



*Town of Concord*

# Weekly Operations Report

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## **General Administration**

### **Town Meeting**

Concord's 2024 Annual Town Meeting was held at the Concord Carlisle High School (CCHS) on Monday, April 29, 2024, with 1,131 voters in attendance, Tuesday, April 30, 2024, with 977 voters in attendance, and Wednesday, May 1, 2024 with 439 voters in attendance. The meeting dissolved at 11:24pm on Wednesday evening, having no further business to take up.

### [2024 Annual Town Meeting Results](#)

Thanks, and appreciation to all the staff, volunteers, and board and committee members, for another successful Town Meeting.

### **Sustainability**

In celebration of Earth Week, the Sustainability Division, Mothers Out Front, the Concord Public Library, Musketaquid Arts and Environment, and the Climate Action Committee joined to successfully host the Cooler Concord Climate Festival on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Despite needing to shift the location from the Main Library lawn to the CCHS cafeteria because of uncooperative weather, an estimated 250-300 people of all ages attended the event throughout the afternoon.

Over twenty organizations shared information and offered activities on topics such as energy efficiency and home electrification, recycling and composting, water resources and conservation, native plants and pollinators, induction cooking, biking resources, and

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electric vehicles. Participants also engaged in hands-on with environmental arts/crafts, performances, online climate quizzes, and a series of interactive climate games provided by MassEnergize.



*Various scenes from the Cooler Concord Climate event*

A special thanks to the Town departments/divisions for their participation - to Concord Public Works for their interactive stormwater demonstrations, to Natural Resources for providing free native plant starter kits, to CMLP for bringing their energy coaches and EV specialists, and to the libraries for sharing their resources and providing free native tree seedlings. We'll look forward to another successful event in 2025!

## **Concord Free Public Library**

The Concord Free Public Library is thrilled to announce that the library is the first in the state of Massachusetts to be certified as a Sustainable Library through the Sustainable Libraries Initiative.



Thanks to the staff Green Team, the Friends of the Library, Concord Free Public Library Corporation, and community partner SLI for the commitment and support in bringing this initiative forward. CFPL is a leader and now a mentor in bringing awareness and motivation for sustainable practices to our community and beyond. See the press release from the Sustainable Library Initiatives here.

[SLI\\_CFPL\\_SustainabilityCertification\\_Press\\_Release.pdf \(concordlibrary.org\)](#)

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## Fire Department

### Calls for Service

Between April 27th and May 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Concord Fire Department received a total of 95 calls for service including a mutual aid response by Engine 4 and Ladder 1 to a 2-alarm fire in the town of Mayard.

### Community

On April 29<sup>th</sup>, SAFE coordinator, FF Evan Foisy presented home fire safety to kindergarteners and 1<sup>st</sup> grade students at Alcott.



After a six-month hiatus, Ladder 1 returned to service on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Ladder 1 went through a scheduled mid-life refurbishment. Drive train issues, suspension, braking, electrical, body work, and aerial ladder systems were all returned to a like new condition, and we expect to get many more years of service from this apparatus.

## Police Department

### Thursday, April 25 - Wednesday, May 1, 2024

- Log items: **621**
- Traffic enforcement: **:47**
- Motor vehicle stops: **71**
- Motor vehicle crashes and/or paper exchanges: **13**
- Arrests: **1**

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**04/25/2024** - Lieutenant Timothy Landers assisted the Acton Police Department with their annual Special Olympics held at Acton/Boxborough Regional High School.

**04/26/2024** - Officer Derec Maddaleni was named the Department's new Field Training Officer(FTO) and will assist in training new officers for the department.

**04/29 to 05/01/2024** - Officers assisted with parking and traffic management for the annual Town Meeting at CCHS.

**05/01/2024** - Lieutenant Timothy Landers, Sergeant Jeffrey Young, and Dispatcher Richard Landers attended NLETS/NCIC Training at State Police Headquarters in Framingham.

