



TOWN OF CONCORD

Office of the Town Manager

Operational Status Reports and Departmental Updates

For the week ending September 15, 2023

Police Department

Activity Log:

- Log items: 660
- Traffic enforcements: 48
- Motor vehicle stops: 37
- Motor vehicle crashes and/or paper exchanges: 10
- Arrests: 1

Community

- Department members worked with several departments including CFD, CMLP and the DPW assisting with storm related calls for service throughout town.
- Officers assisted with the Town Agriculture Day.
- Sergeant Mancuso was presented with the Al Filipov Award from the Concord Rotary Club which honors first responders who “sacrifice each day for the protection and safety of our community”.
- Detective Rodriguez conducted an ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) presentation for faculty and students at The Middlesex School.

Fire Department:

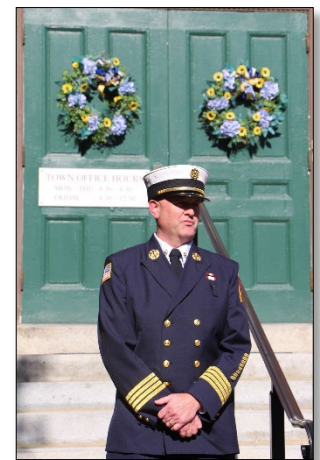
Calls for Service: There were 153 calls for service over the last week. Forty-one calls occurred on Friday 9/8/23, many related to the high winds during the afternoon thunderstorm. FF Harries responded to a dive team activation in the City of Framingham, and Lieutenant Nelson responded to a technical-rescue team activation in the Town of Hopkinton

Personnel: Assistant Fire Chief Brian Whitney was sworn in on Wednesday September 14, 2023 by Town Clerk Kaari Tari at the Town House.

Fire Prevention: Assistant Chief Latta and Lieutenant Nichols attended a class on electrical storage systems (ESS). The increasingly popular energy storage is presenting hazards to the fire service and our fire prevention staff are working to stay current and be involved in the advocacy of necessary codes

Emergency Management: Town departments met on Thursday 9/14 to discuss preparations for Hurricane Lee. Staffing for the storm, areas of concern and logistical needs were identified. The link below is a great source of information for hurricane preparedness.

<https://www.noaa.gov/hurricane-prep>



Department of Public Works

Water & Sewer:

On September 15th, long time Operations Team Member, Crew Leader Peter Hardy will retire from his service with the Water & Sewer Division. Peter began his career in Concord back in 1984 when he was hired as an equipment operator, working within the Highway & Grounds Division. In 1987, he took a temporarily leave of absence to hone his operator skills in the private sector, before returning to his home in public works in 1996, taking up court within the Water/Sewer Division. In recent years, Peter's natural abilities in "coaching" and "mentoring" and his ever reliable "quick wit" has been invaluable in helping our entire operations group develop and grow.



Highway & Grounds:

Caterpillar 930M loader - Concord Public Works took receipt of a new Caterpillar 930M loader. This vehicle will be used to support operations and maintenance within public works. This was approved for purchase at the May 2022 town meeting.



Engineering:

Commonwealth Ave Improvements – The Town's contractor (Newport) has started on the curbing and sidewalks. The plan is to work on the south side of the street beginning at the Kenny Dunn Square and working toward the train tracks. They will be working in smaller sections of about 250 feet resetting the curbing and pouring new concrete sidewalk. The sidewalk area in front of the 13B property will be paved because the anticipated 13B private development project will impact the sidewalks which will then be replaced under that project. The sidewalk reconstruction phase is expected to go through the end of October and the contractor has committed to cleaning up the work zone and making it safe for Discover West Concord Day.

Planning and Land Management.

MBTA Communities Multi-Family Zoning:

A fourth MBTA Communities forum on the development of multi-family zoning that meets the State Law will be held on Wednesday, September 20th at 6:30 p.m. in the Town House Hearing Room. This will be a hybrid meeting so participants can join via Zoom. The link can be found on the Town's MBTA Communities webpage:

<https://concordma.gov/3292/MBTA-Communities> At this forum, the Town's consultant will go over the results from the online survey and mapping exercise and provide three alternative scenarios for potential zoning and overlay district that is in compliance with the State Law and Guidelines.

Community Preservation Committee:

The CPC received 19 applications totaling \$2,545,500 for consideration for FY25 CPA funding and the 2024 Annual Town Meeting. All the applications can be viewed online at:

<https://www.concordma.gov/1587/CPA-Funding-Applications-Past-Present>

Planning Board:

At the September 12th meeting, the Board heard a presentation from the Applicant for the Definitive Subdivision Plan at 80X & 1053 Main Street. The Applicant is continuing to address issues and concerns raised by the Board and Town Staff. The public hearing was continued to October 10th at 7:05 pm. The Board also heard a presentation from the Applicant for the redevelopment of 768 Elm Street, which proposes to demolish the Pappa Razzi restaurant and construct a new commercial building. The Board continued the public hearing to October 10th so that the traffic impact analysis and site plan can be reviewed by an outside consultant. The Sustainability Director Eric Simms came before the Board to discuss the Climate Action Committee's proposal to conduct a Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment. The Board was in full support of this action and expressed interest in supporting and participating in this effort.

Transportation Advisory Committee:

At the September 12th meeting, the TAC continued to discuss public transportation options, looking at the neighboring towns of Bedford and Lexington for their experience and the costs of running such services. The TAC will continue to investigate what options may be available including where there may be need and the density to support public transportation and what the cost of services would be. Senior Planner Erin Stevens continues to provide support on the launch of a Town-wide Comprehensive Transportation Study, the MBTA Communities draft zoning scenarios to prepare for September 20th's event and the Bike Share and the final work on the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail. Erin is finalizing a grant application for the Reconnecting Communities Federal grant for the Assabet River Bridge and Trail, as well as a Safe Routes to School grants. In addition, Erin worked on gathering quotes and continuing the work being done for the Concord Prison Cemetery project.