



TOWN OF CONCORD

Town Manager's Report

Week of: February 26th, 2018

New Trail Guides

New trail guides are available through the Natural Resources department



Annursnac - Baptist Brook Trail Guide: The Trails Committee has completed an update to the Annursnac Trail Guide to include the 29-acre Baptist Brook Conservation Land located at the end of Commerford Road. The guides are available at the trail head parking area located at the entrance to Black Horse Place, at the Natural Resources Office at 141 Keyes Road and on the Town website at: <http://concordma.gov/DocumentCenter/Home/View/12272>.

October Farm Riverfront Trail Guide: The Trails Committee completed a new trail guide for William Brewster's October Farm Riverfront land located at the end of Ball's Hill Road. Guides are available at the trailhead, at 141 Keyes Road, and on the town's website at: <http://concordma.gov/DocumentCenter/Home/View/6956>.

Public Hearings on Town Meeting Warrant Articles

All hearings for the articles on the Town Meeting Warrant 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

New Police Department Hires and Police Academy Graduates

John O'Connor and Matthew Plausse (pictured below with Chief O'Connor) graduated from the Police Academy on Friday February 23, and will join the Concord, MA Police department this week. Academy was held at The Northern Essex Community College in Haverhill. Join us in congratulating the new graduates and welcoming them to the Concord Police Department!





Communications Questionnaire

Have a moment? Let us know how you receive your information. We want to know the best way to alert you to Town news and events you care about!

To respond to the questionnaire, please use the following link or return the questionnaire, which was mailed in the Town Warrant, to the Town House or either of the Concord Free Public Library branches.

<https://ma-concord.civicplus.com/FormCenter/Confirmation?formID=66&categoryID=8>

Winter Weather Responses – Despite the lack of significant snowfall totals, the 2017-2018 Winter Season has been particularly busy for CPW's Snow Fighting Team with many responses for snow and ice events. A number of the storms this season have featured multiple precipitation types, including changing between rain and freezing rain, which has required around-the-clock monitoring by CPW Supervisors and extended shifts for the team. The total snowfall for the season is 31.75" so far and has required a total of 29 responses. These responses include applying salt brine before a forecasted storm, treating roads, plowing, and snow removal. Throughout all of the winter weather events, CPW's Snow Fighters have worked tirelessly to ensure the safety of all motorists and pedestrians.

Pothole Repairs – The multiple freeze and thaw cycles this season brought about by major temperature fluctuations has impacted Concord's roadways resulting in potholes. CPW's Highway Division continues to be very active repairing potholes throughout town as the weather allows. Crews are using hot mix asphalt rather than cold patch as it results in more durable patches. In the period between January 22, 2018 and February 9, 2018 over 44 tons of hot mix asphalt has been utilized this winter to complete these repairs along with 14 containers of tackifier and 370 Labor Hours. CPW has worked diligently to respond to all potholes in a timely manner and will continue to complete repairs throughout the winter. In addition to strategically planning the work to maximize efficiency, multiple crews are deployed each day to ensure potholes are addressed in a timely manner.

Irrigation Outreach Pilot

Concord Public Works Water/Sewer Division will be partnering with Massachusetts Department of Environmental (DEP) and University of Massachusetts Donahue Institute on a pilot outreach campaign designed to promote behavior change among residents that rely heavily on municipal water for outdoor irrigation. Staff will serve on an DEP advisory board to guide and customize this messaging campaign, to be developed by a third party social marketing research group (Action Research). This effort will help advance Concord's water resource sustainability interests while informing the Division as to potential messaging tools that could potentially be incorporated into an anticipated smart metering initiative.