## Concord Municipal Light Plant

### Survey

We want to hear from you!

Concord Municipal Light Plant (CMLP) is conducting anonymous digital surveys among our residential electric customers from now through June 7, 2024. The purpose of these surveys is to gather opinions from customers

regarding their perception of and satisfaction with the utility, customer service experiences, communication preferences and interest in programs and services.

CMLP has partnered with GreatBlue Research, Inc., a third-party data collection agency, to collect and analyze the responses for this survey. You may receive an e-mail with a link to

The graphic is a promotional poster for a customer survey. It features a yellow background on the left and a light blue background on the right. A hand is holding a white megaphone with a red top, pointing towards the right. The megaphone has the words "THANK YOU" written on it. Text on the left side of the graphic includes: "WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK", "TALK TO US", "We're listening", and "We value your opinion." The right side of the graphic contains the title "CMLP CUSTOMER SURVEY" and a paragraph of text explaining the survey's purpose and how to participate. At the bottom right, there is a QR code and a URL: <https://surveys.greatblueresearch.com/s3/CMLP-2024-Residential-Customer-Satisfaction-Survey>. At the bottom center, it says "CONCORD MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT" and "https://concordma.gov/cmlp".

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complete the survey from GreatBlue if your e-mail is registered on your CMLP account. You can also find the digital survey on the CMLP website, SmartHub, and social media.

As required by the Code of Ethics of the National Council on Public Polls and the United States Privacy Act of 1974, GreatBlue Research, Inc. maintains the anonymity of respondents to surveys the firm conducts. No information will be released that might, in any way, reveal the identity of the respondent to CMLP.

If you have any questions about the surveys, please contact GreatBlue Research, Inc. at 860.740.4000 or CMLP at 978.318.3101. We thank you for your cooperation and hope that you participate in this important survey.

## Planning & Land Management

### The National Trust for Historic Preservation

At an event held at the Old Manse, the National Trust for Historic Preservation announced that the Historic Corridor, which includes Minute Man National Historical Park, Walden Woods, Orchard House, and the nearby historic landmarks of Concord, Lexington, Lincoln, and Bedford is declared the 11<sup>th</sup> most endangered historic site. The announcement was made to bring attention and advocacy to the threat to the area by the proposed private jet expansion at Hanscom Field.

Ashley Judd, actress, author, and activist, provided the keynote address, encouraging the community to stand up for the preservation of the local historic and natural resources, “not relics of the past” but “wise witnesses of who we were then, they hold the mirror to who we are now, and they inspire us to envision what we want to be tomorrow.” Attending and speaking powerfully were Anna West Winter, Save our Heritage; Nancy Jan Turner, Orchard House; Strong Medicine Bear,



*Clockwise: Ashley Judd, Concord Minutemen, Rob Munro, Melissa Saalfeld and Alan Bogosian, Strong Medicine Bear*

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Nashobah Praying Indians; Rob Munro, Co-chair, Concord 250 Exec. Committee, Representative Simon Cataldo; and Betsy Merritt, Deputy General Counsel for the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

### **Preserving Place: A Concord Heritage Survey**

Founded on a concept captured in its very name, Concord is a place of reflection and inspiration, an enduring symbol of our nation with an extraordinarily powerful sense of place. The Town of Concord and its Historical Commission have hired Heritage Strategies, LLC, to help the community prepare a Historic Preservation Plan for the 21st century, with support from the Community Preservation Committee and Massachusetts Historical Commission.



A survey has been issued as part of the larger community planning effort to help preserve and celebrate Concord, Massachusetts. This survey should take approximately 15 minutes to complete. You can take it only once. While you are within the survey, you may return to any page to edit your responses. No questions are required, but we hope you will answer them all as completely as you can. If you have questions, please email Ann Clifford at [aclifford@concordma.gov](mailto:aclifford@concordma.gov).