

Town Manager's Report

Monday, March 28, 2011

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

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

FIRE

Station 1 Renovation: This project is in its final stages. Operations should be moving back into the renovated space over the next few weeks if all goes as planned.

Fire Prevention: The Fire Chief reports that the ISO fire protection classification survey began last week, and all appears to be going well. Briefly, in this process the ISO collects information on municipal fire-protection efforts in communities throughout the United States. In each of those communities, ISO analyzes the relevant data, then assigns a Public Protection Classification from 1 to 10. Class 1 generally represents superior property fire protection, and Class 10 indicates that the area's fire-suppression program doesn't meet ISO's minimum criteria.

By classifying communities' ability to suppress fires, ISO helps the communities evaluate their public fire-protection services. The program provides an objective, countrywide standard that helps fire departments in planning and budgeting for facilities, equipment, and training.

Personnel: Captain Prentiss, a 37+ year veteran of the Department, has announced his formal retirement date as June 10.

LIBRARY

Fowler Reopens: The Fowler Branch Library resumed regular library services on Saturday, March 26. The Special Collections Department installed a new exhibit, which celebrates West Concord's history in time for opening day. The new door counters recorded 1,250 visitors on Saturday. Within a few hours every seat in the new children's room was taken by families reading together. A grand opening celebration is planned for Saturday, May 14.



Opening Day at Fowler

POLICE

Operational Services: On Wednesday, March 23, officers investigated vandalism to the storage shed for the tennis courts at Emerson Field. The damage consisted of the north side of the building being spray painted with a black unidentifiable symbol. The door was damaged as well, but no entry was gained to the shed.

On Friday, March 25, officers responded to Upstairs Antiques on Walden Street for a past larceny. The store owners reported that they had placed a table for sale on the sidewalk and an unknown subject was seen placing it in a vehicle.

On Friday March 25, two Concord officers responded to Somerville as apart on NEMLEC SWAT callout. This involved an individual threatening to harm himself.

PUBLIC WORKS

Walden Street Compost Site: The compost site and paint shed, located at 755 Walden Street, are scheduled to re-open for the season on Saturday, April 2. The site will be open each Saturday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM through November. Residents can drop off yard waste, brush, and usable paint, and pick up small quantities of compost at no charge and paint.

Monument Street Wall at Hutchins Farm Historic Repair and Preservation: A Request for Proposal to retain an engineering firm to provide design and construction engineering services has been advertised with qualifications and fee proposals due on April 6. Final Design and construction bidding is planned to be completed mid-August to allow for the substantial completion of retaining wall reconstruction during the 2011 construction season.

Annursnac Hill Reservoir: Water and Sewer Division crews have drained the Annursnac Hill water storage reservoir to allow for cleaning and inspection of this 2.5 million gallon structure. Once cleaned, Weston & Sampson Inc. will perform a thorough structural evaluation of this facility and provide recommendations as to short term and long-term rehabilitation or replacement needs. During this time, system pressure and fire protection

will continue to be maintained by the 5.0 million gallon storage tank reservoir located on Pine Hill.

Nagog Pond Filtration Waiver: DEP and EPA have put CPW on notice that they are interested in evaluating ongoing source water quality monitoring protocols to determine conformance with a recent change in the DEP's interpretation of the federal Surface Water Filtration Waiver regulations. The implications of these discussions may be significant with respect to the present availability of this important water supply, specifically when most needed to help meet peak demand periods during the summer.