



# TOWN OF CONCORD

## Town Manager's Report

APRIL 14, 2015

**SPECIAL TOWN  
MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 14th  
7:00 pm  
Concord-Carlisle  
High School**

### **\*TOWN MEETING SCHEDULE UPDATE\***

The Town Moderator has scheduled Article 30, CPC Funding Recommendations, to be taken up **Tuesday Evening**, immediately following STM, Article 4. This will enable the discussion of the two articles related to artificial turf/ natural grass to occur back to back on the same evening. Their presentation is likely to begin around 7:30 pm. Voters wishing to participate should arrive earlier to check in, receive their voting slips, and find a place to sit. The Moderator's longer explanation, regarding this change can be found in the Concord Journal for those who are interested in learning more.



### **EMERGENCY NOTICE TO RESIDENTS**

**Fire Chief Mark Cotreau: [mcotreau@concordma.gov](mailto:mcotreau@concordma.gov)**

Concord Fire-Rescue strives to be proactive in our commitment to providing the highest level emergency medical services to our community. One critical type of emergency that has seen a dramatic increase in the Commonwealth is opioid overdoses including Heroin.

Working under the direction of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's Regional Medical Director, Concord Fire initiated training efforts for every Firefighter/EMT working in the Department approximately one year ago. These trainings included information on Naloxone (brand-name Narcan) administration. Each of Concord's three ambulances carry Narcan, and each member of CFD has received continued training on the proper identification of patients in need of the drug and nasal route administration. Concord Fire-Rescue is proud to note we have been able to administer this life saving medication with positive results. While we hope education efforts reduce overdose rates, we stand ready to assist our patients with proper Emergency Medical Services when needed.

### **REMINDER FOR CITIZENS**

Several of Concord's Social Service agencies offer mental health screenings for residents. Screenings are available for anxiety, depression, adolescent depression, PTSD, alcohol use, bipolar disorder, and eating disorders. Brief screenings are the quickest way to determine if you, or someone you care about, should connect with a mental health professional. This screening program is completely anonymous and confidential, and immediately following the brief questionnaire, you will see your results, recommendations, and key resources. Please reach out to Concord's Youth Services, COA or Social Services Divisions for more information.





# PLANNING & LAND MANAGEMENT

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## PLANNING DIVISION

The planning division held a joint meeting of the Historical Commission (HC) and the Historic Districts Commission (HDC) on Thursday April 9. The HC and HDC met jointly to provide an update on current activities and issues facing each Commission, as well as explore opportunities to better coordinate preservation efforts between them and extend outreach efforts to a wider audience.

At the April 7th meeting of the Planning Board, a two-year time extension for the Common Driveway Special Permit for property located at 140 & 14B Commerford Road was granted. The Board also recommended that the Zoning Board of Appeals grant a Special Permit to allow an extension of the Zoning boundary line 30 feet from the Residence C Zone District into the West Concord Industrial Zone District for property located at 39 Winthrop Street.

Additionally, the Planning Board authorized the use of an outside consultant to review the plans and stormwater drainage for the Middlesex School Music & Campus Center Site Plan application. The Board discussed with Selectmen Kaufman the current issue with the two vacancies on the Board; there is now a critical need for new members because the Chair's term expires at the end of May.

### 1888 Main Street – Millstone PRD

On April 9th, Town staff from Fire, Police, CMLP, Public Works Engineering, Building Department, Natural Resources and Planning met on-site with the developer and his site contractor for a pre-construction meeting for the 7-unit Planned Residential Development at 1888 Main Street. Each department reviewed the construction schedule for the project and discussed the various stages where there would need to be coordination, including the need to manage the disruption to traffic on Main Street during installation of utilities. The developer will be coordinating with the Fire Department to determine whether there is an opportunity for the Department to utilize the existing dwelling for training purposes before it is demolished.

### Sustainable Communities Conference at Devens

Director Marcia Rasmussen has been invited to participate in a panel discussion titled "Local Land Preservation" at the Massachusetts Sustainable Communities and Campuses Conference on Thursday, April 16th. The focus of the presentation is to highlight the variety of options available to preserve green corridors as walking and biking trails.

### Trail Guides

Trail guides have been developed for the Annursnac Conservation Land and the Old Rifle Range, and are now available on the Division of Natural Resources webpage at: [http://concordma.gov/pages/ConcordMA\\_NaturalResources/plans](http://concordma.gov/pages/ConcordMA_NaturalResources/plans). Additional guides for the River Confluence and Reformatory Branch Trail will be available soon. FYI: Due to muddy conditions at the Warner's Pond boat access, the access and pedestrian road has been closed.

## BUILDING INSPECTIONS DIVISION

Zoning Board of Appeals: At the April 9th meeting, the ZBA heard the following applications and took the following actions – a sign variance was granted to Concord New London Style Pizza, LLC at 71 Thoreau St.; a special permit to extend the zoning district boundary line 30-feet was granted to Trevor Hayden for Cheryl MacDonald at 39 Winthrop St.; a special permit was granted to Adams & Beasley Assoc. for Dan Drazen to reconstruct, extend, alter or change a non-conforming structure at 197 Belknap St.; a special permit was granted to Tim Terpstra to reconstruct, extend, alter or change a non-conforming structure so that the new structure is more than fifty percent greater than the existing structure at 118 Prescott Road; a special permit was granted to the Concord Museum for the temporary accessory use of an outdoor movie screen at 200 Lexington Rd.; and, a special permit was granted to the Emerson Umbrella for the temporary accessory use of trailers and/or mobile homes as part of a public art exhibit at 40 Stow St. Two applications were continued to the next ZBA meeting in May – a special permit request to reconstruct, extend, alter or change a non-conforming structure so that the new structure is more than fifty percent greater than the existing structure at 169-171 Commonwealth Ave. and a special permit request to reconstruct, extend, alter or change a non-conforming structure or a variance from the rear property line at 28 Fielding St.

