

Town Manager's Report
Monday, July 12, 2010

To: Board of Selectmen
From Douglas Meagher, Deputy Town Manager

- 1. Water Supply Conservation:** During last week's heat wave, CPW reported that water usage in Town was running at around 4 million gallons per day. This is not a sustainable amount and the reservoirs were depleted although all wells were online – and Nagog was brought online later in the week to assist. While the heat wave reduced its grip and some rain was experienced over the weekend, CPW's State of Water Supply Conservation is still in effect and residents are asked to continue to refrain from all outdoor watering use. CPW will continue to provide updates to the community through various avenues.
- 2. Community Preservation Committee:** The CPC will be holding their first informational meeting on the 2010 CPA funding application process on Monday, July 19, at 7:30PM in the Harvey Wheeler Community Center Auditorium. The CPC will also hold a public hearing on that date to review the most recent draft of the Community Preservation Plan. The CPC plans to hold a second informational meeting on September 8 and this year's deadline for new applications is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 24.
- 3. Sidewalk Extension and Maintenance Program** – The bid package is being finalized for the 2010 - 2011 sidewalk extension and maintenance program and a bid opening will be scheduled for July 30. This project will include the sidewalk extension planned for Lowell Road, extending from Indian Spring Road to the Bartkus Farm Road.
- 4. Sudbury Thoreau Intersection Improvements** – Charles contracting has completed the installation of the new vehicle detection systems which are now up and running. Work remaining includes the installation of the forced “right turn only” concrete rumble island at the Starbucks entrance.
- 5. Whittimore Street Drainage** – This drainage project is scheduled to be completed this week with 2 drainage structures remaining to be installed. Overall, the project consisted of over 850 lineal feet of drain line and 14 drainage structures. The project was designed by CPW, Engineering and constructed by CPW, Highway staff saving considerable funding. Water Main work is now scheduled to take place on Whittimore and will commence this construction season.
- 6. Energy Code now in effect:** The newest energy code 2009 IECC went into full effect as of July 1, 2010, as well as the 6-month concurrent period of the stretch energy code adopted at town meeting. Lalli Woods development inquired with the Planning Department about requirements of the Stretch code and will be altering their existing permit to utilize the stretch code adopted at the Town Meeting, which will entail 3rd party Home Energy Rating System (HERS) raters to review the design and conduct onsite inspections.
- 7. Natural Resources Commission:** At its July 7 meeting, the NRC finalized the review of an 8-unit subdivision at 506 Old Bedford Road, and intends to close and issue a permit at the July 21 meeting. The Commission voted to recommend to the ZBA that all units be constructed as slab-on-grade to reduce the potential for basement flooding at the proposed development and adjacent properties. The NRC also issued permits for construction of the aforementioned sidewalk along Lowell Road (from Spring Road north to 1710 Lowell Road).
- 8. Land Management:** Work has begun on the Emerson Thoreau Amble despite the record-breaking heat. The Conservation Crew spent most of last week clearing a new trail on Emerson land to the site of the proposed bridge that will be constructed later this summer.

9. Solar Committee: At last week's meeting, the Solar Committee members gave updates on their assigned action items. The Committee also discussed the RFP process and what to include; they concluded that the RFP should be revised to request separate proposals for each site in order to facilitate the Board of Selectmen's "best site" determination. The Committee will review a revised RFP at their next meeting on Thursday, July 22.