

Town Manager's Report Monday, March 21, 2011

To: Board of Selectmen
From: Christopher Whelan, Town Manager

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

FIRE

Unusual emergency responses: On the morning of March 16, the Department responded to a chimney fire on Lowell Road. The Chief reports the fire remained in the flue with no structural damage to home.

Last Friday night, the Department provided mutual aid to the Carlisle Fire Department for a building fire in that town.

PLANNING & LAND MANAGEMENT

Health Division

Septic Betterments: The Health Division has had a good response to an article in last week's Journal advertising the septic betterment loan program. The program offers up to \$30,000 for residents to replace their failed septic systems. Two applications have been received and an additional 5 loan packages were sent out.

Youth Services Coordinator: Erin Duggan introduced herself to the Board of Health at the March 15 meeting. Ms. Duggan explained her role within the community and the newly created Youth Coordinator Advisory Board. Board members were very interested in providing support and noted that Board of Health representation in the YCAB is required. Board of Health member Ellen Hutt volunteered to sit on the committee and the Board voted to designate Ms. Hutt the BoH representative to the YCAB.

Planning Division

West Concord Task Force: The Task Force met last Thursday night to determine their positions on the various warrant articles and continue the outreach and planning for their April 5 public forum. Their positions on warrant articles are now posted on the Town's web site.

Updates to the Subdivision Rules & Regulations: On Tuesday, the group of staff working on the updates to the Subdivision Rules & Regulations met to review the progress made in

the last two months. The Engineering Division noted that the Public Works Commission would be voting on the CPW Design Standards on Tuesday night; minor modifications need to be made to the Site Plan process and Building Permit application to bring the Town into full compliance with NPDES regulations. Next steps include culling certain design standards out of the Subdivision Rules & Regulations, determining which Low Impact Development techniques to promote and incorporate into the Subdivision Rules & Regulations, and the drafting of a Stormwater Bylaw for Annual Town Meeting 2012.

Solar Siting Committee: At their Friday morning meeting, the Solar Siting Committee reviewed a draft list of criteria for assessing the suitability of sites for solar, and decided to re-categorize the list into: a) site characteristics, b) human impacts, and c) other impacts. The Committee then started reviewing and discussing each parcel listed on the Town-owned, non-conservation lands with buildings inventory.

POLICE

Operational Services: On Monday, March 14, the Community was notified of a Level 3 Sex Offender working at 40 Beharrell St.

On Wednesday, March 16, officer's located five teenagers believed to be involved in vandalizing mailboxes in West Concord. One damaged mailbox was located and the owner turned out to be a friend of the involved parties.

On Thursday, March 17, officers responded to Emerson Hospital for a subject out of control. Upon further investigation officers determined that the subject assaulted a security at the hospital prior to their arrival. Officers also determined that the subject also assaulted his mother as well. The subject was admitted for mental health issues and will be summonsed to Court to answer the assault and battery charges at a later date.

Community Services: With the warmer weather approaching, officers are conducting traffic enforcement in several areas throughout the Town in order to address specific citizen complaints. Officers are also addressing speeding complaints along the major travel routes through Town.