

becomes a more important aspect of our work with the Board of Health. Influenza vaccination clinics have also served many of Concord's residents and employees. Please see attached spread sheet with data from flu clinics and communicable disease follow up.

Throughout this past year, Emerson Home Care has worked closely with the Board of Health and with other community organizations to coordinate care for the residents of Concord. We will continue to work with the town and organizations to identify areas of opportunity to serve the town's residents in an effort to promote health and wellness. Home Care is also represented on the Emerson Hospital Emergency Preparedness Committee which works with the Town of Concord and others to coordinate emergency preparedness efforts.

EMERSON HOSPITAL HOME CARE SERVICES		
Flu vaccination Clinics	'08-'09	'09-'10
Senior Clinics	253	238
Concord Teachers	87	55
Seniors at Concord Park	65	57
Open Table	8	12
Communicable Disease Follow Up	7/09 -- 6/10	
Home care telephone visits	39	
Home visits	0	

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Raymond A. Costa, Sealer

The ultimate goal of the Sealer of Weights and Measures is to "Create Equity in the Marketplace." All individuals in a community are affected by weighing and measuring operations for virtually all of the necessities of life, particularly of food and fuel.

The function of the Weights and Measures official is to safeguard the public in matters involving the commercial determination of "quantity" and ensure that whenever merchandise or service is bought or sold, that honest weights and honest measures are delivered, and that fraud, carelessness or misrepresentation of such transactions are eliminated. To facilitate this endeavor, the accuracy of all weighing and measuring devices used for sale to the public are inspected, sealed or condemned as required.

These weighing and measuring devices include, but are not limited to, all gasoline and diesel dispensing devices (pumps) throughout the community, all weighing devices (scales) used at supermarkets, delis, meat markets, seafood shops, retail checkout counters, farm stands, specialty stores, small convenience stores, pharmacies, laundromats, public shipping stores, hardware stores as well as home heating oil (fuel oil) delivery trucks and a myriad of other weighing and measuring devices.

Consumers can also feel confident when making purchases at establishments that use bar code pricing devices (scanners) as the inspection and testing for accuracy and proper operation of these price scanning devices is another of the Sealer's duties.

The Weights and Measures official investigates consumer complaints that may be issued regarding weighing and measuring devices in the community that do not appear to be complying with legal standards. Upon investigation, whenever a failure of a device is found or failure of an establishment to comply with the weights & measures laws is discovered, immediate action is taken to facilitate compliance and, if necessary, the Sealer may issue civil citations or engage in criminal actions based upon these failures.

The following inspections were performed by the Sealer of Weights and Measures at more than 64 business establishments throughout the community: 100 weighing scales, 150 gasoline/diesel meters, approximately 45 bar code scanners, 615+ store shelf commodities, 10 fuel oil delivery trucks and a variety of other miscellaneous weighing and measuring devices... all "So That Equity May Prevail" in Concord.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

The Natural Resources Commission (NRC) and staff are responsible for the overall stewardship of the natural resources of the Town, and the establishment of Town environmental policy in conjunction with the Selectmen and Town Meeting. The NRC administers the State Wetlands Protection Act (MGL Chapter 131, Section 40), Rivers Protection Act (MGL Chapter 258 of the Acts of 1996) and accompanying regulations (310 CMR 10.00), and the recently approved Concord Wetlands Bylaw and regulations. The NRC also plays

an important role in open space planning pursuant to its authority under the Conservation Commission Act (MGL Chapter 40 Section 8c).



from left: George Lewis, Steve Verrill, Elissa Brown, Dean Banfield, Jamie Bemis, Chair; Jeff Adams, Associate

Wetlands Protection Act

The majority of Commission and staff time relates to administering and enforcing wetland regulations. The NRC held multiple hearings on 23 evenings to review wetland permit applications, which included 44 Notices of Intent, two Abbreviated Notices of Resource Area Delineation, and 15 Requests for Determination of Applicability, for a total of 61 new applications, the same number as in 2009. The NRC received six requests to Amend an Order of Conditions, six Requests to Extend an Order of Conditions and one (Emerson Hospital) Request to Extend an Order of Resource Area Delineation. The NRC closed out many completed projects, issuing 26 Certificates of Compliance and six Partial Certificates of Compliance. The NRC began working with 10 property owners to resolve new violations, and issued one Enforcement Order for a noncompliant homeowner with an unauthorized garage foundation in the 25-foot No Disturb Zone. Five of the new violations were resolved and ongoing work to bring homeowners into compliance continues for the remaining five. Nine of 10 violations identified in 2009 were resolved (one was determined not to be a violation). The NRC also made substantial progress on a major on-going violation for industrial activities in wetlands, and closed out an Enforcement Order for unauthorized roadway expansion, both identified in 2008.

The NRC and staff responded to two appeals to the

Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). DEP upheld the NRC's decision to permit an artificial turf field partially in the Riverfront Area of the Concord River; this decision was appealed to adjudicatory hearing and again upheld. DEP continues to review the second appeal denying a project for failing to provide requested information. Staff issued two Emergency Certifications, both related to the excessive flooding in March of this year.

Major projects reviewed by the NRC this year included the Route 2/Crosby's Corner roadway improvement project, which required a Denial from the NRC because of extensive wetland impacts, a Planned Residential Development at 506 Old Bedford Road, a meeting hall and performing arts center building at the Fenn School, and relocating the Caesar Robbins House closer to the North Bridge. Division staff performed numerous site visits to determine if proposed projects required NRC approval, to monitor ongoing construction for permitted projects, and to respond to violations.

Wetlands Bylaw and Regulations

With the passage of the Wetlands Bylaw at 2009 Town Meeting, voters approved an amendment requiring that Wetland Bylaw Regulations also be approved by Town Meeting. These were presented and approved at 2010 Town Meeting and provide guidance for work in sensitive areas, including within 100 feet of Certified Vernal Pools and the 25-foot No Disturb Zone.

NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION (DNR)

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Open Space Protection

Division staff worked closely with other Town officials, the Board of Selectmen, and the Concord Land Conservation Trust to preserve a 4.7-acre parcel in West Concord off Harrington Avenue. This included preparing a LAND grant application to the State Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs and an application to the Community Preservation Committee. Purchase of this property is on the Warrant for 2011 Town Meeting.