



TOWN OF CONCORD

Town Manager's Report

Week of: January 23, 2017

RSVP: Cooler Concord Fair. Feb. 4, CCHS from 10am-4pm

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Concord's Sustainable Energy Committee (CSEC), in partnership with the Town, the Schools and the Light Plant, invites all Concord and Carlisle residents to the "Cooler Concord" Fair, the kickoff event of an ongoing program to help residents make informed choices about energy. The Fair will be a fun and engaging event designed to showcase simple and significant ways to save energy and money. There will be 10 major exhibits as follows:

Home weatherization; High-efficiency home heating and cooling; Heat pump hot water heating; LED lighting; Solar power; Transportation (including new electric cars); Home appliances; Sustainable yards; Reducing and reusing; Veggie power for a healthier you and the planet.

Attendees will be able to talk with community experts and vendors about high-impact actions and how to make these changes quickly and easily. Workshops on specific topics will also be held.

The Fair has significant student involvement from the CCHS Green Team and the Environmental Science and Film classes. In addition, students from Alcott, Thoreau, Willard, CMS and Nashoba Brooks will present their own creative and compelling exhibits. Schools will be able to win up to \$1,000 each if a significant number of their parents attend and take action. Exciting kids' activities are planned for ages 2 and up. There will be many free prizes, including a weekend in lovely Stowe, Vermont, and lots of delicious food. This will be a not-to-miss event!

RSVP is highly encouraged. Please sign up at: coolerconcord.org.

Students who would like to volunteer can contact Eliza Davidian at edavidian17@concordcarlisle.org. Community service credit will be given. All others can contact Jill Appel at jill.appel@comcast.net. Stay informed and share us with your local friends - Like us on Facebook: Cooler Concord.

Concord Presented Two Awards at Mass. Municipal Assoc. Annual Meeting

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On Saturday, January 21, the Town of Concord was presented two awards, one for placing first in the municipal website contest, and another for second place in the annual town report contest, by the Massachusetts Municipal Association. The municipal website award was for category two, for municipalities with populations between 15,000-49,999. The second place annual town report award was for populations between 12,500 and higher. Public Information Officer Sean Dugan, Senior Admin. Asst. Andrew Mara, and Select Board Member Tom McKean attended the award ceremony.

Senior Services/Council on Aging (COA)

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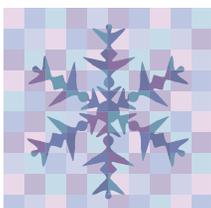
Consider joining an exercise class at the COA in 2017. We offer Yoga (mat and chair), Aerobics, Tai Chi, Strength and Flexibility. Please check the schedule printed in the monthly newsletter for times and prices or call the office for more information.

Acrylics Painting: The COA is pleased to offer painting classes on Thursdays from 10am to Noon. Cost of class including ALL materials is \$30 or a discounted rate of \$138 for six classes.

Creative Writing: The COA offers a creative writing class on Fridays from 10am to Noon. Cost is \$10 per class. All are welcome.

Music Appreciation: the COA offers Music Appreciation classes on Mondays from 1pm to 2:30pm. The series started in January, but it is not too late to join, please call for pro-rated pricing information.

Low Vision Support Group: The next meeting for the Low Vision Support Group will be on Wednesday, January 25th from 10am to Noon. Please come to share and learn from oth-

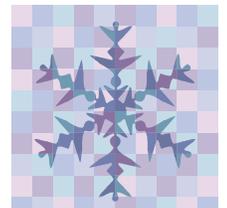


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Natural Resources Division

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The Harry Beyer Assessed Trail: With the recent passing of one of the founding members of the Trails Committee and ADA champion Harry Beyer, the Trails Committee honored Harry's efforts by renaming the Tuttle Lane Assessed Trail in the Town Forest after him. The Harry Beyer Assessed Trail sign was prepared and installed by Facilities Supervisor Jim Macone and Bob Landry at the handicap parking lot on Walden Street this week. A commemorative ceremony will be planned in the near future with representatives from the handicap-able community.



Farmland for Lease: The Division issued a Request for Proposals to farm a 3± acre portion of the land at 79B Old Road to Nine Acre Corner (Landmark Field). Proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. on February 1, 2017, and the Natural Resources Commission expects to issue a recommendation to the Town Manager for a selected farmer by February 17.

Natural Resources Commission (NRC): New applications received this week for the February 1, 2017 NRC meeting include: an Notice of Intent (NOI) for Concord Public Works to improve the public parking lot on Keyes Road; an NOI for 150 Garfield Road to demolish and reconstruct a single family house; an NOI for 207 Prairie Street to demolish and reconstruct a single family house; an NOI for 537 Cambridge Turnpike to make modifications to the existing single family house; and an after-the-fact NOI for 103 Virginia Road for tree removal and restoration of the 25-foot No Disturb Zone.

Building Inspections Division

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Mass. Emergency Mangement Association (MEMA) Training Event: Building Commissioner Laurie Livoli attended a MEMA sponsored seminar titled Rapid Visual Screening of Buildings for Potential Seismic Hazards & Post-earthquake Safety Evaluation of Buildings in Amherst, MA.

Rehabilitation of Fire Station 2 at 1201 Main St.: Inspections Division staff are participating in the weekly meetings regarding rehabilitation of Fire Station 2, as well as relocation of temporary living quarters, office and a modular fire station at the State-owned portion of the West Concord Commuter Parking Lot.

Planning Division

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Massachusetts Cultural Council grant awarded for West Concord Junction: Planning Division staff and the Chamber of Commerce were notified late last week of a \$5,000 MCC grant awarded for implementation of three projects in the West Concord Junction Cultural District. These projects include a facilitated meeting with artists, as well as business and property owners to identify ways to promote and support Cultural District goals, and a competition to create a mural on the exterior wall of Twin Seafood. During the meeting, the idea of organizing CCHS student-research on the history of buildings, people and/or events in West Concord to create a self-guided walking tour was also discussed.



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Planning Board meeting of January 10th: The Board heard a presentation from The Grantham Group regarding the Junction Village Assisted Living Facility Comprehensive Permit application. The discussion was continued to February 7th to allow additional time for review of the application by the Town's outside consultant and for the Applicant to address issues and concerns raised by the Board regarding the building siting. The Board approved an ANR plan to combine two parcels off Simon Willard Road and Musterfield Road into a single lot. The Board also released the 2002 Performance Guarantee for Blue Heron Way.

Zoning Board of Appeals meeting of January 12th: The ZBA voted to grant a Special Permit for the demolition and reconstruction of a house by more than 50% at 367 Powder Mill Road. The ZBA heard a presentation and continued the public hearing to February 9th regarding a Special Permit for a Special Home Occupation to allow a full time assistant at 128 Walden Street. The public hearing for a wireless tower at Middlesex School was continued without discussion to March 23rd and the public hearing on the Junction Village Comprehensive Permit was continued to February 9th.

Historic Districts Commission meeting on January 19th: The HDC reviewed two continued, and four new, applications for changes within the Historic Districts, approving Certificates of Appropriateness for new fencing and windows at 349 Main Street; new porches and windows at 181 Lexington Road; a new light fixture for 24 Lowell Road; and new signage at 45 Walden Street and 91 Main Street. The Commission also continued two discussions – potential window changes at 24 Lowell Road and new parking meters on Main Street - to the next meeting to allow additional time to consider potential alternatives to the proposed work. Lastly, the Commission met with a potential buyer for 585 Lexington Road to discuss potential future plans for a new home on the site.