

the parameters for Solar Renewable Energy Credits in Massachusetts are yet unclear, Committee members are working out the details of solar leasing in hopes of decreasing the barriers to solar for residents. Committee members have also been meeting with large solar companies to gain an understanding of what the requirements from and benefits to the Town would be for hosting a 1.5 to 2 megawatt system on Town land. The Town, with help from the Committee and financial support from the Sawyer Trust Fund (see table) submitted an application for an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) from the State to fund a solar installation on the roof of the new Willard School.

*Local Governments for Sustainability & Climate Action Plan*

The Town officially became a member of Local Governments for Sustainability, an international membership association of local governments dedicated to climate protection that facilitates municipal baseline carbon footprint calculations from which tangible reductions in greenhouse gas emissions can be achieved. The Committee is currently working on the baseline calculation around which target reduction goals will be established and community support for a Town-wide Climate Action Plan will be gathered.

*Coordination with other Committees*

In an effort to increase outreach to other conservation-minded and energy-related groups in Town, Committee members regularly attend meetings of the Concord Environmental Council, Concord Municipal Light Board, ConcordCAN and League of Women Voters, among others.



*Styrofoam recycling volunteers at Drop Off Day*

**CONCORD PUBLIC WORKS**



*James A. Smith, Philip Swain, Cynthia W. Wood, Chair; Nick Pappas, Vice-Chair; Paul A. Mahoney*

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION**

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 responsible for setting policy and rate schedules for water, sewer and solid waste services; for acting as an appeals board for water and sewer bills and for approving minimum standards for the final layout of Town roads.

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

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

Highlights for 2009 included (in chronological order):

- Review of a traffic signalization study that included a comprehensive analysis of all Town-owned and operated traffic signals and the development of final design plans and specifications to upgrade the signalization and intersection of Sudbury Road and Thoreau Street. A public

hearing was held to discuss the proposed intersection improvements.

- Hosted a forum for residents who have petitioned the Town for installation of a sidewalk on Lowell Road beginning at Hugh Cargill Road and extending beyond Middlesex School.
- Staff provided a Route 2 Rotary Reconstruction Project update for analysis by the Commission.
- Wastewater Planning Task Force updates were provided to the Commission and discussed.
- An annual public hearing and Commission approval to revise curbside collection and disposal rates took place.
- A Roads/Sidewalk Program review, followed by a formal public hearing discussing the 2009 Roads and Sidewalk Plan was held.
- A public hearing occurred in which the Commission voted to amend the Public Storm Drainage Connection Policy to add the Illicit Discharge and Elimination section 6.3.
- A public hearing and approval of the new water/sewer rates took place.
- A public hearing and vote to waive the requirement that 63B Cambridge Turnpike create frontage to a publically owned water main in order to be eligible to take water from the municipal system.
- The Wheeler Road Water Main Extension Request was approved.
- There was discussion of possible CPA projects including the Pail Factory Pocket Park, Spencer Brook Culvert historic rehabilitation and Mill Brook Footbridge.
- A water service abatement appeal for 178 Great Road in Acton was denied.
- Discussions of sidewalk extensions and sidewalk construction criteria took place prior to development of a sidewalk extension plan.
- A Water Conservation Challenge check was presented to the San Marcos Sister City project for construction of a well in El Uval, Nigaragua.
- There was a vote to accept and execute a sidewalk easement on Academy Lane.
- The Commission participated in the working group to draft Wetlands Bylaw regulations.
- 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



*Deborah B. Stoessel, Ruth E. Armknecht, Carole A. Cushing, Vice Chair, Kathleen C. Winslow, Frederick E. Macdonald, Chair*

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

Concord cemeteries, including Old Hill, South Burying Ground, and Sleepy Hollow 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.

The annual Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies were held at Sleepy Hollow. These events were well attended.

On-going maintenance/upgrade programs continued to be carried out at Sleepy Hollow. Roads were re-paved; the tree management program continued to ensure the health, safety and aesthetics of the hundreds of trees within the grounds; new plantings were made; flag pole lights at the Knoll were fixed; the Melvin Memorial monument was steam-cleaned for the first time in many years.

Headstones for Sophia and Una Hawthorne were put in place by Hawthorne decedents. An inscription was added to their existing stones to read "re-interred here June 2006".

The building at the Knoll has been renovated to enable the Cemetery Division to operate from one location. The Cemetery office will be located there following additional renovations so that staff can meet with customers and vendors at this location as well as store records and other cemetery items. A donated garage was moved