

(Some of these applications included multiple activities; therefore, the activity totals below may exceed the number of applications.)

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
2012 APPLICATION ACTIVITIES

Additional dwelling unit in a single-family dwelling	3
Alter and use a building that predates zoning as an additional dwelling	2
Change or extend a nonconforming use	15
Combined industrial/business/residence use	1
Hammerhead lot – new	1
Hammerhead lot – amendment	2
Planned Residential Development – amendment	1
Private recreation use	1
Reconstruct, extend, alter or change a non-conforming structure	14
Increase gross floor area by more than 50% of existing	5
Relief from design requirements	4
Relief from parking requirements	9
Site plan approval (associated with a special permit) includes 1 renewal	10
Site plan approval for educational use (associated with a special permit)	1
Work in the 100-Year Floodplain	4
Work in the Groundwater Conservancy District	4
Wireless communications facility	1
Accessory Uses	
Caretaker’s apartment – renewal	1
Mobile medical trailer (temporary) - new	1
Outdoor seating – amendment	2
Special home occupation - new	2
Special home occupation - renewal	2

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

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The Board of Health is responsible for the overall stewardship of the public health of Concord. It promotes, enacts, and enforces health rules and regulations in accordance with local bylaws and State law. There are five members of the Board, appointed for three-year terms by the Town Manager.

The Board of Health granted 3 variances to State and local wastewater system regulations, and held several hearings relating to enforcement of the Housing Code. The Board received its first application for licensure of a Body Art establishment, which it approved, and licensed two body art practitioners who perform tattooing at the new body art establishment.

*Regulations*

As the public health regulatory entity for the Town, the Board continues to endorse measures that can positively impact the public by promoting health and wellness. The Town of Concord and its Board of Health have always been in the forefront in pursuing efforts to curb youth access to tobacco products, and was one of the first towns/boards to adopt a bylaw prohibiting the sale of tobacco to minors. The Board of Health remains committed to this issue as well as eliminating youth access to (non-tobacco) nicotine delivery products such as e-cigarettes, flavored mints, lozenges and other items containing nicotine marketed to youth, that have as much potential to cause addiction as tobacco. The Board of Health adopted 2 regulations addressing these issues: “The Sale of Tobacco Products in Health Care Institutions” (which by definition now includes pharmacies) and “The Sale of Tobacco Products and Nicotine Delivery Products” regulation which bans the sale of nicotine delivery products to minors, prohibits their sale in health care institutions (pharmacies) and the use of self-serve displays.

The Board updated its regulation Minimum Standards for Keeping of Animals to make the licensure requirements more easily understood. After notification to all holders of permits for Keeping of Animals, the Board held a public hearing on March 20, and adopted revisions to the regulation, which became effective immediately.

The Board also amended its Body Art Regulation to include a section with defined training requirements for an apprenticeship program for Body Art Technicians. At a public hearing in December, the Board adopted the revised regulation, to become effective January 1, 2013.

*Mosquito Control*

The Town of Concord continues to contract with the East Middlesex Mosquito Control Project (EMMCP) through the Board of Health to conduct programs in Concord. Although the Town does not utilize spraying as a means to control mosquitoes, EMMCP provides an integrated mosquito management program including a catch basin larval control program (2,400 catch basins were treated), surveillance and trapping, wetland inspections to monitor larval populations and identify obstructions in drainage systems. This year was

extremely active in our area for two mosquito-borne diseases, Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and West Nile Virus (WNV). Although none of the mosquito pools in Concord tested positive for WNV or EEE, EEE was found in mosquitos in two towns surrounding Concord, and a number of human cases of WNV were found in several towns near Concord. The numbers of WNV and EEE positive mosquitoes and human WNV cases increased weekly throughout July and August, and necessitated close communication with EMMCP and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health until the risk of mosquito-borne disease abated in October. The Board of Health provided numerous notifications urging Town residents to take precautions to avoid mosquito bites during this period.

## HEALTH DIVISION

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The Health Division enforces State statutes and regulations relative to the protection of public health, the control of disease, the promotion of sanitary living conditions, and the protection of the environment from damage and pollution. Environmental and sanitary codes enforced by the Health Division include: onsite wastewater (septic) systems, food establishments, swimming pools, bathing beaches, summer camps, indoor ice skating rinks, housing, and lead paint. Administrative staff is responsible for assisting with annual flu clinics, the rabies control program, administration of the Septic Betterment Loan Program, and the issuance of approximately 500 annual licenses/permits.

### *Regional Public Health Services*

The Concord Health Division has provided inspectional services to the Town of Lincoln under a regional contract since 1996. Over the past several years, the program has evolved from providing limited inspectional services to the administration of public health programs within the Town of Lincoln. The Assistant Public Health Director and Administrative Assistant are the primary contacts for providing services in Lincoln. In 2012, this program generated nearly \$28,000 in additional revenue for Concord (over 400 hours of public health and inspectional/administrative staff support).

Projects included working closely with the Lincoln Water Department to promulgate Floor Drain Regulations to comply with Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Groundwater Protection requirements and developing a more comprehensive approach to managing public health programs.

The Health Division joined Public Health Initiatives Together, a cooperative effort between the towns of Concord, Acton, Stow, Carlisle, Maynard, Bedford, and Lincoln to examine regional public health needs, discuss how these needs might best be met by working on a regional level, and to seek grant funding to enhance public health services. The group received a Community Transformation Grant from the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission (MAPC) to fund a project which reviewed each town's plans and regulations that affect the built environment for inclusion of elements that would improve public health and to explore a regional plan for making trails more accessible, especially to those with physical mobility restrictions.

Working in conjunction with the Acton Health Department, the Public Health Inspector expanded the Health Division's existing educational program on prevention of tick-borne illnesses. Grant funding provided by Acton was used to create informational brochures and boxes for the brochures which were located on walking trails throughout Concord and Acton. Several tick-borne illnesses, including Lyme disease, Babesiosis, and Human Granulocytic Anaplasmosis (previously called Erlichiosis) are prevalent in our area, and awareness of how to prevent tick bites is critical to preventing these illnesses.

### *Healthy Community Planning Project*

In April, the Health Division received \$15,000 in grant funding from Massachusetts Department of Public Health Community Health Network Area (CHNA) 15 to undertake a Healthy Community planning project. The 18-month project is working to assess the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health and overall well-being of our community by working to identify Concord's existing assets and resources, define our residents' needs, and determine opportunities for improvement. The project defines health in broad terms, as a measure of overall well-being and as a by-product of a wide array of lifestyle and behavior-related choices and factors. Healthy communities continuously create and