



TOWN OF CONCORD

Town Manager's Report

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**2015 WHITE POND PARKING PASSES NOW
AVAILABLE FOR SALE**

TOWN COMMITTEE VACANCIES

Would you like to serve your community? Many of the current board appointees terms' will expire on May 31st and we need the help of citizens to continue serving. Current vacancies include: Recreation Commission, Council on Aging Board, Natural Resources Commission (non-voting) and the Historical Commission (non-voting). If you have an interest in any of these boards, please click the link below and fill out the online 'green card' or letter of interest and someone from the Town Manager's Office will be in touch soon. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office directly at (978) 318-3000 Monday-Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Interested? Click Here: http://concordma.gov/Pages/ConcordMA_BOS/EGreenCard

2015 Parking Passes for the White Pond streets are now available for sale at the Town Clerk's Office. If you own or rent property on the following streets in the White Pond area, then you are eligible to purchase parking passes for the 2015 season: Bolton Street, Darton Street, Dover Street, Eaton Street, Fern Street, Raymond Road, Shore Drive, White Avenue, and Mitchell Road (from Powder Mill Road to White Avenue).

The passes have changed for 2015, and two types are available – one for owners/residents with vehicles registered at the White Pond address, and one for guests of these property owners/residents. Each residence is limited to a maximum of four guest passes. Passes are available for purchase for \$1.00 each. Proof of vehicle registration is required for the owner/resident passes. Prior years' stickers and passes are no longer valid. Vehicles parked on any of the above roadways and not displaying a permit are subject to ticketing and towing. Passes may be purchased at the Town Clerk's Office during business hours—Mondays through Fridays, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

PLANNING DIVISION

Planning Board meeting of May 12th: The Board reviewed a revised conceptual plan for the 385-405 Cambridge Turnpike PRD and scheduled a site visit for 5:30pm on May 18th; the Applicant agreed to allow the public to attend the site visit. The Board recommended that the Zoning Board of Appeals grant a Special Permit and Site Plan Approval to Concord Academy for a 10,510 s.f. addition to the Science Building and use of temporary modular classroom trailers. The Board voted to endorse an Approval Not Required plan for 476 and 488 Elm Street that reconfigures two existing lots to create a third building lot off Adams Road; the existing house at 488 Elm Street is proposed to be demolished. Liz Rust, Manager for the Regional Housing Services Office, discussed establishing eligibility guidelines for purchasers of the Town's moderate income affordable units created through Planned Residential Developments; the Board will seek further input from the Concord Housing Foundation before revisiting the discussion at the June 9th meeting. The Board voted to recommend that the Select Board not exercise the Town's right of first refusal pursuant to Chapter 61B for the Pulis property at 8 and 9X Forest Ridge Road, which is proposed for development of an Alternative PRD with 25-units of over-55 housing.

Pre-construction meeting for New Marriott Hotel at Baker Ave.: On May 7th, Town staff from DPLM, Fire, Police, CMLP, and Public Works met with the entire project team for the pre-construction meeting of the new Marriott Hotel to review construction timing, safety precautions, and the conditions of the Special Permit that are required to be met prior to any site work or issuance of the building permit. The site work is proposed to commence the week of May 11th and is expected to last 3 weeks at which time the vertical construction of the hotel will begin.

Comprehensive Plan: Director Rasmussen prepared two memos for discussion with the Select Board at the May 18th meeting. The first memo is an update of the '2005 Comprehensive Long Range Plan' report, highlighting the work that has been completed and the items remaining to be done. The second memo provides an explanation and framework of the planning process for a new Comprehensive Plan which will integrate the Town's sustainability principles into the plan.



CONCORD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Friends Annual Meeting

The Friends of the Concord Free Public Library will hold their annual meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the Main Library's Periodical Room at 129 Main Street. The meeting will feature Johanna Glazer, CCHS Social Studies teacher, who will give a talk on the school's "Rivers and Revolutions" program which immerses students in the natural landscape and history of Concord, while examining them through the lenses of literature, history, science, mathematics, philosophy and the arts.

Author Event

Naomi Oreskes, Professor of the History of Science at Harvard University, will present her recent books, Merchants of Doubt and The Collapse of Western Civilization on Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Main Library's Periodical Room. Refreshments and a book signing will immediately follow the program. All are welcome to attend.

CFPL Annual Book Sale

Please be sure to mark your calendars for the Friends of the Concord Free Public Library's Annual Book Sale on Saturday, June 6th from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on the Main Library's front lawn. Due to limited space in the library book sorting and storage area, CFPL staff members request that patrons wait until after June 8th before making additional book donations. We appreciate your understanding and generosity throughout the year.

New Self-Check Machine

The Main Library will begin to offer a new 3M self-checkout kiosk that will integrate with EBSCO's Novelist Select database to offer reading recommendations for similar titles based on the item being checked out. Watch for this new service soon.



RECREATION DEPARTMENT & BEEDE CENTER NEWS

Summer is just around the corner and now is a great time to register for the Summer Camps at Concord Recreation. Weeks are filling up so don't be disappointed. Register in person at the Hunt Recreation Center, by the phone or online at www.concordma.gov/recreation.

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

VETERANS' SERVICES

Each year the office of veterans' services gets invited to a musical performance at the Alcott School on Flag Day (June 14). The children from kindergarten to fifth grade sing patriotic songs during this special event. This year marks the twentieth year of the performance and the music teacher was requesting at least four veterans to attend- one from each branch of the service: Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force. The office of VS has been in contact with members of all four branches and requested for members to attend- in uniform if possible.

