



## *Town of Concord*

# Weekly Operations Report

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### General Administration

#### MCI Concord Redevelopment



The Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) hosted a public forum and information session on Thursday, Sept. 12, 2024, at the Town House. Adam Baacke, Commissioner, DCAMM, and members of his staff, including Paul Lillehaugen, Senior Project Manager and Abby Vladeck, Director of Public/Private Partnership facilitated a public information session regarding the closure of MCI-Concord and the process to determine a plan for the future redevelopment of MCI-Concord. Commissioner Baacke remarked on the importance of the property and emphasized that the Healy administration has placed a priority on housing, sustainability, and opportunity for underserved

communities. This meeting marked the beginning of what will be a multiyear process which includes the development of the vision for the property, understanding and implementing the required zoning changes through the Town approval process, and the eventual issuance of an RFP for the redevelopment of the parcel.



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Mary Hartman, Chair, Select Board gave brief remarks on behalf of the Town. Patrick McCurdy, Co-Chair, MCI-Concord Advisory Board, introduced the advisory board. After a brief presentation led by DCAMM, the floor was open to comments from the over 200 in attendance (approximately 80 in room and 165 on Zoom). The results of a brief survey distributed by DCAMM and the comments from the attendees at the meeting will contribute to the planning process.

### **Personnel New - CMLP**

The Town of Concord is pleased to announce the appointment of Jason Bulger as the new Director of the Concord Municipal Light Plant (CMLP). Bulger, who has served as interim director since January, brings a wealth of experience and a strong commitment to the CMLP's mission, including as the Chief Technology Officer for the Town of Concord.

Following a rigorous search process, Bulger was selected from a highly competitive pool of both internal and external candidates. "We were impressed by the quality and experience of the applicants," said Town Manager Kerry Lafleur. "I want to thank everyone who participated in the search, especially those who served on our interview panels."

Bulger's leadership will focus on driving innovation, improving operational efficiency, and strengthening the CMLP's connection with the community. "Under Jason's direction," Lafleur continued, "we are confident in our ability to enhance our responsiveness to the community's needs and remain a trusted partner in achieving sustainability and clean energy goals."

The CMLP is currently finalizing transition plans and will announce an official start date soon. Please join us in congratulating Jason on his new role.

### **Residential Tax Exemption-Public Forum**

A forum will be held on **Monday, September 30 at 6 pm** at the Town House and on Zoom. The residential tax exemption has been in place for a year. The meeting will include a presentation on the impact of the exemption on homeowners and town revenue, with an opportunity to ask questions and provide comment.

### **Town Clerk**

Postcards have been mailed to voters who have not already applied to vote by mail for the November 5th Presidential Election. As of September 20th, 38% of eligible voters have

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already applied to vote by mail (5,457 voters). Ballots will be mailed as soon as they arrive from the printer but no later than October 7th.

Other ways to vote:

- Vote early in person between October 19th and November 1st (excluding Sundays). Times to be determined.
- Vote on Election Day. Polls are open from 7:00 am until 8:00 pm.



Important election deadlines:

- October 26th, 5:00 pm – Voter registration deadline
- October 29th, 5:00 pm – Vote-by-mail application deadline
- November 4th, 12:00 pm – In person absentee ballot application deadline
- November 5th, 8:00 pm – Deadline to receive vote-by-mail ballots in person or at the Town House drop box
- November 8th, 5:00 pm – Deadline to receive vote-by-mail ballots postmarked in the U.S. by November 5th
- November 15th, 5:00 pm – Deadline to receive vote-by-mail ballots postmarked outside the U.S. by November 5th

## Public Safety

### Police

Thursday September 5<sup>th</sup> thru Wednesday September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (two weeks)

- LOG ITEMS: **1294**
- TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT: **100**
- MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS: **122**
- MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES AND/OR PAPER EXCHANGES: **18**
- ARRESTS: **2**

**09/14-15/2024** – Officer Brady attended two NEMLEC Motorcycle Unit callouts, in Woburn and Lawrence.

**09/12/2024** – Officer Burman and Officer Angulo attended Domestic Violence Services Network (DVSN) training at Lexington PD.

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**09/12/2024** – Sergeant Harrington and Sergeant McGonagle attended Supervisor Tactical De-Escalation training at Roger Williams University.

**09/12/2024** – Sergeant Manchuso, Sergeant O’Connor, Officer Lordan, Officer Miller, and Officer Braga attended a suicide prevention training held at the station by the Department Mental Health Clinician.

**09/08/2024-** Officer Mailloux assisted NEMLEC Motor Unit with a callout to assist motorcyclists with Ride to Benefit Cancer.

**09/08/2024-** Department members participated in The Rotary Club 9/11 event, in remembrance of Mr. Al Filipov (former Rotarian). Officers received recognition for their lifesaving efforts in saving a young woman’s life.

**09/07/2024-** Officers assisted with Ag Day.

**09/07/2024-** Officer Mailloux assisted NEMLEC Motor Unit with The Gold Star VFW Veterans Charity ride.

## **Public Health**

### **Concord Community Health Needs**

Concord is asking for community members to complete [the Concord and Maynard Community Health Needs Assessment Survey](#) to offer your opinions on what Concord can do to improve the health of the community.

## **Town Engineer**

### **Road Work Updates**

#### Main Street Paving

This week, another section of Main Street from its intersection with Coolidge Rd (located close to the railroad bridge) to the intersection with Elm St received the final pavement layer on Thursday. Main Street from Elm St to Sudbury Rd was completed in two sections in previous weeks. Work on the last section of Main Street in



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the town center between Sudbury Rd and Monument Sq together with work on Monument Square itself will begin Sunday (9/15) night and continue for two weeks. It is expected that all construction will take place at night beginning around 8:00 p.m. and ending at 5:00 a.m. The contractor for this project is Lazaro Paving Corp.

#### Main Street/Walden Street Intersection Improvements

The concrete sidewalk, newly curb bump-outs and cobble accent areas are complete. This work was performed by Onyx Corp. who is subcontracting for Lazaro. Illuminated bollards proposed for added pedestrian lighting and to mark the location of the new bump-outs for vehicles approaching at night have been approved by the Historic District Commission and are being ordered. These have a long lead time and are expected to be installed later in the year. The light poles that provide overhead lighting were relocated by CMLP to illuminate the intersection better. The crosswalks which will carry a pattern will be installed following the repaving of the intersection.



#### Silver Hill Road Improvements, Phase 1

This project which includes the replacement of water mains, improvements to drainage and repaving of streets received bids for construction on Thursday. The work in this first phase covers Silver Hill Rd from Monument St to Turning Mill Rd, Cress Brook Rd, and Turning Mill Rd. Work is expected to start in October.

#### Highland Street

After reclaiming the street and completing the binder paving of half the length of the street, a significant blockage in the underground drainage pipe was discovered. The last several weeks were spent investigating the cause of the problem and designing the repairs. Work is being scheduled to resume soon.

#### Baker Avenue Culverts

Proper investigation of the cause of the sinkhole in the street and sidewalk was complicated by the pipes being submerged but has been completed. It was observed that

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the joint where the metal pipe comes in at a vertical angle to the plastic pipe has failed. The culvert system is made up of three 30-inch parallel pipes, the middle of which has failed. The Engineering Division is working with a consultant to determine the design effort for the repair.

## Council on Aging

### Homecoming

It was homecoming Wednesday at the COA when over 80 senior residents came to chat, convene,

and break bread with long-time friends. At the first



Wednesday Lunch of each month, the COA salutes those who celebrate a birthday within that month.

