

Town Manager's Report
Monday, June 14, 2010

To: Board of Selectmen
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1. The Street Light Removal Process is resuming after a hiatus since April. CMLP is notifying neighborhoods of impending light removals via letter and automated phone calls. The Light Board recently approved a rate of \$17/month (two year minimum commitment) for the Adopt-a-Light program; so far only 4 or 5 residents have signed up.
2. CMLP hopes to enlist the community in an effort to try to reduce electric consumption on days of peak demand this summer. Through a program using online (Google) messaging, those who sign up will receive an automated e-mail message when a peak energy usage day is anticipated, asking folks to reduce and/or defer electrical use. Each megawatt of power that is reduced on the peak day saves ratepayers tens of thousands of dollars during the year. More information on this program is available on the Light Department's web page on the Town's web site: www.concordma.gov
3. The solar panel task force, led by Light Plant Director Dave Wood, continues to meet in follow-up to Article 64 to 2010 Town Meeting. Dave will be present at the next Selectmen's meeting on June 28 to up-date the Board.
4. After 22 years of service, Dan Sack's last day at CMLP is this Friday, June 18. There will be a public reception to bid Dan farewell at the Light Plant this Friday at 3pm.
5. The Route 62 (WC) paving is tentatively scheduled to begin the day after school ends (June 21); since the State contractor (EH Perkins) has raised the street castings to prepare for paving, there have been some complaints and flat tires; the State contractor is handling those claims.
6. Public Works Director Rich Reine will have another meeting with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reps this week to continue to work toward eligibility for storm damage reimbursement. Rich reports that this will be a lengthy process before we know where we stand, but we will continue to actively pursue.
7. A PWC hearing was held on June 9 regarding Sidewalk Extension on Lowell Road. Rich Reine reports there was a good turnout for the discussion, which was productive, and the Notice of Intent for the project is schedule for discussion at this week's Natural resources Commission meeting.
8. All Town Manager-appointed committee slots are now filled except two COA and one Recreation slot. It is also likely there will be a vacancy later this summer on BOH where Chair David Burgess is expected to leave Concord.
9. Boston Bark is now hauling 55,000 cy of compost off the site at Marabello Farms, 874 Barrett's Mill Road. 30+ tractor-trailer trucks per day can be expected from now until July 15. Once removal is complete, this would be the final resolution to the 4 year long dispute.
10. Following up on Article 35 of the 2009 Annual Town Meeting, we are nearing completion of an RFP process where Emerson Umbrella has submitted a responsive proposal for the long term lease of the Emerson Building at 40 Stow Street. We are currently negotiating the terms of the lease with Emerson Umbrella, and hope to bring the lease to the Selectmen for approval in the near future.
11. Following up on Article 36 of the 2010 Town Meeting, the Deputy Town Manager has drafted an RFP for relocation of the Caesar Robbins House to Town land at 34B Monument Street. The draft RFP is currently being reviewed by the Town Manager and Planning Director, and we hope the entire RFP process may be wrapped up around Labor Day.

