



# TOWN OF CONCORD

## Town Manager's Report

APRIL 28, 2015



**REUSIT & Concord Public Works**  
**Reuse, Recycling & Oversized Waste**  
**DropOff & SwapOff**  
**Saturday, May 9, 2015**  
**DropOff: 9:30-3:00 SwapOff: 9:30-1:00**  
*(The Fall Drop/ Swap will be Oct. 17th)*  
Concord Public Works—133 Keyes Road  
Payment by **Check Only** to "Town of Concord"

### FINANCE DIVISION

**Fourth Quarter Property Tax Bills Due:** Fiscal Year 2015 fourth quarter preliminary taxes are due in the Collector's Office no later than Friday, May 1, 2015. The Town House business hours are Monday through Friday 8:30AM to 4:30PM. Taxpayers are encouraged to pay electronically using the Town's online payment system. The Town provides for online payments that credit your account as soon as you successfully submit your payment. The taxpayer has the choice of either paying electronically from a checking account or by credit card. While there is no charge to the customer for payments from a checking account, there is a fee charged by the credit card company when using MasterCard, VISA, or Discover. The applicable credit card fee is displayed on the payment screen for the customer to approve before finalizing the payment transaction. To process a payment online, go to [www.concordma.gov](http://www.concordma.gov) and click on "Online Payments". With bill and check-book/credit card in hand, complete the necessary fields on each screen to process your payment.

**Curbside Subscription Bills Due:** Curbside subscription renewal payments for the pick-up cycle May 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015 are due in the Collector's Office. The cost of the five-month subscription is \$95.83. In addition, customers must display either a current barrel sticker for the six-month time period or a green tag affixed to the barrel and/or disposal bags. Barrel stickers and individual green tags are available for purchase at the Town House, Concord Lumber, Crosby's Supermarket, CVS, Cumberland Farms (tags only), West Concord Pharmacy, and West Concord 5 & 10.

### BEEDE CENTER

On April 18th, the Beede Center began its 9<sup>th</sup> year of operation. During the month of April, we are offering a discounted joining fee of \$99 to new members. Spring aquatics

and fitness programs are underway. We are now hiring lifeguards and instructors for our summer programs. Each summer the Beede Center is offers a special 12-week summer membership. Membership includes use of the fitness and swim areas and up to 40 percent off programs at the center. Summer memberships may be rolled into annual memberships if application is completed by September 15. No joining fee required. Now that the weather has improved we are concentrating on some exterior work. E. Amanti & Sons continues work on the on the two AHU condensing units, roof fans and site work. We expect the entire HVAC project to be completed by May 30. Also, some planting is taking place around the building entrance and the parking lot will be restriped.



When paying electronically using the Town's online payment system, please be advised that the six digit bill number on the curbside bill must be entered with the prefacing zeros to access your bill. The 'year' designation for the online payment is 20161.



# PLANNING & LAND MANAGEMENT

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## Natural Resources Division

**Natural Resources Commission:** The NRC heard the following matters at their regularly scheduled meeting on April 22<sup>nd</sup>: the continued Notice of Intent (NOI) for 169 Commonwealth Avenue to demolish and reconstruct a single family house; an NOI for 1767 Lowell Road to construct a new single family house; an NOI for 1337 Old Marlboro Road to construct additions, a septic system, and repave the driveway; an NOI for Middlesex School to renovate the existing facilities building into the new Music and Campus Center; an NOI for Musketaquid Sportsmen’s Club to conduct pond management; an NOI for Concord Academy to renovate and expand the Science Building; and a Request for Determination of Applicability to reconstruct the stone wall at Heywood Meadow. The Commission also met with representatives from the Silver Hill Association to discuss pond management; Kalmia Woods Corp. to discuss tree removal and invasive management at the Conantum community gardens. The NRC approved \$3,650 to fund Grassroots Wildlife Conservation’s ongoing Blanding’s and wood turtle research, and also approved tree removal projects at 324 Bedford Street, 38 Shore Drive, 155 Old Bedford Road, 50 Off Harrington Road, and 107 Westford Road.

New applications received for the May 6<sup>th</sup> NRC meeting include a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) for 8 and 9X Forest Ridge Road to confirm the presence or absence of wetland resource areas; an RDA for 80 Alford Circle to remove trees; and an RDA for 38 Shore Drive to reconstruct stairs to White Pond.

**Conservation Crew:** DNR staff completed interviews for two summer positions and hopes to have staff on board by the end of May.

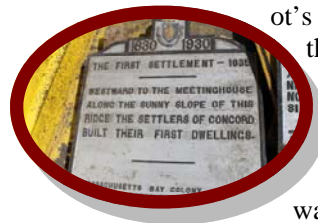
**New River Confluence Guide:** The River Confluence map and guide are now available on the Town website at: [http://concordma.gov/pages/ConcordMA\\_NaturalResources/River%20Confluence%20Trail%20Guide%20-%202011.pdf](http://concordma.gov/pages/ConcordMA_NaturalResources/River%20Confluence%20Trail%20Guide%20-%202011.pdf). Hard copies are also available at the Lowell Road boat launch kiosk, noted on the map, and at the Division of Natural Resources Office at 141 Keyes Road.

## Planning Division

### **West Concord Advisory Committee Open**

**House:** The WCAC Open House will be held at the Harvey Wheeler Community Center, 1276 Main Street on Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. There will be refreshments and casual presentations from 5:30 to 6 p.m. and a panel discussion will begin at 6:00 p.m. This year’s focus is on open space and walkability in and around West Concord.

