

Town Manager's Report

Monday, April 28, 2014

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

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

FINANCE

The Finance Committee's report to the Annual Town Meeting has been mailed to every household and is available online at:

http://concordma.gov/pages/ConcordMA_BComm/2014%20FinCom%20Report.pdf.

A Joint Public Hearing on the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting will take place this evening (April 28) at 7 PM in the Hearing Room at the Town House. The Special Town Meeting is set for May 5 at 8 PM (within the Annual Town Meeting).

The Annual Town Meeting commences next Sunday, May 4 at 2 PM at the High School.

A reminder that the Town Manager's Proposed Budget for FY2015 (General Fund) and the Town Manager's Proposed Enterprise Budgets for FY2015 (Light, Water, Sewer, Solid Waste and Beede Swim & Fitness Center) are available for public review on the Town website, at: http://concordma.gov/pages/ConcordMA_Finance/budgetbooks.

Questions about the Town Manager's Proposed Budgets for FY2015 may be addressed to finance@concordma.gov.

Fourth Quarter Property Tax Payments Due: The deadline for timely payment of the 4th quarter property tax bill is **Thursday, May 1 by 4:30 PM** at the Town House. State law requires that payment must be in the Tax Collector's office (1st floor, Town House, 978-318-3050, collector@concordma.gov) by that time in order to avoid late penalties and interest charges.

Curbside Subscription Bills Due: Curbside subscription bills for the six-month cycle beginning May 1, 2014 are now due in the Collector's Office. In addition to subscribing to the program, it is necessary to either affix a six-month barrel sticker or single green tag (each week) to a barrel. Barrel stickers and green tags are available for purchase at the Town House and vendors throughout town. Please reference: http://concordma.gov/Pages/ConcordMA_Recycle/curbside for program details and vendor locations.

Visit http://concordma.gov/pages/ConcordMA_Collector/curbside for payment information.

Town Governance Study Committee Sets Public Meeting Dates: The Town Governance Study Committee, which began its work last May to review the Town Charter and other aspects of the town government, has scheduled two public hearings to share its draft findings and tentative recommendations and to receive further public input.

The meetings are set for:

Wednesday, May 14 at 7 PM at the Town House Hearing Room;
Tuesday, May 20 at 7 PM at the Harvey Wheeler Community Center.

The May 14 meeting will be broadcast live on CCTV. Those unable to attend the May 14 hearing in person are welcome to participate remotely by watching on CCTV and sending questions or comments via e-mail to tgsc@concordma.gov. As time allows, the e-mailed questions and comments will be read “on the air” at the meeting.

Background information for public review prior to the public meetings has been posted to the Study Committee’s website at:

http://www.concordma.gov/pages/ConcordMA_BComm/Town%20Governance%20Study%20Committee/TownGovStudyCommittee_index

FIRE

Unusual Emergency Responses: Wednesday April 16 Group 4 responded to a backhoe fire on Walden Street south of the landfill (photo below). The backhoe was well involved but quickly extinguished.



Wednesday April 23 Car 1 and Ladder 1 responded to a 2 alarm Building fire in the Town of Lexington. Friday April 25 CFD responded to assist a disabled boater on the Sudbury River who was caught up in the high wind condition after the motor became inoperative.

Personnel: Our newest Firefighter, Evan Foisy started work today (Monday) and will be in orientation for approximately 2 weeks.

POLICE

Operational Services: On Monday, April 21, Officer Dirienzo and Officer Moore responded to Emerson Hospital Emergency Department for a report of a patient causing a disturbance. Officers located the patient and assisted hospital staff with calming the patient down.

On Tuesday, April 22, Inspector Monahan and Officer Manchuso responded to a Bedford Street residence for a report of a past larceny. After speaking with the homeowner, officers learned that someone had stolen several pieces of silverware from the home. Officers also learned that there are tenants that live with the homeowner, both of whom have access to the house. After a brief investigation, officers were able to identify the party that stole the silverware and charges have been filed.

On Wednesday, April 23, Officer Landers conducted a motor vehicle stop on Lexington Road involving a follow up to a traffic complaint. Officer Landers identified the operator, who was the subject of the complaint, and confirmed that his license was revoked for being a habitual traffic offender. The operator was arrested and transported to the Station for processing.

On Wednesday, March 23, Officer Mearn and Officer Young responded to Emerson Hospital for a report of a subject refusing to enter the Hospital for treatment. Officers arrived and located the subject's parents whom stated that, in their opinion, their daughter needed assistance. After speaking with all parties, officers determined that the best course of action was to allow the daughter to make her own choice as she is an adult and was not a threat to herself or anyone else. Officers assisted her with making arrangements to get home.

Community Services: On Monday, April 21, the entire Department assisted with the annual Patriots Day Parade. Officers from Carlisle and the NEMLEC Motor unit also assisted with the closure of roads and the escort of the parade through the center of Town. The event took place without any issues.

Over the course of the weekend of April 25, officers assisted the Mass Bay Commuter Rail with the closure of the roads around the Baker Ave. crossing. This is the first part of upgrades and repairs to all the crossings in Town.

On Saturday April 26, officers assisted with the annual Earth Parade and Celebration. The event took place without any issues.