



# TOWN OF CONCORD

## Town Manager's Report

Week of: March 25th, 2019

### **Town Meeting Affordable Housing Funding Articles Prescheduled for Tuesday, April 9.**

Concord Town Moderator Carmin Reiss has announced that four high interest articles on affordable housing funding will be pre-scheduled to be the first business taken up at Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday, April 9th. Pre-scheduling ensures that the four articles, which are a package of recommendations made to the Select Board by its Affordable Housing Funding Committee, will be considered together in the same Meeting session. The four articles include:

- ARTICLE 23. APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT
- ARTICLE 24. AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT M.G.L. c.44 55C — MUNICIPAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND
- ARTICLE 25. AUTHORIZE SPECIAL LEGISLATION — REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING
- ARTICLE 26. AUTHORIZE SPECIAL LEGISLATION — BUILDING PERMIT FEE SURCHARGE FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Voters may learn more about these articles in the Public Hearing materials posted under each article under the Town Meeting tab on the Town's website ([www.concordma.gov](http://www.concordma.gov)), and in the Affordable Housing Funding Committee's Preliminary Report of October 29, 2018, which also may be found on the Town's website.

### **March 26th Town Election**

Please view the unofficial election results from the Town Election on Tuesday, March 26th, 2019 by visiting the following link or going to [concordma.gov/townclerk](http://concordma.gov/townclerk).

<https://concordma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/18909/2019-03-26-Town-Election-Unofficial-Tally>

### **Nagog Pond Water Rights Litigation Update**

On November 8, 2018 the Town of Concord filed a complaint in Land Court against the Town of Littleton to defend Concord's water rights as they relate to Nagog Pond. Nagog Pond has been a critical water supply for Concord for more than a century. Concord's action in the Land Court was in response to a series of letters and demands from the Town of Littleton Water Commissioners which purported to provide notice to Concord that Littleton "intends to exercise the full extent of the rights conferred [by Chapter 201 of the Acts of 1884] to withdraw water from Nagog Pond" despite Concord's Registration. On March 19, 2019, Judge Jennifer S.D. Roberts issued two decisions in the Nagog Pond litigation in the Land Court favorable to Concord. The Land Court denied Littleton's Motion to Dismiss and the Acton Water District's Motion to Intervene. These decisions follow a favorable ruling in the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) in which Justice Budd granted the Town of Concord's Motion to Dismiss a Complaint filed by the Town of Littleton.

To read the complete update, please [click here](#) or view "Town-Wide Press Releases" under "Government" > "Communications"

## Annual Town Meeting

The 2019 Annual Town Meeting begins on Monday April 8th at 7pm at the Concord Carlisle High School gym. The warrant can be viewed online as well as all available materials.

Tuesday night will feature a pilot test and demo of electronic voting from Turning Technologies. The demonstration will be free of charge to the Town, courtesy of Turning Technologies. Eleven towns in Massachusetts use Turning Technologies clickers and electronic polling software, eight of which hold open town meetings, and all of which give positive reviews. General information about the clickers that Concord will test may be found on the Turning Technologies' website: [turningtechnologies.com/lcd/](http://turningtechnologies.com/lcd/). The clickers will operate on a local secure radio frequency network for vote transmission and collection.

After brief instruction and two test votes, Town Meeting will vote on use of the clickers to vote on Tuesday evening's articles.

To learn more about Town Meeting and find background information on the articles, please visit [concordma.gov/tm2019](http://concordma.gov/tm2019)

# CONCORD CLEANUP

**Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**

The annual cleanup of our community from roadside litter and trash on public lands begins on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> and continues through Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, with the major emphasis on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.

The Division of Natural Resources will supply yellow bags for miscellaneous litter and clear bags for recyclables (bottles and cans only – no paper), and CPW crews will pick up the bags along the roadside and at intersections beginning Monday, April 8th.

Individuals, families, neighborhood groups, clubs, & organizations should contact the Division of Natural Resources for route assignments and bags.

Please feel free to drop by the office at 141 Keyes Road between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., or call 978-318-3285.

**Your participation is welcomed and appreciated!!**