A resident veteran called the office of VS requesting qualification of benefits, however the veteran was "over budget" and was denied benefits until the veteran spends down.

The VSO attended a meeting of Veterans' Services offices this week learning that the certification test for VSO's has been generated and will take place in October after four sets of training to the test.

The Lions Club of Concord made a generous donation to Concord Veterans' Services. The Concord veterans' services officer enrolled in a federal program to assist veterans in tracking disabilities that are related to military service.

NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION

White Pond: Natural Resources staff met with ESS to review eroded areas and develop conceptual designs to address erosion for Section 319 grant funding. Staff also evaluated trails to close and those to remain open to reduce erosion around the pond.

Trails Committee: The Trails Committee has completed two additional trail guides this week. One for the Reformatory Branch Trail and one for West Concord Park. These can be found on the Division of Natural Resources webpage at: http://concordma.gov/pages/ConcordMA_NaturalResources/Reformatory%20Branch%20Trail%20Guide.pdf and http://concordma.gov/pages/ConcordMA_NaturalResources/West%20Concord%20Trail%20Guide.pdf respectively.

Hard copies are also available at the Division of Natural Resources and may be found at the trail heads.

Senior Walking Group: Another well attended guided Senior Walk was held this week on the Reformatory Branch. Next week's walk will be of the Town Forest, guided by David Clarke. The walk commences at 10:00am on Wednesday, May 20th at the Town Forest Parking Lot on Walden Street, across from the Concord-Carlisle High School driveway.

Zoning Board of Appeals May 15th meeting: The ZBA heard two continued applications and granted special permits to Richard and Debra Krug for new home construction at 169-171 Commonwealth Avenue (Parcel # 2125) and to Sandra and David Curnick for renovations on the front of the house at 28 Fielding Street (Parcel # 0330). The ZBA then heard new applications and voted to grant the several special permits.



FIRE DEPARTMENT

Sunday morning CFD responded to a dumpster fire on Barnes Hill Road. The dumpster was well involved and less than 5 feet from a house. Thanks to an alert neighbor who reported the fire and kept it in check with a garden hose, we were able to respond and prevent the fire from extending to the house.

Work began last week on replacing the sprinkler system on the third floor of the public safety building. The system has had many leaks over the years and is in dire need of replacement. The entire system will be removed and replaced in kind.

CONCORD COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Community Service Coordinator received 50 emails, 16 phone calls and had 5 home/office related to assistance requests. The requests related to assistance with SMOC, SNAP, paying utility bills, finding housing, assistance with summer camp scholarship requests, and homelessness.

In addition, the coordinator also collaborated with the Hugh Cargill Trust, Concord Housing Authority, Concord Carlisle Community Chest, St. Vincent De Paul Society, Emerson Hospital, Minuteman Protective Services, Concord Town Manager's office, Concord Public Library and the Concord COA to provide assistance in response to the requests made.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Permits Issued in Concord 5/4-5/15

- 1120 Old Marlboro – minor repairs to d-box
- 2080 Main Street – minor repairs to d-box
- 1337 Old Marlboro Road –new construction

UPCOMING EVENTS

“SORTING SUMMER “

Mondays, June 8- August 30th, or Tuesdays, June 9th – September 1st, 2015 Sponsored by the North Shore Center for Hoarding and Cluttering. Free Information Session – Choose One (attendance at one of the sessions is required to participate in group) Monday June 1st, 2015 10:30am-11:30am or Tuesday, June 2nd, 2015 10:30am-11:30am.

****No Age or Geographic Restrictions**** Call to register: 978-624-2207—Marnie McDonald, MSW, LCSW mmcdonald@nselder.org

Sorting Summer provides a safe, supportive & non-judgmental environment for you to learn & develop practical skills and strategies for working with your clutter.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Any Concord resident under the age of 60 who is interested in applying for SNAP (food stamps) or would like more information about the program, please contact Aileen Buford, MSW at 978.318.3034 or abuford@concordma.gov Individuals and families who are looking for food assistance,

OPEN TABLE offers community suppers and food pantry services on Thursdays in Concord and on Mondays in Maynard. No application is required. Concord: 978.369.2275 Maynard: 978.823.0082

For more information about local food pantries and community suppers please click on this link to the **Concord Social Services Resource Guide** and find the FOOD section http://www.concordma.gov/pages/ConcordMA_WebDocs/CONCORD%20Social%20Services%20Resource%20Guide%20FINAL%202015REVjan22.pdf

The Concord Social Services Resource Guide is available online or can be printed. Find resources for Energy Assistance, Financial Assistance, Food, Health, Housing & Lodging, Legal Services, Transportation and much more.

Need Help & Don't Know Where To Turn?

Every day, someone somewhere in Massachusetts needs to find essential community services, an after school program, a food bank, or where to secure care for an aging parent. Many face these challenges, but don't always know where to turn for help. ***The Solution is to Dial 2-1-1.***



Mass 2-1-1 serves as a resource for finding government benefits and services, nonprofit organizations, support groups, volunteer opportunities, donation programs, and other local resources. Always a confidential call, Mass 2-1-1 maintains the integrity of the 9-1-1 system saving that vital community resource for life and death emergencies.

It is available ***24 hours a day, 7 days a week***, and is an easy way to find or give help in your community. If you are unable to reach 2-1-1 due to your telephone or cell phone carrier, a toll-free number is available: **1-877-211-MASS (6277)**; Hearing Impaired: **508-370-4890 TTY**