



Town of Sudbury
Town Manager Newsletter
April 2014

Message from the Town Manager

Greetings!

Annual Town Meeting is just around the corner and I hope you have marked your calendar to attend and vote on the many articles that will in large part determine how services will be delivered in your community. A large focus of this Town Meeting is on development of community assets such as a new Police Station and the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail. And a number of articles will focus on efforts to maintain, repair or replace various Town and School assets. Each article, and the actions recommended, is the result of lengthy study of alternatives and recommendations from a number of committees. All year long, residents have been working with Town and School staff on many projects in preparation to present to you, the voters of the Town. You should have already received your Town Warrant in the mail, or you can look at it on-line on the Town's website. Please review this carefully and if you have questions on an article, please send them to the person or committee who submitted the article. My office can help connect you with that entity – please email Patty Golden: goldenp@sudbury.ma.us and she can get you to the right person to address your question.

Hope to see you at L-S auditorium on Monday May 5th at 7:30 pm!

Sincerely, Maureen G. Valente, Town Manager

From the Selectmen's Office

The Selectmen met twice since the last newsletter - on March 25 and April 8. On March 25, the Board continued with Town Meeting preparation by meeting with two residents who have submitted citizen's petition articles for the Annual Town Meeting. Robert Weiss is hoping the Board will approve his request to allow him to purchase Town owned land adjacent to his property (Article 42) and Ron Riggert plans to ask Town Meeting to approve a non-binding resolution advising the Commonwealth to divest any fossil fuel investment holdings in the Pension Portfolio of the state (Article 44). The Board did not take a position on these two articles yet. In connection with Article 2, FY14 Budget Adjustments, they voted to support the request of the Town Manager to ask Town Meeting to approve transferring \$235,000 from the FY14 benefits budget to the DPW Snow and Ice Account, which is currently showing a deficit that exceeds \$400,000 due to the long and costly winter. They also support a request from the Sudbury Public Schools to transfer \$253,165 from their benefits budget to their operating budget. Assistant Town Manager Maryanne Bilodeau advised the Board that savings of \$488,165 was available in the FY14 benefits budget as there were lower than anticipated enrollments in the Town's health insurance program, mostly due to offering an opt out payment to employees and to new hires making decisions not to enroll in the Town's health insurance program. The Board interviewed three candidates for the Conservation Commission and voted to approve the appointment of candidates Mark Sevier, Charles Russo and Bruce Porter. This

brings the Commission to full seven members and the Board thanked these candidates for their willingness to serve their Town.

In other actions, the Board voted to accept a Conservation Restriction on land off Arboretum Way, proclaimed Town Cleanup Day to be Saturday **April 26 (RAIN OR SHINE)**, congratulated Peter Finnegan for having reached the high honor of Eagle Scout, accepted a \$15,225 gift from NSTAR toward construction of a walkway on Boston Post Road along the NSTAR frontage, granted permission for a triathlon on May 18th and a children's triathlon on May 19th, and appointed two new members to the Sudbury Celebrates 375/Sudbury Day Committee: Venk Gopal and George Connor.

On April 8th, the Board met with the Town's auditors to review the FY13 financial reports and management letter. Overall, the auditors were complimentary on the status of the Town's financial reports and noted that the Town is one of the very few in the state issuing a CAFR (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report), a best practice for municipalities and an undertaking that has won the Town recognition from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). The Board thanked and recognized Town Accountant Barbara Chisholm, who is retiring after serving the Town for many years. The Board also met with members of the Park and Recreation Commission, who wanted to get the Board's thoughts on the concept of leasing out to a private entity the Town's baseball facility at Lower Featherland Park. The Commission noted that the facility is used almost exclusively by Sudbury Youth Baseball, who want to invest significant dollars into upgrading the facility and would be willing to do so without asking the Town for tax dollars. The Commission wanted to begin a dialog with the Selectmen on this approach, while not ruling out other ways to make the upgrades and work with the youth baseball group. The Selectmen were interested in the concept, but felt they needed more information and a more detailed business plan for the concept before they could opine on it. The men's softball group, which has been using Featherland Park for many years, asked the Board to keep their needs in mind when they meet with the Recreation Commission again in the future. It was also noted that L-S uses the softball fields as part of their girls softball program.

