

# Town Manager's Report Monday, June 13, 2011

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

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

## FIRE

**Apparatus:** Our new ambulance was delivered June 9. This vehicle is from the same manufacturer as our last ambulance, which has served us well. The Fire Chief hopes to have the new ambulance in service in about a week. The dealer is allowing us to hold onto our trade for a couple of weeks to allow time for what will be our reserve ambulance to go out for some relatively minor body repairs.



**New Ambulance**

## PLANNING & LAND MANAGEMENT

### Planning Division

**Solar Siting Committee:** On June 3, the Solar Siting Committee met to review and coordinate the draft sections of their final report to the Board of Selectmen and to discuss next steps regarding outreach and solicitation of feedback from stakeholder groups, Town staff and the public. The Committee will will discuss how to approach the public at their next meeting on Friday, June 17.

**Crosby Corner Landscaping – MassDOT Information Meeting:** Planning and CPW staff attended the early informational session on the landscape plan for Route 2 Crosby Corner

improvements held in Lincoln, and submitted comments regarding the plan to consultants from Brown, Rowe and Richardson. The public information session was well attended by Lincoln residents and a small group of Concord residents.

### **Health Division**

**Recreational Camps:** Summer camp inspections are in full swing this month. An estimated 5,000 - 6,000 children will attend camp in Concord this year.

### **Building and Inspections Division**



### **Emergency response to Monson and**

**Brimfield:** As requested by the Department of Public Safety, staff member Laurie Livoli was called up last Saturday and Sunday to provide Emergency Management Assistance to the Towns of Brimfield and Monson, MA. These towns were severely impacted by the tornadoes in Western Mass a week ago. Laurie spent 23 hours on Saturday and Sunday going through homes and commercial buildings, inspecting them, rating them, and tagging them as habitable or not. Two years ago Laurie volunteered to be placed on a list of building officials who would be willing to be called up to provide emergency assistance to other communities when there is any event involving damage to buildings and structures. This response program is the "Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) Transfer of Liability and Cost Reimbursements" and could involve damage to buildings from earthquakes, hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding, and/or explosions (recall the Town of Danvers a couple years ago).

### **Natural Resources Division**

**Emerson Thoreau Amble Bridge:** Natural Resources staff and others met on site last week to discuss the construction of the two bridges for the Emerson Thoreau Amble. Helical piers will be used and hand-installed to minimize disruption at both locations, and provide anchoring in silty soils. Construction is scheduled for late August or early September for both bridges.

**Fairyland Culvert Flagger:** Natural Resources staff flagged wetlands at the failed Fairyland culvert in the Town Forest. CPW will prepare a design to replace the failed culvert, which has washed out a section of the trail, and Natural Resources staff will prepare a

permit to the NRC for its replacement. It is anticipated that CPW will replace the culvert later this summer.

**Marabello Farms:** Director Delia Kaye met with Town Counsel, Marabello's attorneys, and wetland scientist Mary Trudeau to review progress at Marabello Farms. The historic wetlands have been fully delineated, and most of the fill removed. The wetland boundary was adjusted in some locations; this line will be surveyed onto an As-Built plan. Any agriculture contemplated within 100 feet of this wetland boundary must receive an approval from the NRC as it has been out of agriculture for more than 5 years.

## **POLICE**

**Operational Services:** On Friday June 3, Officer Troiano conducted a check on two (2) individuals acting suspicious while parked in a vehicle at Crosby's Mobil. After performing a probable cause search on the individuals, the officer discovered 33 grams of cocaine hidden in the vehicle. Both occupants were arrested and charged with trafficking cocaine.

On Monday, June 6, officers responded to 1351 Main Street for a report of a vehicle parked on the front lawn. Upon their arrival officers determined that the vehicle left the roadway and came to rest in the front yard. Officers conducted an investigation and determined that the female operator was intoxicated. The operator was charged with drunk driving, 2<sup>nd</sup> offense.

On Tuesday, June 7, officers responded to the West Concord Plaza for a report of a pedestrian struck by a motor vehicle. Upon arrival officers determine that a truck making a delivery struck an employee who was assisting in backing up the truck. The subject received minor injuries and was transported to Emerson Hospital. The driver was issued a citation for failure to use care in backing up.

**Community Services:** On Saturday, June 10, officers assisted with graduation ceremonies at Concord Carlisle High School. In addition, officers also assisted with the overnight Senior Safari. Both events took place without incident.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

**FEMA Reimbursements for January 12 – 13 2011 Snow Emergency:** All documentation has been completed and filed with local FEMA representatives in anticipation of federal reimbursement for costs incurred as part of the Town's emergency snow response. Total eligible costs are \$92,238 of which Concord will potentially receive 75% reimbursement, or \$69,179. FEMA representatives have indicated their intent to reimburse towns over the next several weeks to assist in balancing fiscal year 2011 snow deficits.

**Derby Street Drainage Improvements:** Concord Public Works crews began Derby Street drainage work on June 6 which will replace over 700 lineal feet of drain line and 11 catch basin and manhole structures. This project will substantially improve roadway drainage in the Derby Street area while replacing failing infrastructure. Work is expected to continue through July.

**Shade Tree Planting Program:** Park and Tree Division staff took delivery of 30 shade trees this past Friday which will be planted at various locations throughout Concord. This will complete the spring planting program with over 50 trees scheduled to be planted prior to summer. Additional shade tree plantings are planned for the fall planting season.

**Wastewater Operations Contract Request for Proposals (RFP):** Concord Public Works has finalized development and advertisement of RFP # 266 in anticipation of an award to continue wastewater contract operations at the wastewater treatment plant. The existing ten year contract with Woodard and Curran is scheduled to terminate at the end of the calendar year. Proposals from prospective firms are due July 29 with a CPW recommendation to award to the Town Manager planned for late August.

**Baseball Field Maintenance:** Over last week, Park and Tree Division baseball field maintenance staff, with assistance of MCI crews, focused significant efforts on field improvements at Rideout and Emerson fields. Work included mechanical removal of infield weeds, irrigation repairs, field mowing, maintenance of infield clay and base paths and extensive work on mounds and home plate areas. Efforts will continue to ensure field conditions remain above average and ready for play.

**Rogers Land Site Assessments:** Public Works crews worked with Natural Resources staff on the excavation of eighteen test pits and two soil borings as required for the Limited Phase II Environmental Site Assessment, conducted by the Licensed Site Professional at the Rogers land off Harrington Avenue. The Phase 1 & Limited Phase II Environmental Site Assessments are now complete.