



TOWN OF CONCORD

Office of the Town Manager

Operational Status Reports and Departmental Updates For the week ending October 20, 2023

General Administration

Anthony M. Ansaldi, Jr. was appointed by the Town Manager and confirmed by the Select Board to the position of Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer Collector. The posting was met with a strong response and a terrific field of candidates. Anthony stood out for his breadth of experience and versatility which touches on all aspects of the CFO position and will be an asset to the finance team and the Concord community. Anthony brings to the position over two decades of experience in local government, finance, and operations management. His professional experience includes overseeing municipal budgets, capital projects, collective bargaining agreements, significant grant funding, and auditing. In his most recent role as the Town Administrator for the Town of Littleton, he revamped the town's \$64 million operating and capital budget process.



Anthony holds a Master of Public Administration (MPA) and a Graduate Certificate in Local Government and Leadership and Management from Suffolk University's Sawyer Business School. He is a Massachusetts Certified Public Purchasing Official (MCPPO) and a member of the MMA (Massachusetts Municipal Association) and the ICMA (International City Managers Association). He is also a Governor Appointee to the Joint Labor-Management Committee.

Anthony started on Monday, Oct. 16, 2023. When you have a moment, please stop by the Town House and say hello.

Naloxone Administration Training



The Concord Public Health Division and Concord Fire Department is co-sponsoring a naloxone administration training for employees on **November 7, 2023 at 1 PM** at the **Concord Free Public Library**. This is the first of a three-part series of emergency response training which will also include a Stop the Bleed training and AED/CPR training. More details to follow on the next two sessions.

Cell Tower Listening Session

Jason Bulger, Chief Technology Officer, presented an overview of cell coverage in the Town of Concord

and the effort to expand coverage for the downtown and high school at a well-attended listening session on Oct. 19. He was joined by Lt. Brian Goldman and Chief Tom Judge who provided testimony on the impact of the lack of coverage on public safety and emergency response. Members of the chamber and business community expressed concern for the impact of the lack of coverage on their ability to conduct business. Megan Zammuto, Deputy Town Manager facilitated a dialog between the members of the community in attendance and on Zoom. There was a consensus that expanding coverage was a priority but differences in opinion on where a tower should be located and whether there were other options for the high school.



NMI/Starmet

The EPA is hosting an information session on **Wednesday, Oct. 25 at 6:30 PM** at the Town House or on Zoom. The program will cover the site history, EPA's cleanup plan and provide an update on cleanup activities currently underway. This meeting will cover topics for community members with little to no knowledge of the Site and/or the Superfund process so whether you are a newcomer or very familiar, we look forward to your participation! For details on how to join this meeting and to see future updates, please visit: www.epa.gov/superfund/nmi

Police Department

Activity Log:

- Log items: 704
- Traffic enforcements: 50
- Motor vehicle stops: 55
- Motor vehicle crashes and/or paper exchanges: 12
- Arrests: 3

Community:

- Lieutenant Landers, Sergeant Bordenca, Sergeant Manchuso, Detective Paladino, Officer LaCure, and Officer Olansky read to children during story time at the Concord Free Public Library this week.
- The Department has begun scheduling officers for their annual in-service training week. All officers will be scheduled to keep their training current and maintain their State Certification.
- Inspector Holsinger, along with officers from the dayshift, assisted with school bus evacuation drills at the Concord Public Schools.

Fire

Calls for Service:

There were 100 calls for service over the last week.

Personnel:

Congratulations to Lieutenant Brad Ferrie who was promoted to Captain and Firefighter James Foley promoted to Lieutenant, both effective on October 16, 2023

Training



Over the last week all four groups trained with a Trooper from the Mass. State Police mounted unit. The topic of the training was handling horses in an emergency, and how to get a horse out of a barn in the event of a fire. Many thanks to MSP Trooper Sonia for providing this training!

This week Concord hosted a Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) course on incident command. This three-day course was attended by members of the Concord Fire Department along with emergency personnel from other departments in the area.

Planning

- **Planning Division** – Senior Planner Ann Clifford is working with the Finance Department and the Massachusetts Historical Commission to finalizing the contract with Heritage Strategies, LLC, of Pennsylvania to develop a community-wide Historic Preservation Plan for Concord. The plan will support the integrated, cross-disciplinary approach of *Envision Concord: Bridge to 2030* (2018) and reflect state and national preservation priorities as we approach the 250th anniversary of the Battle of Lexington and Concord in 2025 and the founding of the United States in 2026. This timing presents the citizens of Concord with an opportunity to engage an international audience, share a more inclusive national story and celebrate the field of historic preservation in the 21st century as it intersects with heritage tourism, education, architecture, urban planning, archaeology, conservation, and sustainability. Heritage Strategies has worked with World Heritage Sites and National Heritage Areas across the country, including our own Freedom's Way National Heritage Area.
- **Transportation Advisory Committee** - The first public workshop for the Comprehensive Transportation and Mobility Study took place on Tuesday October 17th at the Harvey Wheeler Community Center. The turnout was estimated to be well over 100 community members, who said that it exceeded their expectations, and that they enjoyed the open house style of the public workshop. Many members of the public took time to not only share their thoughts, ideas, and opinions on the provided sticky notes and posterboards but to also share them with members of Town Staff, the Transportation Advisory Committee, and members of the Stantec team. Thank you to everyone who attended and made the event such a success and we look forward to continuing this community process. We encourage everyone, including people who work in Concord or are visitors, to take the survey and help us identify what is important to YOU when thinking of transportation.
- **Historical Commission** – At the October 12th meeting, the Commission and Senior Planner Ann Clifford discussed problematic roadside markers in downtown Concord that present a flawed and outdated interpretation of American history and are antithetical to the inclusive goals of Concord and provided input to the Deputy Town Manager for discussion by the Select Board. As part of the Federal Section 106 review process, the Historical Commission and Senior Planner Ann Clifford participated in the Federal Highway Administration meeting regarding changes to Route 2A through the Minute Man National Historical Park.
- **Community Preservation Committee** - To date, the Committee has heard presentations from 12 of the 19 applicants to FY25 CPA funding. Following one more night of presentations on November 1st, deliberations will begin on November 14th on a

recommendation for grant awards for the 2024 Annual Town Meeting.

- **MBTA Communities Multi-family Zoning** – On Monday, October 16th, the Planning Board Chair Linda Miller attended the Willard School Parent Teacher Group meeting to give a brief presentation on the MBTA Communities Zoning and to answer questions from the approximate 30 participants. At the Planning Board meeting on October 24th, the Board will be discussing the first draft of the zoning boundary to be included in the Town Meeting warrant article.

Department of Public Works

Engineering:

- **Main Street/Walden Street Intersection Improvements:**
Several circumstances, such as contract finalization, securing of all funds to award the contract, led to a construction schedule no earlier than this November. It was determined that performing this work this time of year will have significant impacts on adjacent businesses, as well as pedestrian and vehicular travel. As a result, the construction of this project is being postponed to the spring of 2024.