

Town Manager's Report Monday, April 9, 2012

To: Board of Selectmen
From: Christopher Whelan, Town Manager

Following are some of the matters reported on this week by various Town Departments:

Town Meeting: The Moderator's Town Meeting – Coordination Meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday, April 11 at 3:30 PM in the Town House Selectmen's Room. This meeting is for all Town Officials making a presentation during Town Meeting, as well as relevant staff and Petitioners. All interested parties are encouraged to review the various Annual and Special Town Meeting materials posted on the Town web site at: http://www.concordma.gov/pages/ConcordMA_BOS/meeting, or call the Town Manager's Office at 978-318-3000 with any questions related to the 2012 Annual or Special Town Meeting. Town Meeting begins Monday, April 23 at 7:00 PM in the Concord-Carlisle regional High School.

FIRE

Apparatus: Engine 6, our smaller brush truck which was out for extensive pump repair is now back in service. This repair was expedited by our vendor in light of the heightened brush fire concern.

Fire Danger: Last week we had 3 'Red Flag' days where open burning was halted due to extreme dry condition. Today (April 9) is also a "Red Flag" day. CFD will continue to monitor fire weather conditions relative to this activity.

Other Items: CFD reviewed all submittals by the Concord Independent Battery for upcoming ceremonial cannon firings and forwarded same to the State Fire Marshalls office. A CFD EMT will attend each firing.

Special Cannon Firing: Additionally, the Concord Independent Battery has submitted a request for a special firing of the cannons at the graveside service for Battery member/Concord resident Bob Snay on Thursday, April 12. The service will be at St. Bernard's Cemetery, beginning at 11:00 a.m. The Battery is working with the Fire Department to obtain the necessary firing permit.

POLICE

Operational Services: On Tuesday April 3, a resident of Winthrop was arrested on Rte. 2 for operating under the influence of liquor and failing to stay within the marked lanes of the roadway.

On Wednesday April 4, there were two incidents of gas having been stolen from vehicles parked overnight in the owner's driveway. This occurred on Elm St. and on Strawberry Hill Rd. In both instances the perpetrator crawled underneath the vehicle and drilled a hole into the gas tank to steal the gas. A similar incident also occurred in Acton.

On Friday morning April 6, it was discovered that unknown individuals had cut the lock to the Police Department signboard, which was placed in the construction area of Monument St. by Hutchins Farm. The message displayed on the board had been changed. Public Works and the contractor were notified, and the incident is currently under investigation.

Community Services: In December of 2011, a successful Underage Alcohol Compliance Check was conducted of all licensed liquor establishments in Town. Sgt. Kennedy and Off. Harrington conducted a follow-up meeting with all license holders to inform them of the results; they continue efforts with compliance checks.

Administrative Services: A candidate has accepted a job offer for the Public Safety Dispatcher position. This person has been employed as a Public Safety Dispatcher in another community for the past two (2) years. Background and medical screenings are underway and we anticipate the candidate joining our dispatch team within the next month.

The Safety Officer/Inspector selection process continues this week with special evaluations being completed on each eligible candidate. Eight (8) officers have applied for this assignment and are eligible to participate in the selection process.

PUBLIC WORKS

Business Recycling Event: The spring 2012 business recycling event held on Friday, April 6, was a successful one. As with prior years' events, the event was held in the Normandy Real Estate Partner's 300 Baker Ave. Ext. parking lot. Twenty-three Concord businesses attended the electronics recycling portion of the event. Electronics were collected by Complete Recycling Solutions. Documents were collected by Doc Shredding Corp. for shredding.

These events are a great opportunity for Concord businesses to properly dispose of old computers, printers, fax machines, other electronics, and fluorescent light bulbs. The next semi-annual business recycling event is scheduled for Friday, September 28, 2012.

Deaconess Well Satellite Well Project: Bids have been received for the second phase of work planned to restore lost production capacity at the Deaconess Treatment Facility. The apparent low bidder is NUWATER Inc. based out of Seekonk, MA. The scope of work includes installation of two well pumps, two associated variable frequency drives, approximately 120 feet of 6-inch ductile iron water main, approximately 100 feet of flanged ductile iron water main, valving and instrumentation.

Route 2A Pump Station Rehabilitation Project: CPW's Water/Sewer Division will be installing a new water service line across Rt. 2A in Acton (near Rt. 27). This new water service will provide treated water to the existing pump station for process controls and emergency protection. Work will necessitate traffic being restricted to one-lane for several days during this effort.

Hurricane Irene CPW FEMA Reimbursement: FEMA has recently confirmed that all documentation for reimbursement related to CPW expenses incurred for Hurricane Irene have been received and will be processed for reimbursement. A meeting took place with the FEMA representative over the last week to review and confirm CPW's submittal. The anticipated reimbursement for this limited declaration will be 75% of \$10,361.31 or \$7,770.98. The original submittal totaled \$13,967.02; however, both the reimbursement request under the category of labor and equipment was reduced by 30% following a FEMA directive to reflect the new interpretation by the agency that all roadways designated for federal assistance through other federal programs are excluded from any FEMA coverage.