



TOWN OF CONCORD

Town Manager's Report

Week of: October 24, 2016

Concord Recreation to Host a Variety of Community Events This Weekend

Concord Recreation's Beede Swim and Fitness Center will be host to three exciting events in Town this weekend:

1. The Sleepy Hollow 5k will be held this Saturday, Oct. 29 at 10:30am at the Hunt Recreation Center, 90 Stow Street. Sign up at www.concordrec.com
2. The Beede Swim & Fitness Center is holding an open house to answer questions and provide tours of the facility from 4-6pm at 498 Walden Street.
3. Following the open house, the 2nd annual Trunk-or-Treat event will be held in the Beede Center parking lot. This is a free community event where you can decorate your trunk, dress your children up and have a great time. Register your vehicle by calling: 978-287-1050

Food to be Available at Special Town Meeting on December 8.

The Town of Concord has made arrangements for food to be made available to residents attending the December 8 Special Town Meeting at Concord-Carlisle High School. The following options (and potentially more) will be available:

- Juices
- Flavored Waters
- Granola Bars
- Yogurts
- Muffins
- Cookies
- Hummus and Chips
- Chips & Salsa
- Pre-made side salads

There will be no meals, only snack-type items. Also, the items will be CASH ONLY—credit cards will not be able to be accepted.

For more information on this Special Town Meeting, go to www.concordma.gov/townmeeting and choose 2016 to find the December meeting's page.

Community Service News

Contact: (978) 318-3034

Election Day is November 8 – First Parish helps get out the vote! First Parish volunteer drivers will provide rides to the polls for Concord residents who need transportation on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, from 9:00am until 6:00pm. If you, or someone you know, is a Concord resident and needs a ride to the polls on Election Day, please contact Fifi Ball at First Parish at 978-369-9602 x456.

Council on Aging (COA)/Senior Services

Contact: (978) 318-3020

The Council on Aging will hold their annual Veterans Day Breakfast on Friday, Nov. 4 at 9:00am at the Harvey Wheeler Community Center (HWCC). This special event is held to honor and thank veterans for their dedicated and loyal service to our country. It is a time of fellowship, sharing, and remembering those who served and those who continue to defend our freedom. The breakfast is free of charge thanks to the funds generated by the Gift Shop. Please call 978-318-3020 by Friday, Oct. 28 to sign up.

The COA will provide transportation to the polls on Tuesday, Nov. 8 for Concord seniors who would like to vote. Rides are arranged on a first come first served basis. Please call the COA office to arrange a ride by October 31.

On Thursday, Oct. 27 at 2:00 PM the COA will offer a program entitled: *Concord Ghosts, Legends and Lore*. The COA has invited a few local "experts" on the subject to tell you some of the best Concord ghost stories. This special program will be hosted by Alida Orzechowski of Gatepost Tours with help from The Colonial Inn. Please call the COA to sign up.

Join us on Monday, Oct. 31 at 9:30 AM in the lounge at the HWCC for a continental breakfast, and then be entertained by the preschoolers as they come in costume for a treat and to dazzle you with a quick song. We will provide the treats; you just have to have fun and hand them out! Feel free to come in costume; the children will love it! Funding for this event is made possible thanks to proceeds from the Gift Shop. Space is limited to 20, so please call to sign up.



DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & LAND MANAGEMENT

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Natural Resources Division

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Natural Resources Commission (NRC) meeting of October 19th: The NRC heard the following applications: the continued Notice of Intent (NOI) to remove invasive species at Gowing's Swamp; the continued NOI for culvert replacement at 656 Barretts Mill Road; a new NOI for the reconstruction of a single family house at 211 College Road; and a Request for Determination of Applicability to repave the Old North Bridge parking lot. One new application was submitted this week for the November 2nd NRC meeting: an RDA to reconstruct a retaining wall at 519 Bedford Street.

Health Division

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White Pond Recreational Water Use Advisory issued: In response to reports about and confirmation of a bloom of blue green algae at White Pond, the Board of Health issued a recreational water use advisory for the pond. The Board of Health strongly recommends that residents avoid contact with areas of algae concentration in the water or along the shoreline; do not swim; do not allow your pet to swim in or drink the water; rinse pets and children off immediately if they come into contact with an algae bloom; and do not swallow water and be sure to rinse off after contact. More information is available at: <http://concordma.gov/695/Blue-Green-Algae-Blooms>. The bloom is expected to subside fairly quickly due to autumn's cooling water temperatures and shorter day length.

Weights and Measures Inspections: All required annual weights and measures inspections within the Town have been completed. The Town, through the Health Division, contracts with the Massachusetts Division of Standards (MA DOS) to provide 'weights and measures' inspections to ensure the Town meets the minimum requirements of all pertinent state laws. The accuracy of all weighing and measuring devices used for sale to the public are inspected, sealed or condemned as required. Inspections are conducted at all gasoline and diesel dispensing devices (pumps), home heating (fuel oil) delivery trucks, and bar code pricing devices (scanners) and scales used at supermarkets, delis, meat/seafood markets, retail checkout counters, farm stands, pharmacies, and any other facility using a weighing or measuring device for sale of product.

Well Installation for the School Bus Maintenance Facility at 2144 Main St (off Knox Trail): A permit was issued for installation of a well which will serve the town's school bus maintenance building to be constructed off Knox Trail. The well is intended for washing of buses and will not be used for human consumption.

