



TOWN OF CONCORD

Town Manager's Report

Week of: July 30th, 2018

Green Communities Grant

The Town was recently awarded \$116,557 in Green Communities grant funding to implement projects that reduce municipal energy consumption. Green Communities is a program facilitated by the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources and was created to provide grants, technical assistance, and local support to help municipalities reduce energy use and costs by implementing clean energy projects in municipal buildings, facilities, and schools.

Concord became a designated Green Community in 2013 and, including this latest grant, has received over \$686,000 in total Green Communities grant funds for municipal energy efficiency projects. The funds from this grant will go toward a number of energy improvements including upgrading lighting to LED bulbs and piloting energy management technology to more efficiently manage energy use. The funding will also be used to advance green transportation in town including integrating a new electric vehicle into the town fleet, converting an existing vehicle into a hybrid, and installing additional public electric vehicle charging stations.



Conservation Land Use Survey

With new leash regulations in place on a few Town conservation lands, the Natural Resources Commission is seeking feedback from the public on their use and experiences of these lands. The brief survey can be accessed at the following link: www.concordma.gov/conslandsurvey.

Fire Department

Three houses have been donated to the Fire Department for training before demolition. This process provides valuable training for firefighters and is an opportunity to reuse the current structure before it is taken down.

No real fire is used during these exercises however, a theatrical smoke machine will be used.



Comprehensive Long Range Plan

Following a presentation by the Comprehensive Long Range Plan Committee Co-Chair Elise Woodward, the Planning Board unanimously voted to adopt the new Envision Concord – Bridge to 2030 Comprehensive Plan (with anticipated corrections to open space information). The Plan will be presented to the Select Board for acceptance at the July 30th meeting. The Planning Board voted to recommend to the Select Board adoption of the Draft June 2018 Complete Streets Policy prepared by the Public Works Commission.



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Do you ever find yourself wondering “How am I supposed to find out about Town and community events?” Do your friends ever ask you how you found out about an event that they haven’t heard of?
Help us figure out how to help!

Take this short 1 question survey and help us get the information you care about to YOU!

concordma.gov/comsurvey