



TOWN OF CONCORD

Town Manager's Report

Week of: May 16, 2016

2016 WHITE POND PARKING PASSES NOW AVAILABLE FOR SALE

2016 Parking Passes for the White Pond streets are now available for sale at the Town Clerk's Office. If you own or rent property on the following streets in the White Pond area, then you are eligible to purchase parking passes for the 2016 season: Bolton Street, Darton Street, Dover Street, Eaton Street, Fern Street, Raymond Road, Shore Drive, White Avenue, and Mitchell Road (from Powder Mill Road to White Avenue).

Two types of passes are available – one for owners/residents with vehicles registered at the White Pond address, and one for guests of these property owners/residents. Each residence is limited to a maximum of four guest passes. Passes are available for purchase for \$1.00 each. Proof of vehicle registration is required for the owner/resident passes. Prior years' stickers and passes are no longer valid. Vehicles parked on any of the above roadways and not displaying a 2016 permit are subject to ticketing and towing.

Health Department Event Tick/Mosquito Disease Prevention Event to be Held May 12

Contact: (978) 318-3275

The Concord Health Division and the Middlesex Tick Task Force invites residents to attend an important learning event - Ticks and Mosquitoes from A to Z (Anaplasmosis to Zika). Learn about these diseases and how to prevent them from impacting you and your family. The presentation will be held on Thursday, May 12th, from 7-9 pm in the Multipurpose Room at Bedford Town Hall, 10 Mudge Way, Bedford, MA. This event is free and will feature two presentations from prominent tick and mosquito experts.

A COMMUNITY FORUM

Rising OPIOID epidemic in our community

An evening about prevention, collaboration
and education

Our communities are struggling with prescription drug abuse and opioid addiction.

Please join us to hear from prevention and treatment experts, people in recovery, local law enforcement and a family who has been impacted.



Monday, May 16
6:00–9:00 pm

LEARN:

- How prescription drug abuse and opioid addiction affects all members of our community
- The facts about the disease of addiction, trends in our community, options for treatment and the realities of recovery.
- How community prevention is a vital component of the solution.

WHERE:

Concord-Carlisle High School
Auditorium
500 Walden Street, Concord
Doors open at 5:30 pm; event starts at 6:00 pm

Open to all — no reservations are required

For more information/questions, please email: OpioidForum@emersonhospital.org
Representatives from area prevention, education and treatment resources will be on hand.

 Emerson Hospital
emersonhospital.org

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The Concord Carousel Preschool and the Concord Recreation After School students are partnering with the Council on Aging on a gardening project at the Harvey Wheeler Community Center. Both a vegetable garden and an herb garden will be planted in raised beds. Senior residents are needed to help maintain the gardens during the summer and volunteers will share in the harvest. To express interest or ask questions, please contact Anita Hill at 978-318-3045 or ahill@concordma.gov

The COA is once again making arrangements for seniors to have assistance in installing their window air conditioning units. Cost will be \$10 per unit payable directly to the installer. Please call the office to make a reservation. This service is offered on a first come first served basis.

Our art exhibit through June 3rd features a series of photos from Old West Concord assembled by local resident Charlie Simpson. Charlie hopes to bring back wonderful memories to interested residents. Please plan to come by Harvey Wheeler and take a look!

The COA has introduced a new program entitled "Ask the Pharmacist". On the first Tuesday of every month, Diane Briner, RPH will offer individual private counseling appointments at no charge. Please call the office to sign up.

Kite Show and Workshop: On Monday, May 23rd

Glenn Davison of Kiting USA will set up an exhibit and give demonstration and provide instruction for each participant to make a kite, fly it and take it home. Thanks to the proceeds generated by the Harvey Wheeler Gift shop, this event is being offered free of charge. Please call to sign up.



DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & LAND MANAGEMENT

Natural Resources * Planning * Building & Health * WATER & SEWER

Natural Resources Division: Reviews for the May 18th Natural Resources Commission meeting: Natural Resources staff reviewed the following projects: the continued Notice of Intent (NOI) for Mill Brook Tarry to construct a grocery store and expand the parking area; the continued NOI for Damonmill Square Property to make dam repairs and remove trees at 9 Pond Lane; the continued NOI for 280 Estabrook Road to remove trees and create a meadow; a new NOI for 300-310 Baker Avenue to expand the parking area; and a Request for Determination of Applicability to repair the existing infiltration system and reconstruct a retaining wall at the White Pond Associates beach. **Summer positions for Rangers and Conservation Crew:** DPLM welcomes back the two summer Ranger staff from last year – Roan Callahan and Brendan Burke. Brendan begins work on May 16 and Roan will start on May 23rd. Additionally, Natural Resources staff conducted interviews for the two seasonal conservation crew positions. Selected candidates are anticipated to be on board by early June and will be managing conservation lands through August.

