underwater with no oxygen, little degradation of the metal was observed and much of the details remained intact and some of metal was still shiny when first recovered.