In continued discussions regarding upcoming Town Meeting articles, the Board meet with and accepted a check for \$58,300 from Tom Michelman, President of the Friends of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail as a gift towards the cost of engineering study on the northernmost ½ miles of the rail trail. An article to supplement these funds by \$150,000 from Community Preservation Act funds (Article 32) will be considered at Town Meeting.

And the Board continued to discuss one of the more challenging questions facing Town Meeting this year: whether the Town should approve proposed changes to the Regional Agreement governing the operations of the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical High School. About 22 Sudbury students currently attend this High School, located in Lexington, and the educational services provided are not in question. All agree that the school provides an excellent vocational alternative education. But the regional agreement model is "broken" to quote members of the Town's Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen. The primary concern is that nearly 45% of the students come from towns outside the 16 member communities, and the financial burden for much of their educational costs is borne by the member communities (Sudbury among them) instead of the home community of the student. The burden may grow in future years if a new building is constructed to replace the aging current facility, as state law prevents the school from charging nonmember towns their share of the debt service for a new facility. Dan Matthews, chairman of the Needham Board of Selectmen, asked to meet with Sudbury's Selectmen to discuss his view of the question of approving the revised regional

agreement. The Board thanked Mr. Matthews for his insight and suggestions and will continue to discuss the pros and cons of this article before they vote a recommendation for Town Meeting on the question.

The Board also voted to proclaim the month of May as Military Appreciation Month in Sudbury and signed a proclamation welcoming U.S. Army SPC Timothy Bradford Hall home from service in Afghanistan.

Finally, residents concerned about the proposed 40B development on the former Johnson Farm property attended both Selectmen's meeting and expressed their concerns and questions to the Board about how the Conservation Commission was considering litigation regarding DEP's superseding order of conditions. The Board members heard the concerns and scheduled an Executive Session jointly with members of the Commission and the Board of Appeals to discuss strategy regarding the litigation. The Board intends to issue a statement regarding this matter in the near future.

Please note: the brief description of the Board meeting found here are only designed to give a quick snapshot of those agenda items that received the most time at the Board meetings. They are not meant to be exhaustive on materials received by the Board or all comments on agenda items. For a complete understanding of the items at each Board meeting, please go to SudburyTV.org for a replay of the meeting or review the minutes of Board meetings, found on the Town's web site.

Sincerely, Maureen G. Valente, Town Manager

Assistant Town Manager

To show appreciation for our Military, The Board of Selectmen have once again declared May as *Military Appreciation Month* in the Town of Sudbury. We encourage all Sudbury citizens to join us in showing our gratitude by the appropriate display of flags and ribbons during the month of May.

In honor of Military Appreciation Month the SMSN is coordinating the 2nd Annual Sudbury Monument Clean- Up Day to be held on Saturday, May 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

See below details regarding this year's clean-up event.

Please join the *Sudbury Military Support Network for the 2nd Annual Sudbury Monument Clean-Up Day on Saturday, May 10th from 9:00 – 12:00*. Like last year, we will be weeding, mulching and pruning around 7 of our 10 monuments located in town center and the Wadsworth Cemetery to ensure that our beautiful monuments honoring the amazing Veterans of Sudbury look their best for the Annual Sudbury Memorial Day Parade.



Here are details for the day:

Meeting Place: September 11th Memorial in Heritage Park at 9:00 am
Parking: Parking is available behind Town Hall
Things to Bring: Work gloves, small/large shovels, rakes, clippers
We will supply: Yard Waste Bags, Water, Wheelbarrow, Mulch, American Flags, Geraniums

We recognize that people have many obligations on Saturdays so we appreciate **any** time you have available to volunteer! **All are welcome!!!**

SPC Timothy Bradford Hall has returned safely from a 10 month tour of Afghanistan. The Board of Selectmen signed a proclamation declaring Friday, April 11th, 2014 as SPS Timothy Bradford Hall Day in the Town of Sudbury. He is a 2003 graduate of Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School and is attending the University of Massachusetts Boston pursuing a career preferably with the FBI, Border Patrol, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) seeking a career in Federal law enforcement. SPC Hall is the son of Gary Hall and step-son of Susan Carboni of Sudbury and paternal son of Meggan (Campbell) Hall of Bridgewater, MA. Welcome Home Timothy and **thank you** for your service!!!