### Natural Resources Commission

New applications received for the April 22 NRC meeting included: a Notice of Intent for 1767 Lowell Road to construct a single family house, barn, driveway, septic system, and associated utilities and grading; a NOI for 1337 Old Marlboro Road to construct a septic system, and relocate and repave the existing driveway; an NOI for Middlesex School to renovate and expand the existing facilities building into a new Music and Campus Center, renovate walkways and driveway, remove gasoline and oil storage tanks, install three geothermal wells, install associated landscaping, and implement a Vegetation Management Plan; an NOI for Musketaquid Sportsmen's Club to implement a pond restoration plan, to include herbicide and algaecide treatment, hand and diver harvesting, and the installation of a deep water aeration system; an NOI for Concord Academy to renovate the existing science building and construct an addition, reconfigure and widen existing paved driveways, and install associated drainage and landscaping, and a Request for Determination of Applicability for Heywood Meadow to reconstruct the stone wall along Lexington Road, remove 180 feet of stone wall along Heywood Street, and construct stone steps into Heywood Meadow. Continued matters that will be heard include the NOI for 169 Commonwealth Avenue to demolish and reconstruct a single family house.



**Community Services**

**Aileen Buford, MSW: [abuford@concordma.gov](mailto:abuford@concordma.gov)**

**Upcoming Event:**

**Community Collaboration and Hoarding:  
A Path to Success**

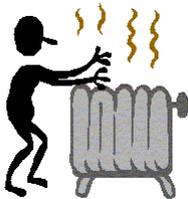
Sponsored by North Shore Elder Services of Danvers. On Friday, May 1 from 8:00am-12:00pm, this is open to the public and anyone interested. The Registration Fee is \$25—please note there is a \$3.95 fee for online registration. The session includes mandatory SW CEUs for those who require them. For more information, you may contact Marnie McDonald at 978.624.2207.



**Summer Camp Scholarship**

**Application Deadline is approaching.**

For more information contact Aileen Buford, MSW [abuford@concordma.gov](mailto:abuford@concordma.gov) or 978.318.3034.



Do you need assistance with paying your fuel bill from this past winter? It's not too late to apply for fuel assistance. Both SMOC and Good Neighbor Energy Fund programs are still open for new applicants.

Contact Community Services for more information and an application packet: [abuford@concordma.gov](mailto:abuford@concordma.gov) or you may call directly at 978.318.3034

**Council on Aging**

**Ginger Quarles, Director: [gquarles@concordma.gov](mailto:gquarles@concordma.gov)**

The COA will host an Emergency Preparedness Event on Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 10am – Noon. Representatives from the Fire Department, Police Department, Public Health and COA volunteer nurses and staff will be on hand to talk about and educate seniors on what you need to help insure your safety in the event of any emergency. The COA is pleased to offer an Opera Lecture Series this Spring beginning on April 24<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please consult the COA newsletter available online or call the office for more information. In collaboration with the Liberty Alzheimer's Partnership, the COA will offer a screening of the documentary "The Genius of Marion" on Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Harvey Wheeler Community Center. The event is free of charge and no sign-ups are necessary.

**Concord Free Public Library**

**Kerry Cronin, Director: [kcronin@concordma.gov](mailto:kcronin@concordma.gov)**

**National Library Week**

National Library Week will take place April 12 - 18 and this year's theme is Unlimited Possibilities @ Your Library. Please visit the Library's website [www.concordlibrary.org](http://www.concordlibrary.org) for information on upcoming events and programs.

**Gardening Lecture**

The Concord Seed Lending Library will host a talk entitled, Pest Management in Your Organic Garden with Francey Slater of Mill City Grows on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fowler Branch Library.

**Book Discussion with Professor Dennis Taylor**

On 4/14 beginning at 9:30 a.m. Professor Dennis Taylor, a local Hardy expert, will lead a discussion on Tess of the D'Urbervilles by Thomas Hardy. The discussion will take place in the Main Library's Trustees' Room. All are welcome to attend.

**Upcoming Technology Workshops:**

Drop-In Computer or Device Help on April 13, 2015 @ 10:30 a.m.  
Learn how to download library eBooks to your iPad on April 15, 2015 at 6 p.m.  
Learn about downloading library Magazines to your device on April 22, 2015 at 3 p.m.

**StoryWalk®**

All residents are invited to participate in a StoryWalk outside the Main Library on April 20, 2015. This year's StoryWalk will be on The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere in honor of Patriot's Day. Stop by with your children to read the story as you walk around the library grounds.

**Art Gallery Exhibit**

The current gallery art exhibit of oil paintings is by Barney Levitt and is titled "From My Perspective". This exhibit can be enjoyed until April 30, 2015.



**VETERAN'S SERVICES**

**Dick Krug, Veteran's Agent: [dkrug@concordma.gov](mailto:dkrug@concordma.gov)**

The VA office began preparations for the annual Patriots Day ceremony this week. Flags were placed on each veterans' grave in both the *Old Burying Ground* area as well as the area near the Town center. The office also helped resident veterans with transportation to the VA hospitals in Boston. Residents should note that the Bedford VA shuttle travels daily between the Bedford, Jamaica Plain, and Brockton, MA VA hospitals.

Later in the week, assistance was given to a senior veteran resident who was looking to enroll in the VA healthcare system, and some time was spent checking-in on a housebound senior veteran in need of services. The office received several phone calls for financial assistance for veterans who fall below the 200% poverty guide line. Additionally, the office was able to grant a request from a Concord family to receive a casket flag for their loved ones burial at Sleepy Hollow Cemetery.