



## *Town of Concord*

# Weekly Operations Report

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### **General Administration**

#### **IRS Clean Energy Credit**

Staff from the Town Manager's Office, the Finance Department, and the Sustainability Division have been working on registering the Town with the IRS for Clean Energy Credits. The registration application has been received by the IRS and the Town is awaiting final approval and subsequent authorization to file a return for clean energy credits for certain "clean energy" municipal vehicles.

#### **Cell Tower Update**

The Town issued RFP 25-2006 on October 21, 2024, for the development of a cellular tower at 755 Walden Street, also known as the landfill/compost site. As described in the RFP, site tours are being offered on Friday, November 1. Questions to the Town from eligible bidders are due November 8 and the bid deadline is November 25, 2024, at 9 AM.

### **Police Department**

#### **Calls for Service**

Thursday, October 17 - Wednesday, October 23, 2024

- Log items: 782
- Traffic enforcement: 50
- Motor vehicle stops: 73
- Motor vehicle crashes and/or exchanges: 9
- Arrests: 3

Officers assisted with the Middlesex School Parents' weekend and the CCHS Football Game on October 18.

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Officers assisted with the Grace Potter Concert at the Emerson Umbrella on October 18.

Officers assisted with the Coldwell Banker Flea Market held on October 19 at 11 Main Street

Officers assisted with the Sleepy Hollow Cemetery dedication, honoring the Town's 19 Century Women's Anti-Slavery Society on October 20.

On October 23, officers assisted with "Bike to School Week" for Concord Middle Schools.

Thursday, October 24 - Wednesday, October 30, 2024

- Log items: 754
- Traffic enforcement: 49
- Motor vehicle stops: 76
- Motor vehicle crashes and/or exchanges: 14
- Arrests: 0

Inspector Holsinger and Officer Angulo assisted with the Thoreau Street business District's Trick-or-Treating event on October 24 and handed out candy to local children.

Officers assisted with traffic and pedestrian safety for the Sleepy Hollow 5k road race on October 26.

Officers on shift assisted with the Thoreau Hills Halloween Parade on Hayward Mill Road on October 26.

On October 27, inspector Holsinger and SRO Simpson attended the Concord Recreation Department Trunk-or-Treat event at the Beede Center.

Officer Angulo, along with other communities, attended the Trunk-or-Treat event on October 30 at Hanscom Air Force Base.

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## Fire Department

### Calls for Service

October 17 - November 1, 2024

Between October 17 and November 1, the Fire Department responded to 195 calls for service. Last weekend, Concord responded to two brush fires with a Statewide Mobilization Task Force. On Saturday, October 26, four crew responded to Wilmington to assist with an ongoing brush fire. On Tuesday, October 29th, Assistant Chief Whitney responded as a task force leader to Salem and Lieutenant Will Rolfe responded to the same brush fire in Salem as part of the Fire District 14 communications team. On Wednesday, October 30, Engine 5 and AC Whitney responded with a task force back to Salem.

Statewide Mobilization is a plan designed to move fire resources anywhere in the state once a region's resources are depleted. Over the past week, the system has been activated twelve times, which is unprecedented.

### Personnel

#### Concord staff working in North Carolina

On October 17, Assistant Chief Walter Latta, Lieutenant Todd Niemi, and CPW Highway and Grounds Superintendent Aaron Miklosko returned from a USAR deployment to North Carolina. Their team was deployed to an area just west of Asheville, NC, to assist with rescue and recovery efforts from the flooding caused by Hurricane Helene. While on deployment, they participated in several swift water rescues. The photo is an example of the devastation they encountered – it was taken by AC Latta days after the storm had passed.



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## Training

The Massachusetts Firefighting Academy recruit program teaches new firefighters the skills to begin their careers. The ten-week program introduces them to the basics of firefighting, hazardous materials, safe work practices, and many other needed skills. The photos show Concord recruit Rachel Vroegindewey getting a short break after just exiting a live fire in the academy burn building. Rachel will be graduating in a few weeks, and we look forward to having her back.



## Public Works

### Water Service Line Inventory

As part of the recent Lead and Copper Rule Updates, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) mandated that every public water supplier inventory the water service lines within their distribution system, primarily to identify and remove lead service lines. The water service line is the small pipe that carries water from the water main into a customer's home. Water service lines are typically made of plastic, copper, galvanized metal or lead.

By November 15, all customers with a water service line containing lead, galvanized metal, or those with an unknown material (homes built in or before 1986), will receive an informational letter. This letter will outline the health effects of lead exposure, steps customers can take to protect themselves and information about Concord Water's Lead Water Service Line Replacement Program.

For more information, please visit <https://concordma.gov/lead>. In the coming week, Concord Water will release an online map for customers to check their water service line material and view sample notification letters.

