

Town Manager's Report Monday, March 10, 2014

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

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

FINANCE

Treasury Division: Beginning April 1, 2014, the fee for Concord resident parking at the West Concord MBTA Commuter Lot is increasing. Currently the permit fee is \$75 per six-month period. Beginning with the April 1, 2014 six-month cycle, the fee will be raised to \$100 per six-month period. This increase is necessary so that revenue from the commuter lot keeps pace with the costs associated in managing and maintaining the lot. Permit fees are deposited to the Parking Management Fund.

The parking permit is available only to those Concord residents whose vehicle is registered in Concord. When purchasing the parking permit, residents are requested to present the motor vehicle registration for those cars to be listed on the parking permit. Two vehicles may be listed on a permit. Parking permits for the six month cycle beginning April 1, 2014 may be purchased at the Collector's Office in the Town House, 22 Monument Square, Concord, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30AM and 4:30PM.

FIRE

Unusual Emergency Responses: Friday morning CFD responded to Route 2 for a vehicle accident. One occupant was extricated out of an overturned automobile (photo on next page).

Personnel: A start date for the CFD's newest firefighter, Matthew O'Donnell has been set. Matt will fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Lt. Ed Conlin and will start on March 24.

Firefighter Sean Murphy has been promoted to Lieutenant effective March 10, 2014. Sean topped a very competitive promotional process and has worked for the CFD for many years. Sean fills the Lieutenant vacancy created by Lt. Conlin's retirement.



March 7 auto extrication

PLANNING & LAND MANAGEMENT

Building Inspections Division

Longview Meadows/Concord Mews Project Sold: The Concord Building Inspections Division received notice last week that this 350 unit Chapter 40B project has been sold to the John Hancock Life Insurance Company.

50 Beharrell Street Demolition Permit Issued: The Building Inspections Division last week issued a permit allowing demolition of the buildings at 50 Beharrell Street in West Concord. This demolition work will allow Oaktree Development, to begin construction of a combined industrial/business/residence use building to be known as Brookside Square. The mix of uses includes 30,000 sq. ft. of commercial and industrial space plus 74 units of housing (of which 8 will be considered affordable). The estimated cost of construction is \$14.8 Million.

Health Division

Healthy Concord Event “Building Resilience, All Ages-All Stages”: Approximately 160 people attended this March 1 kick-off event, which included a keynote address by author and Professor Dr. Ronald Seigel ([the mindfulness solution – Everyday Practices for Everyday Problems](#)) and 3 breakout sessions with the following topics - Mindful Parenting, Permission to Pause, and Digital Tools for Mindfulness. Feedback from participants was uniformly positive, with many residents requesting that events of this type continue to be offered.

Healthy Concord Cycling and Road Safety Survey: Healthy Concord is in the process of rolling out its second initiative, Cycling, Road Safety and Active Streets. Our community

has many active bicyclists and is a destination for non-resident bicyclists. In an effort to make the experience safer and more enjoyable for all users of our roads, we would like to learn about residents' experience cycling in Concord. Residents are invited to take the survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HealthyConcordBikeSurvey>

Rabies Clinic: All residents are welcome to bring their dogs and cats to the annual rabies vaccination clinic which will be held Saturday March 15 from 1-2:30 p.m. at the Public Works Building, 133 Keyes Rd. Vaccine will be administered to dogs from 1-1:45; all dogs must be on a leash. Cats will be vaccinated from 1:45-2:30; all cats must be in a cat carrier.

Planning Division

Historic Districts Commission: On Thursday, the HDC reviewed 9 new applications for changes within the Historic Districts. Certificates of Appropriateness were approved for changes including installation of new solar panels at 52A Barrett's Mill Road and 167 Monument Street; installation of new heating units at 449 Barrett's Mill Road; installation of new windows at 185 Barrett's Mill Road; removal of existing fencing at 201 Lexington Road; installation of a new light fixture at the Town House; and revising the designs of an approved garage at 324 Sudbury Road and the new Parish House addition at 81 Elm Street which allows 18 River Street to remain in its existing location. A new garage for 478 Lexington Road was also reviewed with the discussion continued to the March 20 meeting to allow time for a site visit to the property. In other business, the Commission also reviewed changes in the location of one of the solar panels at First Parish Church and agreed to extend the existing Certificate for paving work at 52 Main Street (Bank of America) for an additional six months.

