



## Town of Concord

# Weekly Operations Report

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### General Administration

#### Municipal Empowerment Act

Staff attending the annual Massachusetts Municipal Management Association Annual Meeting heard from Governor Maura Healy and Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll on a proposed legislation package called the [“Municipal Empowerment Act”](#) which would provide “resources, tools, and flexibilities” for municipalities. Some of the proposals in the new package of municipal reforms include legislation to allow cities and towns to increase the local-option meals and lodging taxes, liquor license changes, procurement rule adjustments, enforcement mechanisms for double pole prohibitions, and making permanent popular pandemic allowances for hybrid public meetings, and outdoor dining permits.

#### Congresswoman Trahan

Congresswoman Lori Trahan, her staff, and Representative Carmine Gentile, paid a visit to the Town House to talk about ARPA funding plans and affordable housing. Concord Affordable Housing Trust received five hundred thousand dollars in ARPA funding to support affordable housing efforts.



*K. Lafleur, M. Lawson, L. Trahan, K. Bergman, C. Gentile, L. Escobedo*

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## Fire Department

### Calls for Service

There were 104 responses during the week, including a response on Friday to a person and dog fallen through the ice off of a trail at the end of Balls Hill Road. The victim was located about one half mile into the woods near the Concord River. The victim and dog, Tenny the Vizsla were carried out by crews for about one quarter mile to a point where the FD RTV had access and transport to an ambulance was completed by RTV.



*Tenny the Vizsla, Image from Concord Bridge*

Concord apparatus, with a mutual aid Ladder from Lexington responded to a chimney fire on Indian Spring Road. The fire was contained to the chimney.

Attributed to the weather, on Tuesday, 1/16/24, FD personnel responded to numerous motor vehicle crashes. Several involved broken utility poles, and one of the accidents involved a pickup truck on Rte. 2 that went through a guard rail and into the Sudbury River. Fortunately, the occupants were able to get themselves out of the vehicle.

### Training

Training included annual ice rescue training for all groups. Ironically, on Group 3's day, they were just getting into their ice rescue suits when the Balls Hill Road incident described above occurred. Shown at left are Firefighters Mike DeRoche and James Black at training.



Assistant Chief Latta attended a week-long training on Incident Command, specifically, logistics section management.

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## **Emergency Management**

Assistant Chief Latta attended a meeting of the Mystic Valley Regional Emergency Planning Committee.

## **Police Department**

### **Thursday, January 11 - Wednesday, January 17, 2024**

- Log items: 568
- Traffic enforcement: :44
- Motor vehicle stops: 47
- Motor vehicle crashes and/or paper exchanges: 15
- Arrests: 0

Detective Bordenca attended Behavioral Observation and Suspicious Activity Recognition (BOSAR) training as part of the training for the department in preparation of the upcoming 250<sup>th</sup> Town Celebration.

Lieutenant Landers, Detective Rodriguez, and Ms. Emily Black attended the monthly Concord At-Risk Meeting.

Lieutenant Goldman participated with staff from other Town Departments in a cyber event tabletop exercise hosted by the Town's IT Department.

Chief Mulcahy presented to a retiree group in West Concord about the Police Department.

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## Concord Municipal Light Plant

### Decorative Street Lamps

As of Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024, three decorative streetlamps in Concord Center were discovered on the ground, with an additional lamp hanging from its mounting. Fortunately, no one was injured when the lamps came down. The cause of the failure was not clear, so out of an abundance of caution, by Friday afternoon all the decorative streetlamps in the center were removed.



To address the lighting conditions in the center, while a replacement plan for the decorative lamps is developed with the vendor and manufacturer, all streetlamps have been replaced with non-decorative lamps that CMLP had in stock. The CMLP line staff and supervisors braved frigid temperatures and wind to get this work done quickly over the weekend. Their efforts, as well as those of CPW and CPD, are greatly appreciated.

## Recreation

### Personnel News

Jess Porter, ATM, Human Services is pleased to announce that Jenny Saccardo has been hired as the General Manager of the Beede Center.

A resident of Concord, Jenny brings to us over 15 years of leadership experience in the areas of aquatics and wellness, community engagement, and fiscal management. Her most recent experience was with the El Camino, California YMCA, the largest branch of the YMCA of Silicon Valley. In this role, she managed a \$6M membership and branch program budget as well as 30 full time and 150 part time staff.

Jenny is very eager to start working with staff and patrons of the Beede Center. Please join me in giving Jenny a warm Town of Concord welcome and be sure to stop by and say hello next time you are at the Beede!