

Town Manager's Report Monday, September 24, 2012

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

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

LIGHT DEPARTMENT

Landfill Solar: In order to enhance Concord's commitment to sustainable energy, Concord Light is issuing a request for proposals to evaluate offers to establish a large scale solar array at the former landfill site on Walden Street. The intent is for The Town to lease a portion of the landfill to a solar developer who would maintain ownership of the facility and sell the entire output to the Concord community through a purchase power agreement with the Concord Light Department. The request for proposals will be available on Wednesday, October 3 with a submission deadline of Friday, November 2.

Willard Solar PV System: The solar photovoltaic system on the roof of the Willard School began generating electricity on September 15, 2010, just about two years ago. Since it began operation, the system has generated 112,577 kWh of electricity, enough to power a Concord home with median electricity usage for almost 14 years.

In its second year of operation, the system generated 61,210 kilowatt hours of electricity, or about 9% of the school's total electricity needs. The system generated about 20% more electricity in its second year of operation than in its first. Heavy snow cover, which prevented the system from producing any electricity for six weeks in January and February of 2011, reduced the total generation for year 1.

By reducing the school's need for electricity generated by burning fossil fuels, the PV system has prevented 58 tons of carbon dioxide from entering the atmosphere since September 2010. The free, renewable electricity generated by the system has saved the Concord Public Schools over \$13,000 in electricity costs since that time.

POLICE

Operational Services: On Tuesday September 18, officers responded to a residence for a welfare check on regarding a 13 year old girl. The report was that the girl was new to the area and that she may be despondent. Lt. Thomas Mulcahy coordinated the search with the assistance of the Concord Fire Department and the Lincoln Police Department. The girl was later located unharmed on Walden St.

On Friday September 20, officers responded to Bedford Street by Sleepy Hollow Cemetery for a motor vehicle crash involving a bicyclist who was struck. Officers provided assistance to the injured party, who was transported to Lahey Clinic in Burlington for treatment. The operator of the vehicle was arrested at the scene for operating under the influence of drugs, causing serious bodily injury, and speeding. Sgt. Kennedy is handling the investigation and evidence is still being processed. The bicyclist is still in serious condition and hospitalized at Lahey Clinic.

Community Services: On Saturday September 22, Sergeant Kennedy and Officers Young and Capone assisted the Wounded Warrior Project-Soldier Ride at the Minuteman National Park. The bicycle ride began and ended in Concord, with the officers assisting the event.

Retired Concord Police Officer John Manchuso, brother of retired Officer Joseph Manchuso, passed away on Friday September 14. Members of the Honor Guard assisted the family at the wake on Monday evening, and attended the funeral which was held on Tuesday.