



# TOWN OF CONCORD

## Town Manager's Report

Week of: January 29th, 2018

### Marijuana Public Forum

The Concord Select Board invites you to participate in a public forum on marijuana.

Participants will hear factual background information on the legislation and regulations related to the town's options around marijuana. Questions and participation are encouraged in this open forum.

Wednesday January 31st from 7:30PM to 9:00 PM at the Concord Carlisle High School Auditorium

Email [publicinfo@concordma.gov](mailto:publicinfo@concordma.gov) with questions prior to or during the forum. Please put "Forum Question" as the subject line.

### Resident Survey

The Building Inspections Department has created a survey for the public on the desire for extended hours. The question being asked is if expanded office hours the Building Department, at no additional cost, would be beneficial to the Town's Residents. The proposal is to be open one hour earlier in the morning, at 7:00AM and stay open until 8:00PM one day a week.

To respond to the survey, please use the following link.

<http://concordma.gov/FormCenter/Land-Use-Conservation-Building-Divisions-6/Expanding-Building-Department-Hours-67>

### Warrant Article Hearings to be held in Harvey Wheeler

All Hearings for the Warrant Articles will be held at 7:00PM at the Harvey Wheeler Community Center. The dates for the hearings are as follows.

Finance Committee *Town Budget and Articles including Capital* —Monday, February 26th

Finance Committee *School Budgets and Articles, Community Preservation Committee Articles*—Tuesday, February 27th

Select Board—Monday, March 5th

Planning Board—Tuesday, March 6th

Finance Committee *Enterprise Fund Budgets and Articles* —Monday, March 12th

### Photo Submissions—Annual Town Report

Deadline for photo submissions for the 2017 Annual Town Report Cover are being accepted through the end of day today, 4:30PM

January 30th. Photos must be submitted to [estevens@concordma.gov](mailto:estevens@concordma.gov) with information about the photo and photographer. The winning photo will be announced February 6th

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## PUBLIC FORUM MARIJUANA IN CONCORD

### Town Meeting Article Preview

ART. 30 To decide if Concord wants to Opt Out and not allow non-medical marijuana establishments (recreational marijuana establishments)  
ART. 31 To decide if Concord wants to impose a local retail tax on the sale of marijuana should the town choose to allow marijuana establishments  
ART. 32 To decide to extend the temporary moratorium to allow time for the Town adopt bylaws regarding how and where marijuana establishments will be regulated locally.

Participants will hear factual background information on the legislation and regulations related to the town's options around marijuana and why there are three Town Meeting Articles dealing with marijuana establishments. Questions and participation are encouraged in this open forum.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 31  
7:30-9:00PM . CCHS AUDITORIUM

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## Public Works

· **Sleepy Hollow Cemetery Infrastructure Rehabilitation (Phase II)** – CPW's Engineering Division is finalizing design of Phase II of infrastructure rehabilitations within historic Sleepy Hollow Cemetery to support a late February bid opening. The Phase II bid is proposed to include 0.71 miles of roadway, 425 feet of new drain pipe, 11 new drainage structures and 350 feet of drainage swale.

· **Parking Lot Rehabilitations** – CPW's Engineering Division is finalizing the bid package for the rehabilitation of the Keyes Road, Walden Street and Church Street parking lots for a mid-February bid opening. The project will include several sustainable stormwater retrofits and is also being coordinated with CMLP to incorporate a new electric vehicle charging station and lighting improvements. The project will be constructed over the Summer of 2018. Neighboring businesses will be updated of construction schedules through letters and morning coordination meetings in the Spring. Questions on the project can be directed to the Concord Public Works – Engineering Division at [\(978\) 318-3210](tel:9783183210).

· **Cambridge Turnpike Improvement Project** – CPW and the project design team have continued to advance the project through roadway and structural design as well as environmental permitting. An Environmental Notification Form (ENF) was filed with the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act office (MEPA) in August and the team received the MEPA certificate in October. Additionally, a Notice of Intent was filed with the Natural Resources Commission in December and the team received an Order of Conditions in early January.

The team will continue permitting for the project through February with the filing of a Project Notification Form with the Army Corps of Engineers. Additionally the team will advance the coordination of the project's proposed utility improvements within February. The project is proposed to upgrade infrastructure for cable TV (Verizon, Comcast) Electric (CMLP), Gas (National Grid) and Water (CPW Water/Sewer Division).

Lastly the design team will continue design advancement to support the project bidding in 2018. The project is planned to be bid in two phases as described below:

o **Phase 1** will include the conventional road, sidewalk and utility work on Cambridge Turnpike from the Lexington Road intersection to the Mill Brook Farm and from Hawthorne Drive to the Sandy Pond Road intersection. This phase is planned to be bid in March 2018 to allow for a Spring 2018 construction start.

o **Phase 2** will include the project's structural and grade adjustment elements (i.e. bridge, retaining walls, ground improvements, culverts) at both Mill Brook Crossings, between Mill Brook Farm and Hawthorne Drive and from Sandy Pond Road to Crosby Corner. The Phase II bid is scheduled for the Fall of 2018. We anticipate construction work beginning in February 2019 and potentially extending into a portion of the 2020 construction season.

More information on the project is available on the project webpage at <http://www.concordnet.org/224/Cambridge-Turnpike-Improvement-Project>. Additionally interested parties may call Concord Public Works main number at [\(978\)318-3201](tel:9783183201).

## HeatSmart Program

During this cold winter, keeping your home comfortably warm is central in our minds. But did you know that heat pumps can do this job, even on those coldest days, at lower operating cost and greatly reduced CO<sub>2</sub> emissions? And provide air-conditioning during the summer?

We are excited to announce ***HeatSmart Carlisle/Concord/Lincoln***, a new program supported by our three towns and CMLP to promote clean heating and cooling technologies. From late February through July of 2018, residents and businesses will be able to purchase advanced air-source and ground-source heat pumps at a special discount from competitively-selected installers. Supported by rebates from CMLP, these technologies can greatly reduce your greenhouse gas emissions, reduce your energy costs, and improve the comfort of your home.

Participants will need to have had a recent home energy audit, which Concord residents can get for free from CMLP (or MassSave if you heat with Natural Gas) to identify the ways to save energy and make your home more comfortable year-round, and also replace your bulbs with LEDs at no charge. Sign up for your free audit [here](#) today.

*HeatSmart* will begin next month, starting with a public presentation on the technologies with the selected installers. For more information about *HeatSmart*, contact the team or sign up for program notices, please visit the website [HeatSmartCCL.org](http://HeatSmartCCL.org).

*HeatSmart Carlisle/Concord/Lincoln* is a program supported by the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center ([MassCEC](http://MassCEC.org)), the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources ([DOER](http://DOER.org)), the Towns of Carlisle, Concord and Lincoln, and a volunteer team including Concord's Comprehensive Sustainable Energy Committee ([CSEC](http://CSEC.org)).