Planning Division: Massport Community Summer Jobs Program: The Planning Division submitted an application for an office assistant funded by Massport. This position is specifically for students in high school or a college program who reside in a Massport community. This year's projects include four projects: 1) assist Concord's Community Services Department in updating the Youth and Family Services Resource Guide and marketing materials; 2) assist the Planning Division in researching and documenting existing conditions that will provide background information to the newly appointed Comprehensive Long Range Plan Committee; 3) working to observe and document visitor use and parking information of public parking facilities; and 4) assist the Concord Historical Commission in researching and recording information about two important historic sites – the Harrington/Wheeler farm site on Harrington Ave. and the Camp Massachusetts muster site of September 7-9, 1859 (prior to the Civil War). The office assistant position is funded for 7 weeks beginning after July 1st.

MAPC's Community Engagement Workshop: In anticipation of the need for even more community engagement during the Comprehensive Long Range Plan process, Director Marcia Rasmussen attended an MAPC community engagement workshop to learn about innovative techniques for reaching the people who live, work and play in the community.

Community Preservation Committee meeting of May 9th: The CPC continued discussion whether to change the CPA funding local surcharge from 1.5% to the maximum 3%. CPC members plan to meet with Town officials, boards and commissions over the summer to discuss the merits of changing the surcharge before making a decision. Members also held annual election of officers with Dee Ortner elected as Chair, Barbara Pike as Vice Chair, Bouzha Cookman as Secretary, and Geoffrey Taylor as Treasurer. Lastly, the Committee established a preliminary schedule for the summer and fall grant process and will meet again on June 14.

Planning Board meeting of May 10th: The Millbrook Tarry Market project architect reviewed his letter to the Board, outlining open issues and options to address the issues to try and come to resolution. In response to various comments and concerns raised by Town staff and the Board, the project architect presented a revised plan. The letter and revised plan is on the Board of Appeals web page at http://www.concordma.gov/Pages/ConcordMA_BOA/Meeting%20Documents. The Planning Board continued discussion to the May 24th meeting to allow Town staff time to review the revised plans and to clarify remaining traffic concerns raised by Town staff and the Town's consulting traffic engineer. Also at this meeting, the Planning Board voted to endorse three Approval Not Required Plans: Estabrook Road Nominee Trust at 55 Estabrook Road, Parcels 1344-1 & 1344-1-1 dividing the two existing lots into four lots and two non-buildable parcels; Estabrook Road Nominee Trust at 55 Estabrook Road (Parcel 1344-1-1) and Kevin Parke at 33 Liberty Street (Parcel 1325-2-2) creating two non-buildable parcels from 55 Estabrook Rd to be conveyed to 33 Liberty St, and; Richard Glasberg at 244 Virginia Rd (Parcel 4262-7) and John Kay at 262 Virginia Rd (4262-5) creating one non-buildable parcel from 244 Virginia Rd to be conveyed to 262 Virginia Rd.

Building Inspections Division: New zoning adds to work load: With Town meeting approval of the new Floor Area Ratio bylaw (FAR); every building that goes on the market in Concord now needs to be measured in order for a building inspector to have enough information to provide advice to any potential home buyer. The same process is necessary for any homeowner that comes in seeking to add a new addition to their home or a new detached garage to their property. This new zoning bylaw has added a tremendous work load to the Building Inspections Division. Last week the Division was requested to measure 8 homes/properties which took approximately 16 man hours. **Middlesex School Campus Center/Music Center:** a building permit to allow conversion of the former maintenance/facilities/chiller/fuel storage building to a Campus Center/Music Center was issued last week. The value of this new work is \$7.2 million. **529 Virginia Road/Guild for Human Services:** upon review of the "Parking Narrative for 521 Virginia Road", the Building Commissioner has determined that the 200 existing spaces will be adequate for the proposed educational use of the site for both the Guild for Human Services and Bay Bath College. Any change to traffic patterns will require site plan review by the Planning Board.

Health Division: 529 Virginia Road/Guild for Human Services: A permit has been issued for upgrade of the septic system to accommodate expanded flows associated with the proposed school. Review of the food service design for the school is in process. **Verrill Farm at 11 Wheeler Road:** Food Service establishment review is in process for the expansion of the commercial kitchen and deli. **Middlesex Tick Task Force** presented an educational program on May 12, Tick and Mosquito Diseases from A to Z (Anaplasmosis to Zika). 100 attendees were present for this regional event. The Middlesex Tick Task Force is comprised of representatives from the towns of Acton, Bedford, Carlisle, Concord, Lincoln, Wayland, Westford and Weston with the goal of educating residents how to prevent tick-borne diseases.