### **Tercentenary Sign rediscovered!**



the week before Patriot’s Day, MassDOT staff appeared in the Planning Division with a recently discovered sign that had been in a MassDOT storage building. This sign had been part of Concord’s streetscape when it was installed in the 1930’s as part of a statewide program to celebrate the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. The markers were intended to be easily viewed while driving, “to take advantage of the new trend in automobile tourism”, and were most often placed along the State’s most well-traveled roadways. Concord originally had four of these markers – this one was located near Meriam Corner designating the Town’s first settlement area. Two others can be found in Concord Center in Monument Square.

**Historic Districts Commission:** At Thursday’s meeting, the HDC reviewed two continued and six new applications for changes within the Historic Districts. The Commission approved Certificates of Appropriateness to demolish a garage and construct a new addition at 20 Lang Street; to reconfigure and expand the Science Building at Concord Academy; to install a new mailbox at 445 Lowell Road; to install new paving and vents and approve the bike racks, picnic table, and paint color at the Trail’s End Cafe/Millbrook Tarry. The Commission continued discussions on new signage at 19 Main Street and the proposed seating and planters at the Trail’s End Café to allow time to amend the existing designs and prepare plans. The HDC also continued the application for new lighting and changes at 59 Elm Street because the Applicants were not present for the meeting. In addition, the Commission agreed to extend the existing Certificate for the new addition at 324 Sudbury Road for an additional six months, reviewed possible violations at three properties, and discussed changes in membership. Members also approved the ‘New Construction Policy’ at this meeting.



## FREE Teen Depression Webinar APRIL 28, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

This 1-hour webinar trains adults to recognize depression in teens and know how to help. For parents, teachers, school counselors and staff, youth workers and other caring adults. <http://familyaware.org/teens/depression-webinar.html>



Summer is just around the corner and now is a great time to register for the Summer Camps at Concord Recreation. Sign up between April 27 and May 8 and receive 10% off. Register in person at the Hunt Recreation Center, by the phone or online at [www.concordma.gov/recreation](http://www.concordma.gov/recreation). When registering online use promo code: CAMP10.

Family Swim at the Emerson Pool will be opening for the season on June 22 and run through August 23. Sign up for a 5 week session for only \$99. Call for more information at 978-369-6460.

### COUNCIL ON AGING

**Art Space at Harvey Wheeler:** From now through June 5<sup>th</sup> our artist on exhibit will be Concord resident and Finance Committee Member, Terri Ackerman. Terri specializes in nature photography and her exhibit will focus on landscapes & wildlife of New England.

**New Staff Member:** The COA is happy to welcome Marcia Zaniboni to the staff as a part time Activity/Event Coordinator. Marcia retired last year as the COA Director in Pepperell and is looking forward to planning many fun and inspiring activities and events for Concord's seniors.

**Air Conditioner Installation:** The COA will once again be making arrangements for seniors to get some assistance in installing their window air conditioners. The charge will be \$10 per unit. Please call the COA to sign up for this service.

**Harvey's Treasure Chest:** The volunteer run gift shop at Harvey Wheeler is featuring many treasures this month that would be appropriate gifts for Mother's Day. Gift shop hours are 10:30am – 2:00pm All proceeds are directed to the COA gift account.

### Concord Free Public Library

**Kerry Cronin, Director:** [kcronin@concordma.gov](mailto:kcronin@concordma.gov)

<http://www.libraryaware.com/1181/Subscribers/Subscribe>

**May is Korean Family Month:** The Concord Free Public Library will celebrate Korean Family Month with many events taking place throughout the month of May. This month-long celebration will begin with an art exhibit in the gallery sponsored by the Korean Cultural Society of Boston. An opening reception will take place on May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. During the exhibit's opening traditional Korean arts and crafts will be offered for kids in the Children's room.

**Concord Seed Lending Library:** As you plan your garden this year consider borrowing seeds from the Concord Seed Lending Library. Learn about related events and programs and see the inventory list of available seeds at [www.concordseedlendinglibrary.org](http://www.concordseedlendinglibrary.org) Check out the library's new title, *The Triumph of Seeds* by Thor Hanson (581.467 Hanson) in the new books section at the Main Library.

**Upcoming Digital Media Instruction:** Wondering how to use Google Calendar? Join us for instruction on Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at the Main Library. Registration is recommended. To register go to [www.concordlibrary.org](http://www.concordlibrary.org)

**Learn Languages for Free:** Traveling to a foreign country this summer or want to learn a new language? Check out CFPL's online Mango Languages database. This database will teach beginning conversational language skills for multiple world languages. There is also English ESL instruction tailored for speakers of more than a dozen languages. Remote access is available to Concord residents and in-library access is available to all library users onsite. To access this database visit [www.concordlibrary.org](http://www.concordlibrary.org), click on online databases and scroll down to Mango Languages.

**Special Collections News:** CFPL mounted a new set of webpages incorporating essays on Concord history and literature previously prepared by library staff for the online *Concord Magazine*, which is no longer accessible. You can now view this information at <http://www.concordlibrary.org/collect/essays/index.html>

**New Book Display at the Main Library:** There is a new lobby display with a Kentucky Derby inspired theme. The 2015 Derby will take place on May 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>. The display includes popular classics by Dick Francis, D.J. Taylor, and Jane Smiley among others. Also *Seabiscuit: An American Legend* by Laura Hillenbrand is available for borrowing in print and non-print formats.

