

Town Manager's Report Monday, June 17, 2013

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

Town House Project Update: The general contractor for the exterior restoration project met with Deputy Town Manager Doug Meagher last week on-site, and the project is expected to be fully underway in 3 – 4 weeks. Around that time, crews will begin installing construction fencing around the perimeter, turning the entire exterior of the Town House into a construction site. The public entryways (both the front and side accessible entrances) will remain open to the public and fully protected, as the building will remain open for business throughout the project. But behind the construction fencing, the public will be able to see the progress of the work as the fire escape is removed, pipe staging is erected around the building, brownstone and bricks are repaired and/or replaced, mortar joints are refurbished, and other related work is completed. The entire project is expected to continue throughout the summer and into the fall, culminating in full repainting of all exterior wood trim, perhaps in the original brown colors of the 1851 Town House.

Governance Study Committee Public Forum: The second of two public forums hosted by the Town Governance Study Committee will be held this Wednesday, June 19 at 7:00 pm at the Harvey Wheeler Community Center. The public is cordially invited and encouraged to attend and offer comments on a variety of related subjects.

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

FIRE

Apparatus: Ladder 1 was out of service at a vendor Friday for factory recall work.

Other Items: The CFD new policy/SOP management software is ready to go live on July 1. This will enable better document development and accountability as well as more effective accessibility for staff both in stations and, eventually, on the incident scene when required.

Emergency Management: Last Wednesday, CEMA/CFD/CPD reps accompanied Public Health Director Susan Rask to a Region 4A table top training exercise involving the need for an Emergency Dispensing Clinic. The scenario involved an Anthrax incident at 2 malls, which necessitated dispensing medications to our entire population. The logistics of doing so within a regional incident helped to point out some voids in our plans, and some “teaching moments”. This was well organized, and a very worthwhile program.

POLICE

Operational Services: On Monday, June 10, officers assisted in locating a juvenile female who was reported missing from Randolph. The juvenile was located in the area of Main St. and Commonwealth Ave. and returned to her mother.

On Monday, June 10, Officer Toumayan conducted a motor vehicle stop on Walden St. The operator of the vehicle was subsequently arrested for motor vehicle offenses.

On Tuesday, June 11, officers responded to the area of the Alcott School for a suspicious person. A male subject was located in the field between Walden St. and the school. He was transported to Emerson Hospital for a mental health evaluation.

On Wednesday, June 12, Officer Carlton conducted a motor vehicle stop on Bedford St. near Partridge Ln. The operator of the vehicle was placed under arrest after it was determined there was an active warrant for her arrest issued out of Lowell District Court.

On Friday, June 14, officers responded to the area of Elm St. near the Acton town line for a motor vehicle collision. After initial investigation by the officers on scene it was determined the involved vehicle left the roadway and struck the fence belonging to the Northeast Correctional Center causing minor damage.

Community Services: A caller reported her vehicle was broken into while parked on Walden St. near Heywood St. Several items from the vehicle were taken. Detectives are following up on the case.

A resident of Chestnut St. reported the possible theft of jewelry from the residence. Detectives are following up on several leads.

Administrative Services: The Concord Police Department will be utilizing a grant provided by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) in an effort to make Concord a safer place for pedestrians and bicyclists. The Police Department, in partnership with EOPSS, recognizes that traffic crashes are preventable, and is committed to using this grant to reduce the number of motor vehicle related fatalities and injuries involving pedestrians and bicyclists in Concord.