



TOWN OF CONCORD

Town Manager's Report

Week of: May 23, 2016

Estabrook Woods Access Study Committee Public Hearing Set for June 13

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A public hearing will be held by the Estabrook Woods Access Study Committee on Monday evening, June 13 at 7 pm. The hearing will be held at the Town House in the second floor hearing room. The Committee welcomes public comment on potential solutions to issues related to parking and visitor use in the Estabrook Woods.

The Estabrook Woods Access Study Committee was appointed by the Concord Select Board at the end of April, 2016 to consider and make recommendations to the Select Board on how to address the increased pressure for adequate and safe parking at access points to the Estabrook Woods, and other impacts from visitor use. The Committee has reviewed past correspondence to the Selectmen on this issue, and welcomes further public input, either at the hearing or through email at:

estabrookcommittee@concordma.gov.

2016 White Pond Parking Passes Now Available for Sale

Contact: (978) 318-3080

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 Prior years' stickers and passes are no longer valid.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.

Passes may be purchased at the Town Clerk's Office during business hours—Mondays through Fridays, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Concord Girl Scouts Beautify Council on Aging Planters

Concord 7th grade Girl Scout Troop 72678 beautified the Concord Council of Aging planters thanks to the Garden Club of Concord and Verrill Farm.



Youth Services

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Concord-Carlisle Youth Services served on the Class Act Awards 2016 committee. The award ceremony was held on May 18th at CCHS. Class Act Awards celebrate student service to school and community. Many thanks to State Senator Mike Barrett for his inspiring keynote address. It was a pleasure to work with our community partners on this special evening: CCHS, 2Volunteer, Concord-Carlisle Community Chest, Rotary Club of Concord, Youth in Philanthropy and the Foundation for Metrowest and Concord Recreation.

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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & LAND MANAGEMENT
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Natural Resources Division

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Natural Resources Commission: At the NRC meeting on May 18th the Commission heard the following matters: an Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation for 214Y Main Street to confirm the boundary of wetland resources areas; the continued Notice of Intent (NOI) for Millbrook Tarry to construct a market and modify the parking lot; the continued NOI for 280 Estabrook Road to remove trees and create a meadow; and, a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) for 90Y Plainfield Road to repair an existing infiltration system and reconstruct a retaining wall. Orders of Conditions were issued for a house renovation project at 131 Assabet Avenue and tree removal and dam repairs at the Damonmill at 9 Pond Lane.

New applications received this week for the June 1 NRC meeting include: an NOI for 75 Ayrshire Lane to replace a septic system and an RDA for 237 Commonwealth Avenue to confirm the removal of two sheds and the construction of a garage are outside wetlands jurisdiction.

Old Calf Pasture Request for Proposal (RFP): The Division will be issuing an RFP to engage a firm to conduct invasive species control at Old Calf Pasture. Proposals are due by 2:00PM on June 15, 2016.

Planning Division

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CHDC Junction Village Workshop: Town Planner Elizabeth Hughes attended the Junction Village Open Space Community Workshop site visit and forum on Tuesday, May 17th. Over 20 people attended the site visit and over 30 people attended the workshop immediately following the site visit. There was a good exchange of information and ideas that will be compiled into a final report by the consultant Jennifer Goldson with JM Goldson Consulting.

Historic Districts Commission meeting of May 19: The HDC reviewed three continued and four new applications for Certificates of Appropriateness for changes within the Historic Districts. The Commission approved Certificates of Appropriateness for construction of a new addition and garage at 362 Barrett's Mill Road; installation of new windows at 201 Lexington Road; addition of new walkways at 427 Lowell Road; and construction of a new market building, parking deck and overall site redevelopment at 91 Lowell Road (Millbrook Tarry) with the exception of the lighting and signage which will be reviewed at a later date. In addition, the Commission reviewed new paint colors and paving at 441 Lowell Road and demolition of the Davis Building at the Concord Museum (200 Lexington Road) and its replacement with a new addition, courtyard, and parking area redesign. Both of these applications were continued to the Commission's next meeting on June 2 to allow for site visits. Lastly, the HDC met with Boynton Brennan Builders to discuss plans for a new structure at 12 Bow St.

Appraisal Site Visits for Bruce Freeman Rail Trail: This week, Director Marcia Rasmussen and appraisers from Avery Associates met with 14 property owners to view the areas needed for permanent and temporary easements that are needed to allow construction of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail. Three other property owners have already expressed their willingness to provide Certificates of Donation for the easements. Only one property remains to be viewed.

