



# TOWN OF CONCORD

## Town Manager's Report

Week of: May 9, 2016

### Finance News

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#### Concord Receives Aaa Rating for May 11 Bond Sale

Moody's Investors Service has assigned a Aaa rating to the Town of Concord MA's \$10 million General Obligation Municipal Purpose Loan of 2016 Bonds. Concurrently, Moody's has affirmed the Aaa rating on \$52 million of Outstanding General Obligation Bonds. The outlook is stable. The Aaa rating reflects a healthy financial position supported by strong reserves, an affluent tax base, moderate debt burden, and well-managed long-term liabilities.

#### Concord Water/Sewer Receives Award from Mass DEP

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The Concord Water/Sewer Division recently received a Public Water Systems Award from the Mass. Dept of Environmental Protection under the medium/large community system category. Concord was one of 12 in the state in that category that received an award. May 1-7 is 'National Drinking Water Week'.

"Drinking Water Week is an excellent opportunity to thank those workers who, throughout the year, have served diligently to deliver a safe, reliable water supply to the residents of the Commonwealth," said Governor Charlie Baker.

#### Tick/Mosquito Disease Prevention Event to be Held May 12

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The Concord Health Division and the Middlesex Tick Task Force invites residents to attend an important learning event - Ticks and Mosquitoes from A to Z (Anaplasmosis to Zika). Learn about these diseases and how to prevent them from impacting you and your family. The presentation will be held on Thursday, May 12th, from 7-9 pm in the Multipurpose Room at Bedford Town Hall, 10 Mudge Way, Bedford, MA. This event is free and will feature two presentations from prominent tick and mosquito experts.

### Concord Municipal Light Plant (CMLP)

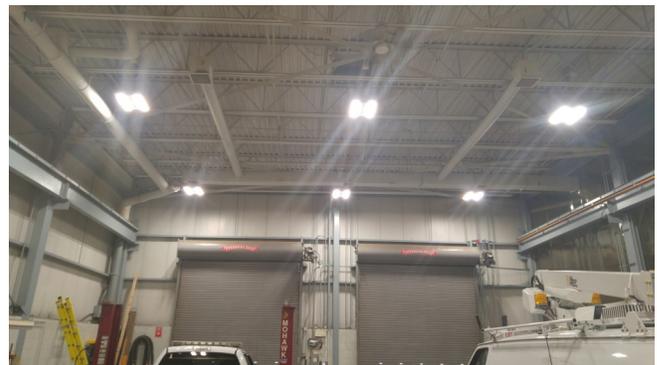
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#### CMLP to Install LED Street Light Pilot Areas

As part of our continued effort to increase energy efficiency and decrease our carbon footprint, CMLP is pursuing the adoption of LED street lighting to replace the 50 watt metal halide lights seen attached to poles throughout Concord. There are countless manufacturers that make replacement lights, and all claim to be the best, but we have been able to narrow the field to our three favorites. CMLP has selected two streets to serve as pilot areas where we will install two of each manufacturer and add a survey to our website for citizen feedback. Each manufacturer has a slightly different look but all have nearly the same wattage and lumen output. One pilot area will span from Pole 3 Stow Street to Pole 15 Stow Street and the second pilot area will span from Pole 3 Central Street to Pole 14 Central Street. We expect to install the lights in about two weeks along with adding the survey to the CMLP website for your important feedback.

#### CMLP Installs New LED Garage Lights

CMLP was able to accomplish two goals with one product in our vehicle maintenance garage. This week we replaced nine 250 watt HID lights with 185 watt LED's. At the same time, we nearly doubled the lumen output, which greatly improved the workspace for our mechanic. This resulted in a 65 watt decrease per fixture and 585 watts for the entire garage. This will save CMLP over 1200 kWh annually!





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**CPW Annual Street and Sidewalk Sweeping Program Completion** – Thanks to the CPW Highway Division’s efforts, the annual street and sidewalk sweeping program will be completed by May 13<sup>th</sup>, several weeks ahead of schedule. The reduced use of sand in the Town’s deicing program has made a significant impact in the reduction of the effort needed to complete the annual program. Weekly early morning sweeping of the downtown and commercial districts will continue until November.

**Road Program Project Updates:**

o Phase I Bid – Project contractor Lazaro Paving is expected to resume contract work with top course paving installation on Deacon Haynes Road and portions of the Southfield/Riverdale neighborhood by the end of May. It is anticipated that the project will reach substantial completion by early summer. In total, the first Roads Program contract of Fiscal Year (FY) 16 rehabilitated 2.82 miles of roadway, installed 12 drainage structures, approximately 300 feet of drainage pipe, approximately 3,500 feet of underdrain and 0.32 miles of water main.

o Phase II Bid – Project contractor Cedrone Trucking resumed work in April with the resetting of granite curbing on Hunter’s Ridge Road. Cedrone anticipates completing the sidewalk replacement within the month of May with top course paving of Hunter’s Ridge Road and Thoreau Court in June. In total the second roads program contract of FY16 included 0.69 miles of roadway and sidewalk rehabilitation as well as the water main replacement on Hunter’s Ridge Road. The contract also included drainage improvements and paving of the Thoreau Street/Thoreau Court intersection to correct a flooding problem.

Phase III Bid – CPW conducted a bid opening on May 6<sup>th</sup> for the third roads program contract of FY16. The apparent low bidder was Lazaro Paving of Shirley MA. The bid proposes to rehabilitate 2.68 miles of roadway including the reclaim of a the remaining segment of Powder Mill Road and Jennie Dugan Road, the mill and overlay of Estabrook Road, and combination mill/overlay and reclaim treatment for Liberty Street and Barrett’s Mill Road. The bid will also include drainage system improvements on Barrett’s Mill Road near the Strawberry Hill Road intersection and on Liberty Street. Construction is expected to begin within June/July.

**2016-2018 Traffic Signal Maintenance Contract** – CPW Engineering Division completed the development of the bid package for a contract to provide maintenance and emergency repair service for all of the traffic signals and traffic control equipment within the Town. The contractor will also be responsible for installing Accessible Pedestrian Signal retrofits and rewiring the Church Street and Main Street signal in Fiscal Year 16. The project was advertised April 27<sup>th</sup> for a May 13<sup>th</sup> bid opening. The contract will allow for two optional years of renewal by the Town if desired.

**DropOff-SwapOff** – Planning and preparation for the May 14th DropOff-SwapOff is well underway. The event will be held at 133 Keyes Road. The DropOff hours are 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM. Residents can bring items to the SwapOff portion of the event from 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM, and browsing is permitted until 2:00. Weather permitting, there will also be an “early SwapOff” on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, from 11 AM – 2 PM. The early SwapOff was developed in an effort to alleviate traffic on Saturday and provide residents with another option to bring in items for SwapOff, should they not be able to bring items to SwapOff on Saturday, however browsing is not permitted until Saturday.

Once again, SHARPS and unwanted medications will be collected at the DropOff portion of the event. For additional information, visit [concordma.gov](http://concordma.gov) or contact Concord Public Works at (978) 318-3240.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Party Underground Storage Tank Inspections** - ELO2, the Town’s third party underground storage tank (UST) inspector, was in Town on 4/29/16 to begin third party UST inspections as required by MassDEP every three years, for the two Town-owned diesel USTs, both of which are associated with emergency generators: the 550 gal UST for the 157 Keyes Rd Sewer Pump Station and a 600 gal UST at the 509 Bedford Street Waste Water Treatment Plant. The third party inspection for the WWTP UST went smoothly, and ELO2 hopes to complete the report in the next week or two, well in advance of the 6/11/16 due date.