

Town Manager's Report Monday, February 4, 2013

To: Board of Selectmen
From: Christopher Whelan, Town Manager

Following are some of the matters reported on this week by various Town Departments:

PLANNING & LAND MANAGEMENT

Building Inspection Division

Comella's Moving? Comella's Restaurant, currently located at 12 Rear Walden Street, has applied to the Zoning Board of Appeals seeking to re-locate their business to 35 Main Street (currently the site of Concord Hand Designs). A 33-seat restaurant is being proposed which will require that they obtain "relief from parking requirements" from the Board of Appeals. The Planning Board will review the matter and make its recommendation to the Board of Appeals.

Salem Five Bank Coming to Concord: John Minty met with representatives of Salem Five bank last week. They are proposing to move into the old American Video store at 195 Sudbury Road.

TD Bank Signage at 1112 Main Street: TD Bank submitted an application to the Board of Appeals seeking a variance from the Sign Bylaw – they are proposing to use the sign regulations that are applicable to the business districts rather than the sign regulations for residential districts. The property at 1112 Main Street is located in the Residence C Zoning District, but is on the edge of the West Concord Business District.

Health Division

Bottle Bylaw Enforcement: Health Division staff continued efforts to enforce the bottled water bylaw, and issued two non-criminal citations to Cumberland Farms for non-compliance with the bylaw. The Division also received a call from a member of Concord Residents for Consumer Choice, who is considering requesting to be placed on the Board of Health's agenda in March to make a presentation urging the Board to write a position statement about the bottled water bylaw for Spring Town Meeting.

Perc-rite Drip Dispersal Septic System Malfunction: Assistant Health Director Stan Sosnicki spent a significant portion of time at a residence with a Perc-rite drip dispersal leach field that had frozen and become non-functional. The Perc-rite design involves drip dispersal tubing which is installed very close to the ground surface. This is the second Perc-rite

system in Concord that has experienced malfunction due to freezing, and Stan will alert MA DEP to these problems.

Regional Tick Education Efforts: Health Inspector Gabrielle White is working on developing educational materials to be used by Concord and surrounding towns as we move forward with expanded tick borne illness education efforts over the coming spring and summer months.

Planning Division

Small Grants Program: Last Thursday was the deadline for the Concord Housing Development Corporation's Small Grants Program. In this first round, the Planning Division received five applications for up to \$3,000 to make safety repairs and accessibility improvements on properties owned by income eligible households. The Planning Division will assist the CHDC in reviewing these applications over the next few weeks with funding awards to be made in February. The CHDC has established the Small Grants Program on a revolving basis and will continue to receive new applications for their next funding deadline at the end of April.

Bruce Freeman Rail Trail: Director Marcia Rasmussen attended an update meeting hosted by MassDOT District 4 to hear about progress on the planning and design efforts for the various phases of the project. 75% Design is moving forward with the Phase 2A portion of the trail (Westford, Carlisle and Acton), with construction anticipated to start in the spring 2014. AECOM is the consultant working on the 25% design plans for Phase 2B (section over Route 2), and draft conceptual plans for the bridge over Route 2 following the existing railroad right-of-way (the 'skewed' alignment) were available; funding for a wildlife crossing will be part of the BFRT project. For Phase 2C, the Concord portion of the trail, comments are still coming back for the alternative West Concord 25% design. MassDOT staff noted that this portion of the trail is not yet on the TIP. In Sudbury, the Rail Trail Conversion Committee is waiting for the options from Town staff; the Friends of the BFRT are still offering to pay for the initial design of the ½ mile stretch from the Concord town line to Route 117.

Natural Resources Division

Open Space and Recreation Plan: The Open Space and Recreation Committee held their kick-off meeting last week. The committee will be working over the next few months to update the 2004 Open Space and Recreation Plan. The first community meeting will be held on February 4 at 7:00 PM at 141 Keyes Road in the first floor conference room. The second community meeting will be held in March, with a tentative date of March 7. The committee will also be seeking public input through a survey during the month of February. The committee would appreciate your input. If you have any questions, please contact the Division of Natural Resources at 978-318-3285.

Natural Resources Commission: The NRC will hear the following matters at their February 6 meeting: a Notice of Intent to construct a garage and driveway at 10 Wood

Street; a Request for Determination of Applicability seeking a determination on a wetland resource area at 221 Baker Avenue; a Notice of Intent to construct drainage facilities associated with an eight-lot subdivision at 9B Monsen Road; and a Notice of Intent to demolish and reconstruct a single family house at 120 Laurel Street.

POLICE

Operational Services: On Tuesday January 29, Officer Soll took a report from a subject who had several items stolen from a locker room at Valley Sports. The items included a wedding ring and watch. The case is under investigation and several leads are being pursued.

On Wednesday January 30, Detective Camilleri responded to Concord Park for a report of items stolen from a resident's room. Detective Camilleri took a report and is following up on several leads.

On Wednesday January 30, Sgt. Troiano, Officer Dirienzo and Officer Soll responded to a motor vehicle crash on Harrington Ave. Upon arrival officers located the operator and, after completing their investigation, determined that the operator was impaired due to alcohol consumption. The operator was charged with drunk driving, operating to endanger, speeding and a stop sign violation. The crash resulted in power being lost for a period of time in Town. CMLP restored power in a timely manner.

On Thursday January 31, Officer Capone and Officer Reinold responded to Concord Internal Medicine for a patient that was out of control. Officers located the patient when they arrived, and were immediately able to calm the subject down. Officers were able to escort the patient off the property without further incident.

Community Services: Officers assisted the CCHS Driver's Education by speaking with students during a recent class about rules of the road.