Regional Housing Services Office meeting with Town Managers: The RHSO staff provided the annual update to the seven Town Managers whose communities participate in the RHSO. The Town Managers expressed their interest in continuing participation in the RHSO and appreciated the professional support for the many aspects of affordable housing in the seven communities.



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Building Inspections Division

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28 Adams Road: The Building Commissioner is working to mediate a stormwater run-off dispute between a builder constructing a new home at 28 Adams Road and the adjacent property owner. Both parties have been asked to work with an engineer to develop a plan which will satisfy both parties.

86 Baker Avenue Extension: Inspections staff inspected and issued a Certificate of Occupancy allowing Eliot Community Health to move from the Emerson Hospital site to their new offices at 86 Baker Avenue Extension.

The Umbrella Community Arts Center at 40 Stow St.: Inspections staff met with Executive Director Jerry Wedge and their architect (Office of Michael Rosenfeld) to discuss future remodeling of the Emerson Umbrella building and site.

Health Division

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Proposed School Bus Facility, parcel 2322 off Knox Trail: Design plans for the septic system to be installed at the bus maintenance facility are under review, with design change requests sent to the engineer Weston and Sampson.

CONCORD PUBLIC WORKS (CPW)
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Concord Public Works - Bicycle Giveaway for Concord Residents - Concord Public Works is excited to announce a new bicycle giveaway pilot program for Concord residents which it is hosting on Wednesday, June 22nd, at the Public Works Facility located at 133 Keyes Rd. from 4 PM - 7:30 PM, on a first arrive, first choose basis. The bike giveaway will include bicycles that were collected at the May 14th Drop-off event through the generosity of other Concord residents. An official pass is required to receive a bike; the pass is free of charge.

Residents may pre-register and obtain a limited availability pass to attend the Bicycle Giveaway event by contacting Concord Public Works at (978) 318-3240 beginning on June 6th at 9:00 AM. Based on the availability of bicycles, residents may also obtain a pass at the event; however, CPW anticipates high interest in the this event and urges residents to obtain their pass early. Residents will be admitted to select their bicycle at the Keyes Road facility based on order of arrival with a valid pass. The inventory includes both adult and children's bicycles and is a great opportunity to acquire a bicycle at no cost to Concord residents. Any bicycles that remain after the event will be donated to a non-profit organization(s).





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DropOff-SwapOff Results - The May 14th DropOff-SwapOff was well attended. There were 917 vehicles in attendance at the DropOff portion of the event alone. Among the numerous items collected for recycling were five 30 yard roll-off containers of scrap metal, five 30 yard roll-off containers of construction & demolition materials, 224 bags of Styrofoam™, 41 mattresses, one 30 yd. roll-off container of upholstered furniture, and one 30 yd. roll-off container of bulky plastic.

The DropOff portion of the event included an unwanted medication & Sharps collection. Four boxes of unwanted medication and four boxes of Sharps were collected, in addition to a container of controlled substances which were collected by the Police Department. Emerson Hospital provided a pharmacist for the unwanted medication collection. The fall DropOff-SwapOff is scheduled for October 15, 2016.

Stage II CPW Fuel Depot Decommissioning - Per 310 CMR 7.24(3) & 310 CMR 7.24(6), MassDEP requires that Stage II Vapor Recovery systems be “decommissioned” by January 1, 2017. Stage II Vapor Recovery Systems capture vapors that are displaced when filling vehicles with gasoline at the dispenser. The Stage II Vapor Recovery system at 133 Keyes Rd (Concord Public Works facility) was decommissioned on May 3, 2016 by Lemelin Environmental Services Inc. at a cost of \$3,650.00. The scope of work included re-piping, decommission testing, disconnection of vapor recovery equipment, and the installation of new gasoline hoses, nozzles, and breakaway couplings on the fuel dispenser.

Park Lane Roadway Patching – CPW Highway Division crews have been completing full depth patching in various locations on Park Lane during the past week. Full depth patching involves cutting the existing asphalt, excavating with a backhoe, and repaving with new asphalt. These repairs will improve the condition of the road and help reduce future patching needs until a full roadway rehabilitation takes place.

Irrigation Controller Replacement – CPW Grounds Division will be deploying a new irrigation clock at Rideout Field in the next few weeks that offers enhanced features than the existing controller that was installed many years ago. The Weathermatic irrigation controller features technology to adjust the frequency and duration of irrigation use through the collection of weather data, geographical location, and soil type. The Weathermatic irrigation controller has the ability to be adjusted remotely from any computer connected to the internet. Both of these advances in technology will help CPW operate the irrigation system as efficiently as possible and reduce the use of water and electricity needed to operate the system.