



# TOWN OF CONCORD

## Town Manager's Report

Week of: December 12, 2016

### Concord Police Host Successful Citizen's Academy

Chief Joseph O'Connor is pleased to announce that the Concord Police Department hosted a successful Citizen's Police Academy, which concluded this week.

Eleven community members graduated from the 10-week course on Wednesday, Dec. 7.

"I wish to thank the citizens who participated and the members of our department for their efforts," Chief O'Connor said. "This academy is another example of our commitment to community policing."

Classes began on Oct. 5 and were held every Wednesday from 6-9 p.m. at the police station. Participants learned about what officers and dispatchers do on a day-to-day basis with interactive activities. Topics/classes include:

- Community policing
- Tour of the station and the dispatch room
- Tour of the Middlesex Jail and House of Correction
- New recruit training
- Officer safety
- Motor vehicle law
- Domestic violence
- D.A.R.E program
- Information on frauds/scams
- Explanations on use of force and Tasers
- Active shooter training
- Drunk driving
- "Shoot don't shoot" patrol operations

Concord Police plan to host another Citizen's Academy in the spring. For more information, residents should contact Inspector Jeff Shelley at [Jshelley@concordma.gov](mailto:Jshelley@concordma.gov).

### Cooler Concord Fair Seeks Volunteers and Sponsors

Contact: Jill Appel, (978) 835-7520

The Comprehensive Sustainable Energy Committee (CSEC) will be holding an event on February 4, 2017 geared toward reducing Concord's carbon footprint and is seeking sponsors and interested volunteers to contribute. The event will be held at CCHS from 10am to 4pm. Contact Jill Appel, CSEC Member, for more information.

### Community Service News

Contact: (978) 318-3034

Community and Youth Services wishes to say a very big thank you to all who have generously donated to our Holiday Gift Drive. The toys and gifts cards that have been donated are being distributed now to the families in town who have requested assistance. Donations are welcome until December 16th. There is still a need for tween/teen gifts for both boys and girls. Anyone interested in contributing to the Holiday Gift Drive may contact Bonny Wilbur, Community Services Coordinator, at 978-318-3034 or [bwilbur@concordma.gov](mailto:bwilbur@concordma.gov).

### Council on Aging (COA)/Senior Services

Contact: (978) 318-3020

The COA is pleased to announce that it has trained Volunteers to help seniors with 5 of the most common RMV (Registry of Motor Vehicles) transactions to help reduce the need to go to an RMV branch and wait in line. Please call the COA to make an appointment if you need help with license renewals, registration, change of address, duplicate licenses, or lost or stolen disability placards.

Art Matters Presentation: On Thursday, December 15th at 2pm, Jane Blair of Art Matters will offer a presentation on Leonardo da Vinci. Oversized prints are used and can be viewed up close and personal. Please call to sign up!

The COA encourages residents to look for the COA decorated tree at the Concord Museum Family Tree Exhibit on display until January 2nd.

New Year's Eve at Noon! The COA is planning a wonderful party for Concord seniors on Friday, December 30th at 11am. We will have entertainment, Chinese food, party hats and noise makers. We will have a "countdown" at Noon. Cost is \$5. Reservations must be made in advance.





**DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & LAND MANAGEMENT**  
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**Natural Resources Division**

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**Natural Resources Commission:** At the December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, the NRC held hearings on two matters: a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) for 162 Westford Road to remove invasive species and landscape around a seasonal pond; and an RDA for 359 Old Bedford Road to install a fence. Additionally, Orders were issued for the Theater and Visual Arts project at Middlesex School and the demolition and reconstruction of a single family house at 12 Bow Street.

The Commission also recommended the acceptance of a 5.8-acre Conservation Restriction at 68 Commonwealth Avenue (Concord Park Assisted Living) which consists of riparian woodland and meadow environments with 1,000 feet of frontage on the Assabet River and 300 feet of frontage on Nashoba Brook. Public access is provided within a dedicated trail, which also connects to the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail.

**LAND Grant Award:** The Town received word that the Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity (LAND) grant application submitted to the state in June was successful. The \$400,000 award will assist in the 80-acre in October Farm Riverfront acquisition off Ball's Hill Road, a joint project between the Town and the Concord Land Conservation Trust. The rich biological diversity of the property, water supply protection, and passive recreation opportunities provided compelling reasons to award the application. Twenty-six communities applied for the grant, and Concord was one of 13 successful recipients, receiving the highest possible funding that the state can award. Select Board Chair Mike Lawson, NRC Chair and CLCT Trustee Lynn Huggins, and Natural Resources Director Delia Kaye attended the awards announcement last week.

