

Town Manager's Report Monday, July 29, 2013

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

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

PLANNING & LAND MANAGEMENT

Natural Resources Division

Natural Resources Commission: In addition to the continued matters scheduled for the July 31 meeting (an NOI to remove trees at the Concord Country Club and Concord Public Works culvert replacement project at Sleepy Hollow Cemetery), the Natural Resources Commission will be hearing new applications for the following: a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) to remove trees at 73 Wayside Road; a Notice of Intent (NOI) to construct a pool, deck, and wildlife platform at 389 Pope Road; an NOI to demolish and reconstruct a single family house at 60 Walden Terrace; an NOI to repave the roadways and parking lots at Wedgewood Common; an NOI to replace a failed septic system at 34-38 Cranberry Lane; an NOI to relocate driveways, create meadow habitat and management invasive species at 41, 68, and 112 Great Meadows Road; an RDA to manage invasives at 99 Riverside Road; an NOI to demolish and reconstruct a single family house at 147 Minot Road; an NOI to repave the parking lot at 7 Monument Square; and, an RDA to install a fence at 195 Commonwealth Avenue.

Building Inspections Division

Concord-Carlisle Regional High School: The full building permit for the Concord Carlisle Regional High School project was issued on Thursday. The final building permit value for the new school was \$75,073,000. This value does not include electrical, plumbing and gas permits.

Health Division

Healthy Community initiative: The steering committee met on Wednesday to continue discussion and further refinement of the two highest ranking projects that will be moving forward as part of the next grant from CHNA 15 – an integrated program for reducing stress in resident's lives and building on the Police Department's program of bicycle safety and awareness.

Planning Division

Planning Board: Last Tuesday, the Planning Board heard a presentation from the new owners of the West Concord Supermarket site, Jim and Kristin Canty, about their plans to renovate the existing structure and convert the building from a retail use to a restaurant use (with the concept of a farm-to-table menu). The proposal requires a special permit to expand the business from 4,000 sq. ft. to 4,800 sq. ft., change, alter or extend an existing non-conforming structure, relief from parking requirements, and site plan approval from the Board of Appeals (with a recommendation from the Planning Board required). The discussion was continued pending additional information.

Bruce Freeman Rail Trail: On Thursday, the Boston MPO voted on the final 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program. All three phases of the BFRT are in as proposed in the Draft TIP as per below. We are looking forward to spring 2014 groundbreaking for Phase 2A.

Segment	Towns	Construction Start Year	Amount	Description
BFRT Phase 2A (~4.9 miles)	Acton, Carlisle & Westford	2014	\$11,088,000	Starts at current Phase 1 southern terminus, ends at Teamworks in East Acton
BFRT Phase 2C (~3.0 miles)	Concord	2016	\$6,196,494	Starts at Commonwealth Ave by Concord MCI south and ends at Sudbury border
BFRT Phase 2B (~0.8 miles)	Acton & Concord	2017	\$6,681,600	Bridge over Route 2 connecting Phases 2A & 2C
Total			\$23,966,094	

POLICE

Operational Services: On Thursday July 25, Officer Harrington investigated a past assault. The assault occurred at a Nathan Pratt Drive residence. The victim reported that he was visiting at his friend's house when he got into a fight with his friend. The matter is still under investigation.

On Saturday July 27, Officer Reinold responded to the Fenn School for a past break in. Officer Reinold learned that one of the buildings had been entered and an unknown subject(s) did some minor damage. It was also reported that several times had been tossed into the swimming pool. The case is currently under investigation.

Community Services: The Department is preparing for the next "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" traffic mobilization starting in August. The focus is on the mobilization to identify drunk

drivers and get them off the roadways. Officers will be conducting additional patrols funded by the Executive Office of Public Safety in order to target these offenders.

PUBLIC WORKS

Sudbury Road Paving Project: Coordination between Concord Public Works and the Concord Police Department along with other impacted parties is ongoing for the scheduled resurfacing of Sudbury Road from the railroad tracks south to Route 2. An extensive public outreach effort is underway to minimize the inconvenience to project abutters and motorists. Milling of pavement is expected to begin on Wednesday 7/31 and be completed Thursday 8/1. During the milling operation an alternate lane traffic pattern will be in place. Following completion of milling, adjustments to structures i.e. catch basins, manholes, gas and water valves, etc. will take place. Final course paving is scheduled to begin on Wednesday 8/7 at 5:00 AM and be completed on Thursday 8/8. During paving operations, lane closures will be required and detours will be in place. Traffic delays are expected, and motorists are encouraged to seek alternate routes during both operations. All schedules are weather dependent.

Nagog Pond Water Treatment Technology Piloting: Preliminary engineering design work continues to progress with the MADEP approved warm weather piloting study underway at Nagog Pond. This piloting effort will determine the optimum water treatment technology to be designed and constructed for one of the Town of Concord's critical drinking water supplies. This piloting effort will allow the treatment facility design to be based on specific Nagog Pond water quality characteristics. Piloting is expected to last approximately 3 weeks with cold weather piloting to follow in February.