

Town Manager's Report

Tuesday, July 22, 2014

To: Board of Selectmen
From Christopher Whelan, Town Manager

Following are some of the matters reported on this week by various Town Departments:

Public Works

Catch Basin Cleaning – The Highway Division has commenced its annual catch basin cleaning program in East Concord to ensure compliance with the federally issued Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). This cleaning process will continue until completion which is scheduled for the spring of 2015 at which time catch basin cleaning in West Concord will commence. This program which is performed by CPW staff allows for all Town of Concord catch basins to be cleaned every two years.

Emergency Tree Calls – CPW staff from the Grounds Division have had numerous emergency calls totaling approximately ten downed trees over the last two weeks resulting from severe weather. These calls resulted in large quantities of debris in the roadway requiring removal and cleanup. In addition there were two instances in which trees fell on structures requiring coordination of removal by Town staff with property owners.

Roadway Maintenance/Patching – The town-wide roadway maintenance/patching program put in place to address roadway damage following this past year's severe winter weather continues with a major focus on major collector and arterial roadways along with neighborhood roadways which are exhibiting damage. Over this past week over fourteen tons of material were used in full depth patching operations on Barrett's Mill Road to improve roadway conditions.

2014 Pavement Markings –The contractor, Markings Inc. of Pembroke, has begun work as part of this contract, applying pavement markings including center lines, fog lines, crosswalks, stop bars, and other miscellaneous markings Town-wide. A portion of the centerlines and most of the crosswalks, parking spaces and other markings have been completed in Concord Center and West Concord Center. The remainder of the pavement markings in Town will be reapplied throughout the summer of 2014. This work is done at night to minimize impacts to traffic.

2014 Crack Sealing - Superior Sealcoat, Inc. of Wilmington Massachusetts has completed crack sealing on the following roads or portions of those roads as part of the contract; Musketaquid Road, Simon Willard Road, Musterfield Road, Attawan Road, Laurel Street, Everett Street, Grove Street, Domino Drive, Damon Street, Ministerial Drive, Lapham Road and Loring Road,

Wright Road, Heywood Street, Heath's Bridge Road, The Valley Road, Holden Wood Road, Holden Lane, West Circle, East Circle, Martha's Point and Oxbow Drive. The selected contractor will seal cracks in the above listed roads with a hot-poured asphalt fiber compound which has been designed especially for improving strength and performance of asphalt pavements, which in turn extends the life expectancy of the road. The only remaining work at this time is crack sealing and sealcoating of the Town House parking lot which will be completed later this summer.

2013/14 Roads Program – Project subcontractor, Perkins, completed drainage installation on Elm St. CPW's Engineering Division anticipates that general contractor Lazaro will be back in the Crescent St. and Baker Ave. neighborhoods preparing for final paving by resetting curb, installing curb ramps, and adjusting utility castings. They are scheduled to re-commence work the week of July 28th. Once work in those neighborhoods is completed Lazaro will move to the remaining work which includes, resurfacing portions of Elm St, portions of Powder Mill Rd, a portion of Commonwealth Ave, and the remaining portion of Fitchburg Turnpike once the culvert is replaced. The work is expected to go into the fall at which time final restoration and clean-up will be completed.

2014/15 Roads Program – Substantial progress to advance the final design of the 2014/2015 Roads Program has been made this past month. Base plans were generated from field surveys completed in house by the Engineering Division. Staff continues to work toward completing the final design while evaluating bidding and construction strategies to maximize efficiency and deliver the most competitive cost. A bid in late summer will allow for continued construction mobilization beyond the fall 2014 and into the spring and early summer of 2015 similar to previous contracts.

2014 Guard Rail Replacement Program – Project contractor, Cosco, has made significant progress on the Program. Project completion is anticipated by the end of July. Slight changes in project scope were made based on actual field conditions.

MBTA Concord Railroad Bridge Improvement Projects – Town staff continue to coordinate with MBTA representatives and project contractor JF White to plan impacts around the Fitchburg commuter rail line improvement project which includes significant reconstruction of the Route 62 (Main Street) bridge, the Assabet River bridge and the Sudbury River bridge. The Route 62 (Main Street) bridge reconstruction is anticipated to result in significant traffic and pedestrian impacts including lane closures and detours over an approximate 16 month project duration beginning early August of 2014. A Route 62 (Main Street) project schedule and 3 week look ahead can be viewed on the Town of Concord website under the "MBTA - Concord MA projects" link. http://www.concordma.gov/pages/ConcordMA_PublicWorks/mbta

Solar Development - IESI has completed all site work associated with the 1.75 megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic power generating facility at the Town's former landfill located at 755 Walden Street, with the exception of some trees that will be planted along the northern portion of the

former landfill this fall, when conditions will be more suitable for planting. CPW and the Town's third party engineer, Weston & Sampson, oversaw the solar development site work performed by the general contractor, Innovative Engineering Solutions, Inc., and their subcontractors (T-Ford and Fishbach & Moore), to ensure all work was in compliance with the requirements of the Post Closure Use Permit (PCUP). This included attending weekly planning & progress meetings during the course of the work.

CPW Annual Training - Annual Right-To-Know (RTK) Training, Hazardous Waste Management Training, and SPCC (Spill Prevention Control & Countermeasure) Training was held for CPW Highway and Water & Sewer employees on June 25th and July 9th. RTK training is required by the Massachusetts DOS (Division of Occupational Safety). Hazardous Waste Management and SPCC training are required by the EPA and DEP. This staff provided training ensures compliance with State and Federal requirements.

Southfield and Riverdale Road Water Main Replacement Project - Installation of temporary water main to be completed within Phase I area of work (Pilgrim Road as well as portions of Southfield Road and Riverdale Road). Door hangers have been delivered to property owners who will be directly impacted by this work, to facilitate individual transfers of water service to the temporary water main. Excavation and water main installation activities to begin within the public Right-of-Way.

Trinity Church Redevelopment Project (81 Elm Street) - Water and sewer service relocation work to occur over next several weeks. Work will involve installation of new water and sewer services on River Street followed by termination of services on Elm Street. Elm Street terminations will require temporary interruption of water service to approximately one dozen homes along Elm Street.

Fire Department

Retirement - Deputy Chief Chris Kelley is on vacation for the next few weeks. Thereafter his intention is to apply for a well-deserved retirement. The Deputy has dedicated over 14 years to the CFD. He has forged many great relationships in town and has represented the Concord Fire Department well. We wish Chris and his wife Christine many years of health and happiness during his retirement! Calls normally directed to the Deputy Chiefs line (978-318-3451) can continue to be sent as usual.