

CONCORD PUBLIC WORKS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

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The Public Works Commission acts as the Town's Road, Water and Sewer Commissioners, and advises the Public Works Director in the Department's efforts to maintain and protect the Town's public works, utility and solid waste/recycling services. The Commission also advises Town Meeting, the Town Manager, Planning Board and other Town officials and boards on matters that concern Town water and sewer service, drainage and roads. The Commission is also responsible for setting policy and rate schedules for water, sewer and solid waste services; for acting as an appeals board for right of way permits and water and sewer bills; and for approving minimum standards for the final layout of Town roads.

The Commission provides a forum for review of water, sewer and solid waste rates, the annual roads and sidewalk program, public street layout, and water and sewer extensions. Highlights of 2014 included:

- Conducted a public hearing and voted for the Street Acceptance of Finigan Way.
- Conducted a public meeting to discuss the water main and roadway improvement plans for the Southfield/Riverdale neighborhood.
- Reviewed and conducted numerous discussions regarding NPDES Wastewater Permit status, including two Executive Sessions.
- Conducted a public hearing and approved revised curbside collection and disposal rates.
- Conducted a Roads Program briefing, followed by a formal public hearing discussing the 2014/2015 Roads Program.
- Conducted a meeting where conditions of work within the Groundwater Conservancy District by CCatPlay for athletic facilities at the CCRHS were established and provided by letter to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

- Discussed Town Meeting preparations for items on the Consent Calendar including the Roads Program, Finigan Way Acceptance, Enterprise and Solid Waste Funds and the Road Revolving Fund. The Commission also discussed and voted in support of the following: West Concord Infrastructure Improvements, Feasibility Study at 133, 135 and 141 Keyes Road Campus and the Land Acquisition at 37 Knox Trail in Acton.
- Conducted the Water and Sewer Rate public hearing and approved the 2014 rate schedule.
- Conducted a review and granted an appeal for the abandonment of a drainage easement at 50 Beharrell Street.
- Approved a requested modification to sewer covenant at 1489 and 1491 Main Street.
- Discussed Nagog Pond Filtration Project.
- Discussed Water Management Act Regulations.
- Reviewed and approved appeal of Normandy Real Estate Partners, property owner of 300 Baker Avenue – Parcel 3794-1-2 of Water/Sewer Division denial for increase in Title 5 flow with specific provisions.
- Conducted a public meeting to discuss Town wide Sign Modifications.
- Reviewed ADA Policy update.
- Reviewed the Water Impact Assessment.

The Commission and Concord Public Works continue to focus on their joint goal of promoting greater community involvement in Concord Public Works projects and programs. This deliberate strategy has resulted in greater responsiveness to all stakeholders and positive project outcomes. Examples of these efforts include neighborhood on-site meetings for large infrastructure improvement projects, and outreach meetings for the Roads Program and Sign Modifications. The Director continues to review the activities of Concord Public Works through the monthly Director's report and the Commission sets aside time for public comment during each meeting.