

Town Manager's Report

Monday, January 28, 2013

To: Board of Selectmen
From Christopher Whelan, Town Manager

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

FIRE

Station 1 Renovation: A kick-off meeting was held last Tuesday for the design of the emergency generator at Station 1. The vendor, GGD will design the appropriate generator configuration, help produce bid specifications and manage the purchase and installation of the new emergency generator.

A bidder walk-through was held Thursday for the diesel exhaust system replacement at Station 1. Bid opening is scheduled for early February.

Other Items: Friday morning the CFD participated in a memorial service at the Monument Square flagpole for longtime Concord resident George Fairburn. George was a decorated WWII veteran and retired Cambridge Firefighter.

PLANNING & LAND MANAGEMENT

Natural Resources Division

Natural Resources Commission: New applications received for the February 6, 2013 NRC meeting include: a Request for Determination of Applicability for 221 Baker Avenue seeking confirmation of the wetland resource areas; a Notice of Intent for 9B Monsen Road to construct the drainage facilities associated with a proposed eight unit subdivision; and, a Notice of Intent for 120 Laurel Street for the demolition and reconstruction of a single family house. Continued matters to be heard include the construction of a garage and driveway at 10 Wood Street, wetland delineation confirmation at Keuka Road, and demolition and construction of a mixed use site at 50 Beharrell Street. Other business includes the review and endorsement of two Conservation Restrictions: a 4.33-acre CR at 41A Lowell Road as required by the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program as part of a proposed development to prevent a taking of threatened species; and, a 1.5-acre CR required under an Order of Conditions for the construction of a single family house.

Barrett/McGrath Farm Agricultural Land Use RFP: The Division of Natural Resources is seeking proposals to farm a total of 17.9 acres of land consisting of 12 acres at 33A Barrett's Mill Road (parcel 1950-2), 4.9 acres at 41A Barrett's Mill Road (parcel 1986-5), and 1 acre at 42A Barrett's Mill Road (parcel 1986-7) containing an asparagus bed, raspberry bed, and

blackberry bed. DNR staff held a pre-submission briefing on-site with prospective farmers on January 22. Sealed Proposals must be delivered to the Division of Natural Resources by February 8, 2013 at 2:00 PM.

Building Inspection Division

1112 Main Street, Mobil Gas Station: Building Commissioner John Minty responded to a zoning complaint regarding violations at this site. It was determined that the gas station business operations are limited to operate between the hours of 6 A.M. to 10 P.M. daily. The property owner was directed to discontinue gas deliveries made after these hours. The owner was also directed to discontinue trash pick-ups other than during these allowed hours. The site lighting and air hose must also be turned off at the close of business each day. Despite the claim; it was clear from a review of the Board of Appeals decision language that the canopy lighting was approved by the board originally despite the lack of such lighting being spelled out on the lighting and site plans. The owner of the property was also directed to disable or remove a single halogen spot light that was added to the west wall of the gas station building which shines towards the Baker Avenue exit.

National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) Meeting: Concord Building Inspections staff attended a meeting presented by the NFPA as they discussed a proposal to seek adoption of the Fire Prevention Associations NFPA1 fire prevention code for the State of Massachusetts. This will be a new regulation for Massachusetts which will be enforced by local fire departments. NFPA is seeking building inspectors support for such a regulation.

Health Division

Bottle Bylaw Enforcement: Health Division staff continued efforts to enforce the bottled water bylaw, and responded to a public records request for documents relating to the bylaw.

School Safety: The Board of Health has been invited to attend the Selectmen's meeting on Monday, February 11 to discuss firearms and community safety in Concord. The Selectmen will meet with Police Chief Barry Neal who has been working with school officials to enhance security measures at all of our public schools. The Police are also working with the private schools in Concord to enhance safety. Board of Health members will attend this meeting to share their perspective on interpersonal violence as a public health issue.

Planning Division

Planning Board: Tuesday night, the Planning Board accepted the extension of time and the continuance request for the 8-lot Definitive Subdivision at 9B Monsen Road to their February 5 meeting. The Board then reviewed and discussed the proposed petition articles that were submitted for the 2013 Town Meeting warrant by the owner of the Millbrook Tarry site and, after hearing from the petitioner, decided to continue the discussion at their next meeting on January 29. As no application is currently before the Board regarding redevelopment of this site, the Board was careful not to express opinions about or comment on any design specifics. After an update from the developer of the "friendly" Ch. 40B project proposed at

1257 Elm Street, and taking additional public comment, the Board voted unanimously to recommend that the Board of Appeals grant the Comprehensive Permit with conditions and requested waivers.

POLICE

Operational Services: On Tuesday January 22, Officer Capone took a report from a Tarbell Spring Road resident regarding potential identity theft. The resident reported that unknown individual(s) tried to open multiple accounts in his name. A report was taken and the case is under investigation.

On Thursday January 24, Officer Shelley and Officer Capone responded to Elm Street at Wood Street for a motor vehicle crash. Upon arrival, officers learned that a vehicle had crashed into a telephone pole, knocking out power to the area and leaving wires down across the road. Officers aided in rendering assistance to the operator of the motor vehicle who was transported to Emerson Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. The operator of the vehicle was issued a citation for failure to use care in stopping/starting.

On Saturday January 26, Inspector Skinner and Officer Moore responded to Emerson Hospital for a report of an out-of-control patient in the waiting area. Upon arrival, officers located the subject and assisted them in getting a ride home.

On Saturday January 26, Officer Walsh and Officer Hodgson responded to Monument Street for a report of an erratic operator heading into Town. The report was that the vehicle was swerving all over the road and continuously driving on the wrong side. Officers located the vehicle and made contact with the operator. Officers determined that the operator was intoxicated and should not be driving a motor vehicle. The operator was arrested and charged with drunk driving, operating to endanger, marked lanes violation and illegal possession of a controlled substance.

Community Services: On Thursday January 17, Dispatcher Terry Gardner was off duty in Wilmington, MA, watching the Boston Bruins at their practice facility. While he was there, a male subject collapsed from what appeared to be a heart attack. Terry initiated CPR and, thanks to his quick actions, gave the subject a chance for survival. It was last reported that the subject was in a semi-conscious state and all are hoping for a full recovery. This was a commendable act and shows the dedication to helping others that all employees of the Police Department exhibit on a regular basis.