**New Applications** received this week for the December 21<sup>st</sup> NRC meeting include: an Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation for 207 Prairie Street to confirm the wetland boundary and a Notice of Intent for the construction of Christopher Heights of Concord at Junction Village, an 83-unit assisted living facility at 6X Winthrop Street.

**Planning Division**

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**Community Preservation Committee (CPC) meeting of December 5<sup>th</sup>:** The CPC voted on the Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding recommendations for the 2017 Annual Town Meeting. This year, the CPC had the difficult task of deciding how to divide the \$1,561,721 in available CPA funds amongst the 15 applications for projects totaling \$2,815,666; voting to recommend full or partial funding of 12 projects, with additional funds to be set aside for future Open Space projects. The CPC will meet again on Dec. 12 to finalize the warrant article for the 2017 recommendations and decide on any project conditions at that time.

**Concord Historical Commission (CHC) meeting of December 7<sup>th</sup>:** The Historical Commission reviewed the proposed new cell tower at Middlesex School for any conflicts with surrounding historic sites. The CHC also received updates on their archaeology program, discussed the status of the Ball Benson House and Barn reconstruction project, and reviewed the historical significance of a former barn at 709 Lowell Road.



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**Building Inspections Division**

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**Emerson Hospital:** The Building Inspections Division staff completed the final inspection of Phase II of the Oncology Department at Emerson Hospital.

**Health Division**

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**Annual license renewals:** Renewal letters have been sent, and annual licenses are being issued to septic installers, septic haulers, rubbish haulers, Title 5 inspectors, funeral directors and body art establishments.

**Polystyrene Outreach and Education Committee (POEC):** Public Health Director Susan Rask continues to attend meetings of the POEC. The committee was formed to conduct an outreach campaign and produce educational materials to effectively educate restaurant owners, grocery stores, retail outlets and residents about the intent and conditions of the polystyrene bylaw. The polystyrene bylaw becomes effective January 1, but will not be enforced until July 1, to allow time for businesses to use up existing supplies of polystyrene and apply for waivers if needed.

**CONCORD PUBLIC WORKS (CPW)**

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**CPW Winter Weather Responses** – During the weeks of December 5th and December 12th CPW winter maintenance crews were busy with three storms moving through our area. **The first storm** began in the early morning hours of Monday, December 5th, just prior to the morning commute. CPW crews were busy throughout the morning treating roads, parking lots and sidewalks near the schools and in the downtown and commercial areas. The total accumulation was one inch. CPW crews responded the following morning to treat areas that had refroze overnight. **A second storm** system moved through our area in the early morning hours of Wednesday, December 7th. Fortunately, surface temperatures were warm enough to prevent much accumulation on paved surfaces. CPW crews only needed to spot treat select areas throughout Town. **The most recent storm** response occurred on the evening of Sunday, December 11th into December 12th. CPW crews began their active emergency response during the late evening of the 11th with plowing and application of deicing materials and continued throughout the morning and afternoon of the 12th with post storm cleanup. Total accumulations were approximately 2 inches of light snow with a changeover to rain between 7:00 - 7:30 AM.

**Compost Site December & January Schedule** - The 755 Walden Street Compost Site will remain open Saturdays, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, through December 17th for leaves and brush. The compost site will also be open on Saturday, December 31st and Saturday, January 7th from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, for the collection of Christmas trees, Christmas tree lights and Styrofoam™ block for recycling. In addition, the compost site will be open for Christmas tree collection on Friday, December 30th and Friday, January 6th, from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

**Inclement Weather Policy for Curbside Program** - The inclement weather policy for the curbside Solid Waste collection program will remain the same as last season. The inclement weather policy is outlined below:

**Snow** – When weather is bad but roads are passable, collection will occur as scheduled, but residents are encouraged to hold materials until the following week if possible, in order to minimize the number of roadside obstacles that may interfere with plowing.

**Severe Snow Storm** – In the event of a severe snow storm / snow emergency, where roads are not passable and Waste Management is unable to travel, collection will be cancelled that day and Trash & Recycling will be collected on Saturday instead. Just the route on the day of the storm will be affected; there will be no delay in collection on other days that week, unless subscribers are notified otherwise. Should there be a delay in collection, it will be indicated on a voicemail recording at (978) 318-3240. Subscribers can also reach Concord Public Works at this number for updates during business hours.