



TOWN OF CONCORD

Town Manager's Report

June 16, 2015

WATER & SEWER DIVISION NOTICES

On Friday June 19th, CPW has scheduled water system improvements to be performed on Old Marlboro Road between Captain Miles Lane and Deacon Haynes Road. As traffic will be restricted to alternative lanes during this work (between 7:00 AM until completion of work - no later than 5:00 PM), commuters will be notified via News and Notice to seek alternative routes during this work.

Water service will be interrupted between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM to customers located on Captain Miles Lane. Customers who will be impacted by an interruption of service have been notified directly. Any inquiries or concerns should be forwarded to the Water Sewer Division directly at (978) 318-3250

In addition, please also be advised that there will be a scheduled interruption of water service to some residents in Deacon Haynes Road. The interruption is scheduled on Thursday, June 18th between 09:00am and 5:00pm. This interruption is required as part of the water main installation work in Deacon Haynes Road.

News & Notices

A PUBLIC FORUM ON THE IMPROVEMENTS TO RIDEOUT FIELD WILL BE HELD THIS THURSDAY, JUNE 18TH AT 6:00 pm AT THE HUNT GYMNASIUM ON STOW ROAD

MONUMENT STREET WILL BE PAVED STARTING WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17TH (rescheduled from Mon. June 15th due to rain)

SAVE THE DATE**

All citizens serving on Concord's Boards and Committees Are invited to attend an orientation and overview of Town Governance to be held on **Saturday, September 19th at the CCHS Learning Commons.** The program will begin promptly at 8:30 AM where a continental breakfast will be served.

CONCORD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The CCHS Student Study Day will be held at the Concord Free Public Library on Sunday, June 21st from 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. when the Main Library will be open exclusively for high school students preparing for final exams. The Friends of CFPL will provide refreshments and assist with staffing that day.

The annual summer reading program for children and teens begins on Monday, June 15, 2015 with the themes *Every Hero Has a Story* for children and *Unmask!* for teens. Registration is available either in person at either library location or via remote access www.concordlibrary.org Participants will be able to submit online book reviews to share with other readers and win fun prizes over the course of the summer. Due to the online component, readers who are traveling or on vacation will be able to participate too.

During the month of June CCHS photography teacher, Adam Gooder is exhibiting his "Visions of Light" photographs in the Main Library's art gallery.

The Concord Free Public Library's summer program card covering the months of July and August will be mailed to all Concord households on July 1st.



Perhaps there is a pot of gold in Concord Center just waiting to be found? Photo courtesy of Select Board Chair, Alice Kaufman, taken on June 9th.



PLANNING & LAND MANAGEMENT

Planning Division

Planning Board meeting of June 8th: At the Planning Board meeting Monday June 8th, the Board recommended that the Board of Appeals approve an application for Site Plan Approval and a Special Permit for relief from parking to allow a 567 s.f. addition to 101 Commonwealth Avenue. The Board also recommended that the Board of Appeals approve a Special Permit to allow the creation of two lots with reduced frontage, lot width and setbacks in order to preserve the historic house at 368-374 Sudbury Road.

Zoning Board of Appeals meeting of June 11th: The ZBA granted the Special Permit for 101 Commonwealth Avenue and 368-374 Sudbury Road.

Concord Housing Foundation (CHF): Town Planner Elizabeth Hughes and Housing Intern Patrick Burns attended the CHF meeting Wednesday June 10th. Patrick gave an overview of his preliminary research into techniques used by other communities to address ‘mansionization’. The Foundation members asked questions and provided feedback on other aspects of housing that they thought would be helpful for Patrick to research.

Bruce Freeman Rail Trail update: Director Marcia Rasmussen learned that a recommendation to delay Phase 2B of the Trail (the bridge between (2B) Acton (2A) and Concord (2C)) was presented to the Boston MPO on Thursday, June 11th; comments were sent to the MPO staff that were read into the record and a 30-day public comment period is now open. Finally, design consultant GPI will be sending the 75% design plans to the printer on Monday, June 15th and anticipates that the plans will be submitted to MassDOT either Tuesday or Wednesday. Also, Director Rasmussen was interviewed by Historical Commission member and CCTV member Electa Tritsch for a segment that will be included in a half-hour video of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail that she is producing.

Building Inspections Division

Mill Brook Tarry Conceptual Plan: Building Commissioner organized a meeting of DPLM staff with Jim White and a local architect regarding a proposal for a 9,500 s.f. market (similar in concept to Idlywilde Farm in Acton) at Millbrook Tarry. The proposed building would be located on Lowell Road directly in front of Rite Aid.

Natural Resources Division

White Pond – Select Board initiative: The Natural Resources Division is in the process of hiring two rangers for the summer to patrol Sachem’s Cove at White Pond and enforce the no public swimming vote of the Select Board. Additionally, staff installed temporary signs to alert people to the no public swimming restriction at White Pond and met with Sudbury Planning staff to discuss signage and trail use from Sudbury into the White Pond Reservation land.

Health Division

Routine Health Division Activities—Health Division staff provided the following services:

Septic system permitting: 2 septic system deep test holes witnessed; 3 septic permits issued; 8 septic field inspections; 2 Certificates of compliance issued. 2 Building Reviews and 3 Sewer Reviews completed. 16 consultations at counter with property owners, realtors, and contractors regarding location, size, and adequacy of soil absorption system; 1 well permit issued. 5 septic betterment loan inquiries.

Food service: Pre-operational and Final operational inspections at Saltbox Kitchen; 3 inspections at food service establishments undergoing a build out process for renovations. 2 temporary food and 1 caterer permits issued. 1 request to MDPH for technical guidance on wholesale food licensing.

Other: 3 swimming pool inspections; 3 recreational camp inspections. 2 nuisance complaints investigated. 2 follow-ups on potential rabies exposures.

Saltbox Kitchen at 84 Commonwealth Ave.: A Food Service Permit to Operate was issued on June 12th to Ben Elliott/ Saltbox Kitchen. For the next few weeks Saltbox will be conducting only catering operations from the kitchen while getting settled into the new space, with the expectation to open to the public sometime in early July.

Board of Health June 9th meeting: The BOH voted to grant a variance to Gaining Ground Farm to allow an irrigation well to be less than 20 ft. from the new barn foundation.

