



Town of Concord

Weekly Operations Report

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General Administration

MCI Concord Update

- Select Board meeting on March 4th where the Select Board voted to A) create a local advisory committee to bring together some expertise in the community and flesh out what the town wants to see at MCI Concord and B) support a legislative amendment proposed by Representative Cataldo to create a state commission as part of the revisioning process. Representative Cataldo invited the Select Board to provide comments on the proposed legislation.
- Select Board will draft and discuss a charge for the local advisory committee at an upcoming meeting as soon as possible.
- Creation of the MCI Concord page on our website. Accessible under "How Do I" heading <https://concordma.gov/3514/MCI-Concord-Closure>
- Staff is working with an urban design consultant to create a series of images of existing conditions of the current area. Images will highlight transportation in the area, current zoning, near by commercial uses, existing cultural resources, and environmental conditions. The images will be put on the town webpage alongside maps as a visual aid to assist with future community discussions of the site.
- Staff held a meeting with Mass Development to discuss their work in other communities. The conversation included various economic development tools, other properties in the state that have resulted in successful projects and other examples of prison redevelopment.

Election Report 2024: Presidential Primary

Total Registered voters as of March 5, 2024: 13,804

Total Voter Turnout across all precincts: 5,250 (38%)

47% voted in person on Election Day (2,472 voters)

53% of voters had cast their ballots before election day (2,778 voters)



57 voters who requested ballots decided to vote in person.

155 voters showed up to vote during the 50 hours of early in-person voting offered between 2/24/2024 and 3/1/2024.

26 voters cast absentee ballots of whom 17 voted from overseas.

Who participated in the primaries?

Democratic Primary	Republican Primary	Libertarian Primary
3,380 ballots cast	1,854 ballots cast	16 ballots cast
Democrats: 2,612	Republicans: 798	Libertarian: 8
Unenrolled: 768	Unenrolled: 1,065	Unenrolled: 8

Fire

March 2 - March 9, 2024

Calls for Service:

Between March 2nd and March 9th, the Concord Fire Department received a total of 72 calls for service.

On March 3rd, Lt. Todd Niemi responded as part of the State Haz-Mat team to an incident in the town of Acton.

On March 8th, Engine 4 responded to a structure fire in the town of Maynard.

Emergency Management

On March 5th, Concord staff, along with staff from MEMA, and students and faculty from the Massachusetts Maritime Academy participated in a tabletop exercise. The exercise was focused on a flooding event that took place last year in Leominster. The purpose of the exercise was to learn from the event and improve emergency management efforts. The exercise was well-received, with many lessons learned, and it was a first-time experience for some participants. We are grateful for the partnership with Mass. Maritime that allows students in the emergency management discipline to create and facilitate a learning opportunity like this.

Community

CFD SAFE coordinator, Firefighter Evan Foisy, along with Assistant Chief Walter Latta presented at the COA this week. The program was organized by the Concord Health Department and Concord Public Library was well-attended and better prepared our seniors to plan for emergency preparedness and what to have always ready in a "go bag".



Police

Friday, March 1st thru Wednesday March 6th, 2024

- LOG ITEMS: **465**
- TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT: **35**
- MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS: **41**
- MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES AND/OR PAPER EXCHANGES: **8**
- ARRESTS: **0**

03/04/2024 Captain Brian Goldman attended a meeting at the Concord Public Library with members of local businesses and the Concord 250th Committee.

03/05/2024 Ashley Hartenstein started as the Department's new Office Coordinator.

03/06/2024 Captain Brian Goldman and Lieutenant Timothy Landers participated in and ICS tabletop exercise put on by Mass Maritime.

Engineering

Gerow Recreation Park

With the weather recently warming up, Cole Contracting resumed work on some minor punch list items, and has started planning the replacement of dead plantings and the addition of benches and other furnishings in the spring. Public Works is planning on getting the restrooms ready for public use beginning April 1, and will ensure that work by Cole does not impact public access or use of the restrooms.

Ministerial Drive Drainage and Sinkhole Repair

Ministerial Drive continues to be closed and accessed via the detour as work to repair the drainage and sinkholes in the roadway takes place. Other than the water main breaks,

progress on the repairs has been impacted by rainy weather and further collapsing of the roadbed. The drainage work at the sinkhole location is complete and work is proceeding on the road repairs which are expected to be completed by March 15.

However, another deteriorated segment of drainage pipe has been discovered on the adjacent street, Loring Road. The Engineering Division is making arrangements for this additional work.



Council on Aging

Emergency Preparedness Day

Thursday was Emergency Preparedness Day at the COA. CFD Ass't Chief Walter Latta Jr. was first up to share his experiences as part of the FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Team and his deployments to the Hawaii's and Oregon's wildfires, Vermont flooding, Florida's Hurricane Ian disaster and the calamity of Hurricanes Irma and Maria in Puerto Rico. Also on hand were other Town officials who offered up to date facts and figures, give-away items from File of Life magnets, pill containers, and tables featuring the basic things you should have on hand in case of an emergency. It was a home run for Concord senior residents.



Ass't Chief Latta begins his fascinating presentation on the international disasters he has flown to and helped out as part of FEMA.



Melanie Dineen, Moira Carter, Evan Foisy and Trish McGean offered their expertise.



Huddle



Eileen Bogle welcomes the crowd and introduces the program



Matt Beren always does a superb job