Planning Division

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Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Phase 2B (bridge over Route 2): MassDOT has announced that the public hearing on the 25% design plans will be held on Thursday, November 17, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at 1276 Main Street/Harvey Wheeler Community Center Auditorium. The auditorium will be open at 6:30pm with plans on display so people can view the proposed bridge design in advance of the hearing. The 25% design plans are also available on the town's web site at: <http://concordma.gov/bfirt>.

Planning Board meeting of October 4th: The Planning Board voted unanimously to move ahead with drafting a tree preservation bylaw for possible submission to the warrant for the 2017 Annual Town Meeting. This vote followed discussion of the final report prepared by the Tree Preservation Subcommittee www.concordma.gov/TreePSReport. One of the recommendations in the report was that any such by-law for Concord would apply only to building lots where a building permit application was required for demolition and/or substantial new construction. Another recommendation was that a bylaw should encourage minimum cutting and maximum mitigation, so as to preserve the character of Concord and its neighborhoods. The Planning Board will be evaluating the two alternative bylaws included in the Subcommittee's report at the meeting on October 25 and welcome citizen's participation on this important topic.



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Planning Division (continued)

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Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) hearing of October 20th: The ZBA granted approval of the following applications: Normandy 300 Baker LLC, for the expansion of parking spaces at 300-310 Baker Avenue; special permit to alter an existing non-conforming garage and house at 20 Conant St.; Verrill Farm LLC to hold an Oktoberfest event on October 22, 2016 for a maximum of 750 people in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Concord at 11 Wheeler Rd. and 415 Plainfield Rd.; special permit to construct an additional dwelling unit within the existing single family dwelling at 709 Monument St.; special permit to replace the existing garage with a two-car garage at 51 West St.; special permit to replace the current shed with a larger shed at 65 High Pine Cir., and; Middlesex School to renovate the existing nonconforming Theater & Visual Arts Center and the Bancroft Courtyard at 1400 Lowell Rd. The Board continued the matter of Eric Stokes at 20 Winthrop St. and Matthew Sepe of EMS Development at 40 Pine St. to the November 22 agenda and accepted a withdrawal without prejudice the application of David F. Bander at 10 Highland St.

Parking Meter Implementation/Public Outreach: Beginning October 24, the Town's contractor for the Parking Meter Installation will begin coring/drilling holes in the sidewalks and installing the new meter posts. This work will begin in West Concord (Monday and Tuesday), then proceed to the Thoreau Street/Depot area (Wednesday), then Concord Center (Thursday and Friday), weather permitting. This work is expected to be completed over the next couple of weeks.

Community Preservation Committee (CPC) meeting of October 18th: The CPC began review of this year's applications for funding at the 2017 Annual Town Meeting. Members met with representatives of the Concord Museum on the proposed Systems Replacement Project, the Concord Home for the Aged on their proposal to complete an Historic Structure report for the Timothy Wheeler House, and the Umbrella Community Arts Center on the project to restore the Emerson Umbrella's original windows. The Committee will continue the individual project reviews at the October 24 meeting and will hold the public hearing on all projects at the Willard School on November 14.

Historic Districts Commission (HDC) meeting of October 20th: The HDC reviewed eight new, and three continued, applications for changes within the Historic Districts. The Commission approved Certificates of Appropriateness to: demolish the existing Davis building and construct a new addition and make additional site changes at the Concord Museum, 53 Cambridge Turnpike; install new signage at the Old Manse, 269 Monument Street; demolish the existing house and construct a new one at 12 Bow Street; install new signage, paint colors and awning at 19 Main Street; install a new front gate at 50 Monument Street; install a new entrance and windows at 345 Lexington Road; construct new additions and remove the stucco siding at 462 Lexington Road; install new light posts at 336 Lexington Road; and install a new fence at 6B/9B Lowell Road. In addition, the Commission approved extensions to existing certificates for new construction at the Mill Brook Tarry, 91 Lowell Road and for new paint colors at 333 Main Street. Lastly, the Commission continued discussions to replace windows at 41 Lowell Road and to replace the rear entrance to 52 Main Street to allow the Applicants time to gather additional information.

CONCORD PUBLIC WORKS (CPW)
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School Bus Transportation and Maintenance Center - The project continues to progress on time and budget with J & J Contractors completing the installation of the building foundation walls. Underground utility work is scheduled to begin during the week of 10/24 followed by slab installation. Steel building delivery is expected to occur during the week of 10/24 with steel building erection, including superstructure, roof and panels, planned to commence after Thanksgiving and be completed in 3-4 weeks.



CONCORD PUBLIC WORKS (CPW) (Continued)
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CPW Severe Weather Response – The Highway Division responded to several reports of street flooding as a severe thunderstorm passed through our area on the evening of Friday, October 21, 2016. The cause for the flooding was from the torrential downpours that came with the storm and many catch basins were blocked due to leaves that had fallen. All reports of flooding were addressed that evening and many areas were inspected the next day for any further issues. In addition, the Water and Sewer Division responded to a sewer station impacted from a lightning strike causing the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system to malfunction. The severe weather continued on Sunday as strong winds were present throughout the day. Even though there were many substantial gusts, only a few reports of minor tree damage were received, along with one large pine tree impacted.