Concord Historical Commission: The CHC met Thursday evening with several of the consultants working on the current project to study the Harrington-Wheeler House and surrounding property, Harrington Park. The consultants have met with the caretakers of the House as part of their information gathering phase, and will be working with the Historical Commission and other Town departments to ensure that all available information has been included. The Committee also met with representatives of Middlesex School to discuss potential changes to the red barn on Lowell Road and reviewed a request for an historic house marker for 11 Wood Street.

Natural Resources Division

Natural Resources Commission: At their March 5 meeting, the NRC heard the following applications: an Extension request for the Annursnac Hill Association to continue their pond management program and a Notice of Intent to demolish and reconstruct a single family house at 108 Laurel Street. Orders of Conditions were issued for the project at 108 Laurel Street and for 495 Monument Street to reconstruct a culvert headwall; a 3-year extension for pond management at Annursnac Pond was also granted. New applications received this week for the March 19 meeting included two Abbreviated Notices of Resource Area Delineations to determine the wetland boundary: one for 385 and 405 Cambridge Turnpike Road and one for 1888 Main Street. Other matters that were previously continued to the

March 19 meeting include a Notice of Intent for Concord-Carlisle at Play to renovate the athletic fields, a Notice of Intent for 24 Off-Harrington Avenue for after-the-fact driveway work, and a Request for Determination of Applicability to determine the extent of Riverfront Area at 163 Lindsay Pond Road. Concord Public Works has requested a further continuance to the April 19 NRC meeting for the culvert replacement project at Sleepy Hollow Cemetery. The NRC discussed Town Meeting warrant articles and voted to recommend affirmative action on Articles 36, 41, 47, and 59. Votes on Articles 38, 39, and 42 were deferred to future meetings.

POLICE

Operational Services: On Monday March 3, Sergeant Morahan and Officer Burgess responded to Emerson Hospital Emergency Department for a report of a patient that was out of control. Officers located the subject and assisted Hospital staff with controlling the patient and keeping him calm. The subject was subsequently transferred to another facility.

On Wednesday March 5, Officer Walsh responded a Baker Avenue business for a report of a subject who attempted to steal merchandise from the store. Office Walsh learned that the subject attempted to steal two pair of sunglasses and that staff were able to retrieve the items from the individual. Officer Walsh identified the subject and a summons will be issued to appear in Concord District Court on the charge of shoplifting.

On Friday March 7, Sergeant Connell and Officer Mearn responded a Harrington Ave residence for a report of a past theft. Officers learned that several tools and supplies had been stolen from a house that is under construction. Officers are following up on leads and patrols are keeping an extra eye of the property.

On Saturday March 8, Detective Morrison and Officer Harrington responded to the area of 28 Main Street for a report of an intoxicated subject in a motor vehicle. Officers arrived, located the subject and determined that the subject, after an investigation, was under the influence of drugs. Officers also learned that the subject had multiple warrants out for his arrest. Officers arrested the subject and he was brought to the Station for processing. He was charged with: OUI drugs, 4th offense; license suspended for OUI; operating motor vehicle with license suspended, subsequent offense; negligent operation of motor vehicle; drug possession - class a (heroin); 3 default warrants; motor vehicle operator refusal to identify self; and use of motor vehicle without authority

Administrative Services: On Friday March 7, Mary Catherine Middlemiss graduated from the Massachusetts State 911 Academy for Dispatchers. Ms. Middlemiss completed the five week program and will begin her in house training beginning the week of March 10.