

Town Manager's Report

Tuesday, February 18, 2014

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: Friday morning at 3:13 am, CFD responded to a reported house fire at 35 Nancy Road. First arriving CFD companies found a fully involved single family home with a report of 2 occupants unaccounted for. Although an aggressive assessment was made by the first due firefighters, unfortunately fire conditions on arrival were not able to support life. The fire went to 3 alarms, and 2 bodies were located and removed from the building remains around noontime. The CFD extends its condolences to the family, friends and neighbors of the deceased.

PLANNING & LAND MANAGEMENT

Planning Division

Community Preservation Committee: On Monday the CPC approved the draft conditions for projects recommended for funding at the 2014 Annual Town Meeting. Letters with information on these conditions have been sent to all applicants for review before Town Meeting. The Committee also unanimously voted to continue its membership with the Community Preservation Coalition, reviewed and edited its presentation for the Finance Committee Public Hearings, and reviewed the handouts and financial information that will be available for that meeting.

Regional Housing Services Office Update: Town staff met with RHSO staff to discuss recent work, including: Contact with new owners of the Concord Mews to begin this year's monitoring efforts; the addition of the Granite Post Road unit to the Subsidized Housing Inventory (Concord now has 710 units on the list or 10.36%); working to finalize funding of \$110,000 from the WestMetro HOME Consortium to renovate 3 units owned by the Concord Housing Authority; and, the transfer of offices from Sudbury to Concord by July 1, 2014 for three years.

Natural Resources Division

Keuka Road ANRAD Appeal: The Natural Resources Commission is awaiting final decision from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) on the Appeal of the

Commission's denial of the wetland delineation on the land adjacent to the paper street portion of Keuka Road. Division of Natural Resources staff was called out to the site by residents and the Police Department when machinery arrived on site to perform additional investigations. Staff was not made aware of this additional work, and is in the process of following up with DEP regarding what actions the applicant was requested to perform.

Building Inspections Division

Concord Library: Marcia Rasmussen and John Minty met with a representative of the Concord Free Public Library and their architect to discuss the future use of the building at 151 Main Street. The discussion included potential library uses of this former residence, and the potential to connect the structure to the existing Main Library.

Concord Crossing: The Building Department was asked to respond to a fire sprinkler leak at the Concord Crossing Condominiums at 95 Conant Street. A sprinkler pipe in a third floor condominium appears to have frozen and then released water as it thawed. The water on the third floor proceeded down through the two floors below, causing damage to the units below. The sprinkler system was shut down temporarily until the sprinkler could be repaired. A service company was called and arrived quickly to begin the necessary cleanup work.

Health Division

Soil tests, 1888 Main St.: Assistant Health Director Stan Sosnicki performed soil tests for a septic system at a possible Planned Residential Development at 1888 Main St. 14 test holes were performed. No plans have been submitted to date for this development.

Beach Water Sampling Contracts: Administrative Assistant Karen Byrne has begun the process of renewing contracts with the three semi-public beaches for beach water sampling during summer 2014.