



TOWN OF CONCORD

Office of the Town Manager

Operational Status Reports & Departmental Updates

For the Week Ending March 31, 2023

General Administration

On March 29, 2023, Governor Healey signed into law a supplemental budget bill which, among other things, extends the temporary provisions pertaining to the Open Meeting Law to March 31, 2025. Specifically, this further extension allows public bodies to continue holding meetings remotely without a quorum of the public body physically present at a meeting location, and to provide "adequate, alternative" access to remote meetings. The language does not make any substantive changes to the Open Meeting Law other than extending the expiration date of the temporary provisions regarding remote meetings from March 31, 2023 to March 31, 2025.

2229 Main Street

A small group of Town staff and Concord residents attended a meeting hosted by the EPA on the progress made at the 2229 Main Street Superfund site. The EPA reviewed the site history, the 2015 Record of Decision which governs the site treatment plan, and the current status of the site. The EPA's site clean-up contractor reported out on the substantial progress made over the last 18 months. The EPA appreciated learning about the creation of a new Task Force which will make recommendations to the Select Board on site acquisition.

Election Results:

TOWN OF CONCORD						
Annual Town Election						
March 28, 2023						
OFFICIAL RESULTS						
MODERATOR (Vote for One)						
	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Precinct 4	Precinct 5	TOTAL
Blanks	49	45	42	39	46	221
Carmin C. Reiss, 52 Devens Street	270	376	365	323	357	1691
Write-Ins	1	0	1	4	0	6
TOTALS	320	421	408	366	403	1918
SELECT BOARD (Vote for One)						
	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Precinct 4	Precinct 5	TOTAL
Blanks	3	0	4	4	4	15
Mark L. Howell, 668 Annurac Hill Road	202	243	253	237	293	1230
Karlen J. Reed, 83 Whats End Road	114	175	150	125	106	670
Write-Ins	1	1	1	0	0	3
TOTALS	320	421	408	366	403	1918
SCHOOL COMMITTEE (Vote for One)						
	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Precinct 4	Precinct 5	TOTAL
Blanks	50	49	61	41	58	259
Carrie James Rankin, 95 Upland Road	268	370	344	316	341	1639
Write-Ins	2	2	3	9	4	20
TOTALS	320	421	408	366	403	1918
Total Registered Voters	2316	2804	2788	3050	2649	13617
Precinct Totals	320	421	408	366	403	1918
Total Voter Turnout	14%	15%	15%	12%	15%	14%

Police Department

Activity Log March 27, 2023 – March 31, 2023

Log items: 811

Traffic Enforcement: 76

Motor Vehicle Stops: 112

MV Crashes and/or Paper Exchange 3

Arrests: 0

Public Safety Response: Sergeant Connell and Officer Fitzgerald assisted with pedestrian safety for the Rally for Ukraine which was held in Monument Square.

Community: – Lieutenant Goldman attended a meeting with Fire Chief Judge in Lexington to discuss the planning of 250th Celebration of the Town. In attendance were several other communities as well as local and state representatives to discuss the events and needs surrounding the anniversary.

Chief Mulcahy and Assistant Fire Chief Latta attended the 105th birthday party for a resident of Care One and presented her a gift on behalf of Town Manager Kerry Lafleur.

Sergeant Bordenca, Officer Lordan and Officer Sellards attended a police event in Weymouth sponsored by the Massachusetts Police Jiu Jitsu organization. The event

gave the officers the opportunity to learn new skills in a structured environment, working with one another on defensive tactics skills.

School Resource Officers Paladino and Rodriguez met with the Middlesex School administration for a safety talk/campus preparedness after the swatting incident.

Concord Free Public Library



New StoryWalk for April

To celebrate National Poetry Month, the Concord Free Public Library has selected *A Stick is an Excellent Thing* by Marilyn Singer for our April StoryWalk at the Main Library. The trappings of childhood change from generation to generation, but there are some timeless activities that every kid loves. Award-winning poet Marilyn Singer and New York Times best-selling illustrator LeUyen Pham celebrate these universal types of play, from organized games such as hide-and-seek and hopscotch to imaginative play such as making mud soup or turning a stick into a magic wand. Lyrical poems and bold illustrations capture the energy of a group of children in one neighborhood as they amuse themselves over the course of a day. Learn how to join in the fun of active play outdoors with games that cost nothing!

The Main Library's New Youth Services Program Schedule

Add some fun to your morning with programs for little ones every weekday! This new schedule starts April 10th at the Main Library.

