



TOWN OF CONCORD

Office of the Town Manager

Operational Status Reports and Departmental Updates
For the week ending June 23, 2023

General Administration

Joint Committee meeting

During a public hearing on Tuesday, June 20th, the Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government heard from State Representatives and Senators on over 50 of their sponsored bills, along with local stakeholders. Eric Simms, Director of Sustainability, provided live testimony to the Joint Committee during this meeting. He testified on H.2038, An Act to prohibit the expansion of fossil fuel infrastructure for new construction in the town of Concord, which continues to lead the way on green energy initiatives.

Council on Aging

On Thursday June 15th, Louisa and May Alcott stopped by the Council on Aging last week to air out some dirty laundry about their sisterly relationship of love and rivalry. This live reenactment was written and performed by Amy Cole (L, May) and Stefanie Cloutier (R, Louisa) who are both actors, writers, and certified guides with the Concord Visitor's Center. The performance, named "Between Us Sisters," was enthusiastically received for its bravo performance.



Police Department

Activity Log:

- Log items: 640
- Traffic enforcement: 47

- Motor vehicle stops: 43
- Motor vehicle crashes and/or paper exchanges: 5
- Arrests: 3

Community

- Officer Samantha Simpson graduated from the 5th Recruit Officer Class at the Cambridge-Northeastern Police Academy.
- Sergeant Luke Rennie completed the weeklong Supervisor Leadership Institute training class put on by the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association (FBI LEEDA).
- Detective Cara Paladino and Detective Derek Rodriguez conducted ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) training at the Hunt Gym for employees of the Recreation Department.
- Sergeant Michael Bordenca attended a Taser/Use of Force Instructor Recertification class put on by the Massachusetts Police Training Council (MPTC).
- Detective Keith Harrington attended the Northeastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council (NEMLEC) Detective training school.
- Sergeant Michael Bordenca attended a Taser Instructor recertification class put on by AXON.
- Officer Samantha Simpson was sworn-in by Town Clerk Kaari Tari and began her 12-week field training with Field Training Officer (FTO) Benjamin LaCure.

Fire Department

Calls for Service: Over the past two weeks, CFD responded to 176 calls for service, including a response to the Beede Swim Center after a third-party cleaner accidentally mixed two cleaning products and created a hazardous condition. The State HazMat team responded to investigate and confirmed that the hazardous condition no longer existed.



Training: CFD crews have begun annual water rescue training at White Pond. The crews are now working on shore-based rescue scenarios.



Firefighter Paul Armann graduated from the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, Career Recruit Training Program. This is a 50-day course in which students receive classroom training in all basic firefighter skills. They practice first under non-fire

conditions and then during controlled fire conditions. To graduate, students must demonstrate proficiency in life safety, search and rescue, ladder operations, water supply, pump operation, and fire attack. Fire attack operations range from mailbox fires to multiple-floor or multiple-room structural fires. Upon successful completion of the Recruit Program, all students have met the national standards of National Fire Protection Association 1001 and are certified to the level of Firefighter I and II, and Hazardous Materials First Responder Operational Level by the Massachusetts Fire Training Council, which is accredited by the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications. Congratulations Paul, and we are happy to have you back on shift!

Division of Planning and Land Management

Natural Resources

Punkatasset Preserve Weed Warriors Event: Six volunteers joined the Natural Resources Division and Concord Land Conservation Trust staff for a morning program to train volunteers on invasive plants at the Punkatasset Preserve Weed Warriors Event that occurred on May 18th. The volunteers carried out the removal of those plants at the trailhead of Punkatasset Preserve, and pulled areas were reseeded with a native seed mix shortly after the project.



Willard Day of Service: Twenty-two 5th grade students and three chaperones joined Natural Resources staff and Marcia Rasmussen on June 1st for a 2.5-hour volunteer project along the serpentine path leading down to the BFRT off Powder Mill Road. Students carried out two main tasks for the project: planting new native pollinator plantings and conducting invasive plant removal. Students very energetically tackled Japanese knotweed, garlic mustard, bittersweet, and other invasives that are sprouting along the trail, and planted about 50 native pollinator plants.



Old Rifle Range Trail Reroute Project:

In collaboration with Natural Resources staff, three trail stewards worked to reroute the main yellow at Old Rifle Range trail off of a severely eroded and degrading section of the trail next to sensitive wetland habitat, and located it onto a better trail surface further away from wetlands. This trail reroute is located between Targets #3 and #4.

Tourism

On Monday June 19th, Concord held its very first Juneteenth Day-long event. Commemorations included a 9am Flag raising, walking tours at the Visitor Center and Concord Museum, and an afternoon on the lawn of the Robbins House with celebratory Music and food. More pictures can be found at this link:

<https://edwardfeather.smugmug.com/Events/Juneteenth-2023-Concord-MA/>



In the past week, we have hosted 50 guests for a 3 day long convention of the New England Cemetery Annual meeting. They stayed 3 nights at the Colonial Inn, shopped, ate and toured, and had a wonderful time. On

Thursday, we welcome our 2nd group of History Educators to Concord for a day filled with the Concord Museum, lunch, shopping, and a bus tour.

