

# CONCORD PUBLIC WORKS

## PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION



from left: James A. Smith, Philip Swain, Cynthia W. Wood, Nick Pappas, Chair; Paul A. Mahoney

The Public Works Commission acts as the Town's road, water and sewer commissioners, and advises the Public Works Director in the Department's efforts to maintain and protect the Town's public works, utility and solid waste/recycling services. The Commission also advises the Town Manager, Planning Board and other Town officials and boards on matters that concern Town water and sewer service, drainage and roads. The Commission is also responsible for setting policy and rate schedules for water, sewer and solid waste services; for acting as an appeals board for right of way permits and water and sewer bills and for approving minimum standards for the final layout of Town roads.

The Public Works Commission also provides a forum for review of water, sewer and solid waste rates, the annual roads and sidewalk program, public street layout, and water and sewer extensions.

The ongoing activities of the Commission can be found on the web at [www.concordma.gov](http://www.concordma.gov)

Highlights for 2010 included (in chronological order):

- An annual public hearing and Commission approval to revise curbside collection and disposal rates
- A Roads Program review, followed by a formal public hearing discussing the 2010 Roads Plan
- Participation by the Public Works Commission Chair in

the working group of the Natural Resources Commission on the Wetlands Bylaw Regulations that resulted in a vote and letter accepting terms of the Public Works Commission

- A Commission vote to recommend No Action on Article 38 – Revocation of the Community Preservation Act
- Presentations on the Roads Program and Nagog Pond Water Supply System Improvements were made at the Annual Town Meeting
- A public hearing and approval of the new water/sewer rates
- Commissioner Wood represented the Public Works Commission on the Comprehensive Sustainable Energy Committee
- A Sidewalk Extension and Maintenance Program review, followed by a formal public hearing discussing the Sidewalk Plan
- Approval of a water main extension on Bolton Street with conditions
- Approval of a common sewer service configuration for the Concord River Walk in accordance with Sewer Rules and Regulations.
- Approval of a State of Water Supply Conservation following an unusually high spike in seasonal water demand following the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend, which significantly challenged Concord's available water supply
- Review of the proposed utility scale solar array installation at the Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Conditional approval of the Groundwater Conservancy District Zoning Bylaw requirements (a-d) for the Concord Country Club

The Commission continued to review the activities of Concord Public Works through monthly Director's reports and set aside time for public comment during each meeting.

## CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Concord cemeteries are an important asset to the Town. Visitors, historians and residents use them as a window to the past, a pleasant place for solitude and contemplation, and a final resting place for many.

Concord cemeteries total about 55 acres. Maintaining these grounds in top condition requires the continued efforts of the Cemetery Division staff as well as other Public Works employees. The efforts of all are greatly appreciated.