### Water Main Leak Detection

As part of Concord Public Works Water and Sewer Division's preventive maintenance program and in accordance with our Water Management Act permit, water main leak detection activities will be performed over the next several weeks. Each year, approximately half of the water mains in town are surveyed for leaks. This year, New England Water Distribution Services of Windham, New Hampshire, will be performing leak

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detection services on the northern half of the water distribution system beginning the week of November 12, 2024.

Leak detection should not cause any water quality upsets. You can continue to use your water as usual. Leak detection has the ability to pinpoint very small water leaks that could otherwise go unnoticed for long periods of time. If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact CPW's Water Division at 978-318-3250.

## **Natural Resources**

### **Natural Resources Commission**

Seven applications were heard at the October 23 Natural Resources Commission meeting including one continuance for a Notice of Intent (NOI) to repave the parking lot at 1200-1224 Main Street and six new applications including a NOI for aquatic plant management at 18A College Road, NOI to repave Monument Farm Road, NOI to construct a parking lot at 300-310 Baker Ave, Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) for septic system installation at 965 Lexington Road, RDA for septic system installation at 737 Lexington Road, and RDA for septic system installation at 244 Hunters Ridge Road. Permits were issued for 1200-1224 Main Street, Monument Farm Road, 965 Lexington Road, 7373 Lexington Road, and 244 Hunters Ridge Road. Additionally, a revised Enforcement Order was issued to Military Offices at 71-107 Lowell Road to come into compliance with an expired Order of Conditions.

Four new applications were submitted for the November 6 meeting including a NOI for construction of a septic system at 691-693 Old Bedford Road, NOI for removal of a swimming pool at 127 Lee Drive, NOI for grading and installation of a septic system at 40 Balls Hill Road, and RDA for exploratory soil borings at 68 Commonwealth and 300 Baker Ave.

### **Warner's Pond Task Force**

The Warner's Pond Task Force continues to meet every 2-3 weeks with the next meetings scheduled for October 29 and November 13. The Task Force has broken out into three subgroups to further evaluate dam removal, dredging, and interim/no action alternatives. Subgroups continue to meet periodically to develop proposals of their assigned alternative.

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## Fall Mowing

Natural Resources Division staff have begun annual fall mowing of conservation land fields. Roughly 25 acres of fields are mowed each fall to keep fields from entering into early successional forest habitat. Conservation land fields support a wide range of plant and wildlife habitat which is facilitated by this annual mowing. These fields include Heywood Meadow, Musketaquid Triangle, Old Calf Pasture, and Punkatasset Preserve, among others.



## Old Calf Pasture Boardwalk Repairs

Natural Resources Division staff and volunteers worked together to carry out repairs and improvements to a well traversed footbridge next to the Lowell Road boat launch at Old Calf Pasture. Regular annual flooding from the adjacent River significantly impacts this bridge, leading to quicker wear and tear. The bridge was restabilized, leveled, and fortified with new wood and additional anchoring. It is expected these repairs will extend the life of the bridge by at least 10 more years.



## Recreation

### Special Events

- Sleepy Hollow 5K is on Saturday: 43 people pre-registered for the 5K and 38 pre-registered for the fun run.
- Trunk or treat Sunday: 15 cars decorating trunks - \$1,100 of candy to hand out.
- Added a parent's night out for Dec. 14 with pizza and a movie for the kids.



### **Ski Program Registration**

- Middle School Ski registrations sold out in under a minute at 99 kids. (we were also able to accommodate another 20 kids on the waitlist) = total of 119 kids going to ski.

### **Carousel Preschool**

- Our preschoolers were excited to show off their Halloween costumes at our annual Halloween Parade! They made several laps around our playground at Harvey Wheeler 9:15 AM on Halloween and then strolled through the COA on the way back to their classrooms. All were welcome to attend our Halloween Parade to see a dose of cuteness and support our kids!



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## Elementary School Enrichment Programs Fall Session 1 Review

- A total of 16 enrichment programs ran this fall providing engaging before school and afterschool opportunities for 250 registered students.
- Our most popular programs include Kids Test Kitchen, Buildwave and Before School Sports.
- Fall 2 session begins 11/4
- Our Professional Development Day program will run Friday 11/1. Kids will meet at Hunt Recreation Center for sports, games, and crafts along with a Field Trip to Chunky's Cinema Pub

## Beede

- Program Spotlight at Beede: We caught up with our Water Polo group at Beede last week! They play every third Friday of the month at 7:15 am. They are a fantastic group of swimmers and people. We are looking to bring in more players of all experiences and backgrounds. Feel free to drop by on 11/15 for the next round of open play!
- Otters Swim Club: The club competed in 2 swim meets this past weekend with several of our swimmer's placing 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 8 and under age group. Not to be outdone, our 11 and up age group took multiple top tens!



## Council on Aging

### Halloween

This week at the COA, it was proven yet again that you are never too old to dress up or act out on Halloween...and that Ukulele songs from witches and warlocks still rock!