Mondays - Musical Mondays @ 10:30

Tuesdays - Crafty Tuesdays @ 10:30

Wednesdays - Toddler Time @ 10:30; Baby Storytime (for pre-walking babies) @ 11:30

Thursdays - Storytime at Main @ 10:30

Fridays - Alphabet Storytime @ 10:30; Concord Puppet Theatre @ 10:30 (on the third Friday of every month)

Planning & Land Management

- **Minuteman Bike Share:** The bike share will be returning for 2023 this April but with a special twist, Concord has teamed up with Acton to have a regional bike share, the Minuteman Bike Share! Bikes from any station between the two towns will be able to be picked up and dropped off at any of the other locations. With the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail bridge over Rt. 2 set to officially open this summer, we are thrilled to be able to offer bike share locations along the Bruce Freeman for transportation, recreational rides, errands, and enjoyment of this great regional amenity.
- **ATM Planning Board Public Hearing:** At the March 29th public hearing, the Planning Board received a number of great questions and comments regarding Article 33, 34, and 35. The Board will have further discussions on April 11th and 25th to determine how best to address the issues and concerns raised, what additional information or clarification may be needed in the presentation or the FAQ sheet and/or whether any additional revisions to the Articles are needed for Town Meeting.



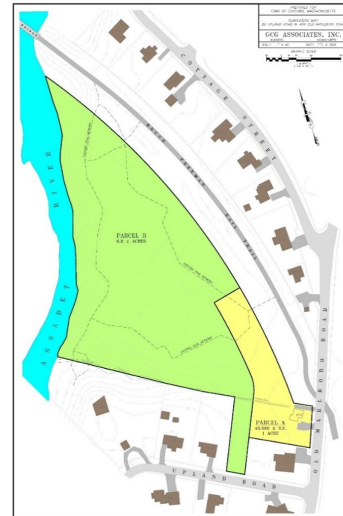
Economic Vitality & Tourism

- The Visitor Center (VC) resumes 7-days each week operations on Saturday, April 1. This week VC Tour Guides are hosting 73 Irish students, the Concord Academy black students' reunion, and three US-based educational bus tours.
- Tourism Manager Beth Williams is attending the Discover New England annual summit and international marketplace in Boston this Thursday and Friday (see photo of the setup highlighting Visit Concord and the Concord

Museum). Anticipated attendance of over 100 domestic and international tour operators booking for 2024 and beyond.

Natural Resources

- **Assabet River Bluffs:** Natural Resources Director Delia Kaye joined CLCT Chair Polly Reeve, former SVT Director of Land Protection Christa Collins, and Rich Feeley, President of the Concord Housing Foundation to present the Assabet River Bluff acquisition project to the Massachusetts Land Conservation Conference. The session, titled *A Win-Win at the Assabet River Bluff: Land Conservation and Affordable Housing Working Together*, was intended to demonstrate the possibilities for successful collaboration between housing and conservation interests to achieve two vital town goals, and was well-received by attendees. A field trip hosted by Concord and Lincoln will be held on April 28, and the workshop is currently oversubscribed with 22 people on the waiting list.
- **Conservation Land Stewardship:** Trails Committee Chair Bob White has led various efforts in March in collaboration with Division staff to clean up and revitalize the historical early 1900s rifle range targets and surrounding areas at the Old Rifle Range. As part of this effort, each berm platform has been scraped and made visible again, debris has been cleaned off berms and targets, and trail improvements have been made next to target 3, including a retaining wall constructed by Bob and trail stewards Bouke Noordij and Gene Delsener. Division staff have installed seasonal dog leashing signage at Mattison Field in preparation for the bobolink nesting season which takes place in spring and summer. Bobolink are ground nesting birds on large fields and dogs off leash have the potential of trampling eggs and nestlings, as well as flushing bobolink from their nests, leaving young unprotected from the elements and more vulnerable to predators. **Leashing at all times** at Mattison Field is required from April 1st through July 29th



Facilities

- Set-up and broke down polling locations for Tuesday's Town election.
- Worked on the 2nd floor Town House renovation is ongoing.
- Worked on the 37 Knox Trail HVAC is ongoing.
- Repaired Emerson playground flagpole light.
- Repaired toilets and shut-off at Station 2.

Information and Technology Office

GIS

- The GIS Division would like to welcome our newest GIS Analyst, Heather Bhowmick. Heather has previously worked as a GIS Analyst at the Cape Cod Commission, a GIS Developer at MassDOT, and most recently, as a GIS Consultant at CDM Smith. Heather has a master's degree in GIS for Environment and Development from Clark University, as well as a bachelor's degree in economics-Finance from Bentley University. Welcome, Heather!

Broadband

- Concord Broadband has been approved to participate in the Affordable Connectivity Program, which reduces the monthly cost for qualifying customers by \$30 per month. Visit <https://www.affordableconnectivity.gov/> for specifics and to apply. We will be rolling out notifications and marketing about this in coming weeks.