Submitted by: Maryanne Bilodeau, Assistant Town Manager

Building Department

As construction at the retail/commercial center at 29 Hudson Road continues, occupancy permits are being issued for new businesses and service providers. As one tenant space is completed, new applications are being processed for additional tenant spaces. The plaza is starting to feel alive again and is providing many different types of services to Sudbury residents.



29 Hudson Road



29 Hudson Road

Spring also brings more activity in the residential housing market with renovations to existing properties and new house construction in several areas around town.

Submitted by: Mark Herweck Building Inspector

Department of Public Works

Winter is finally over and the DPW has started on our spring projects.

Portable Crosswalk signs have been set out at all crosswalks. The sidewalks have all been swept, and the street sweepers are in town to start sweeping streets beginning in North Sudbury then heading south. The total process takes about six weeks depending upon weather conditions and breakdowns. Once the streets have been swept the blue crosswalks will be painted.

You will begin to see some construction around the town center, with the removal of stone walls at Grinnell Park and Heritage Park. Plans, specifications and cost estimates of the Town Center are due by the end of April. I would expect to begin construction in earnest sometime in June.



Concord Rd. Intersection





Town Center Roadwork



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Trees have been removed along Dudley Road for the construction of a new walkway along the south side of Dudley Road.

Dudley Road work



We expect to have construction completed by the end of June.

Submitted by: I. William Place, Director of Public Works

Facilities Department

Energy Committee update: Solar Powered Trash Compactors in Sudbury

The Sudbury Energy Committee continues their hard work and diligence in encouraging residents and staff to save energy and reduce waste. The playing fields and the playground at Haskell Field are starting to come alive with the beginning of our Spring season. The Energy Committee wants to remind everyone about the efficient solar powered trash compactors located at the fields and at LS.

As part of the Green Communities designation by Governor Deval Patrick, Sudbury received three BigBelly® Solar Compactors to place around Town. The BigBelly Solar Compactor is completely self-powered and uses solar power for 100% of its energy needs. The compactors are the size of regular trash receptacles, yet their capacity is five times greater. Increased capacity reduces collection trips and can cut fuel use and greenhouse gas emissions by 80%. Each of the three Sudbury BigBelly compactors also comes with a companion recycling receptacle.

The Sudbury Energy and Sustainability Green Ribbon Committee chose the following locations to install the solar powered compactors.

- Lincoln-Sudbury High School on Lincoln Road
- Haskell Field on Fairbank Road
- Featherland Park on Concord Road

They are safe, easy to use, and designed to keep out pests. The BigBelly compactor is currently deployed in 40 states and 20 countries. Locally, they are in use in Arlington, Newton, Somerville, Boston and other Massachusetts communities.

You can learn more about the BigBelly® Solar Compactors online at www.bigbellysolar.com. The Energy Committee will continue its mission to help the Town save energy and reduce its carbon footprint.

Haskell Field



Featherland Park



L/S

Submitted by: Jim Kelly, Facilities Director

Library

Goodnow Library: the best deal in town?

As we draw near to Annual Town Meeting, our thoughts turn to the value of the service provided for our tax dollars. You may not realize it, but the library is a great deal, not only in the free services we provide, the many thousands of books, movies and music we loan, and the warm and welcoming space that anyone in the community can enjoy, but we do it all “on a dime.” Did you know that library expenses equal about 1.3% of the town’s total operating budget, or approximately \$280 a year per household? Compare that with the value you and your family gets from Goodnow. If you borrow one book and one movie a month and borrow 5 museum passes, in one year the value of that is \$436 and you have gotten twice what you have put in. If you are like many people, you borrow much more than that and use other services. We are proud to be your community resource for free learning, inexpensive entertainment alternatives, inspirational working space, and social gathering place.

Every Child Ready To Read

Did you know that our children’s programs are designed to develop early literacy skills that help your child build a foundation for academic excellence? Because they serve children for years before they begin school, public libraries have many opportunities to provide early literacy and learning experiences. The American Library Association’s *Every Child Ready To Read* program is an excellent, research-based toolkit for librarians, teachers and parents that clearly express the need for early literacy practice and skill-building from birth, and how easy it is to adapt these things into everyday life. Children’s reading success in school starts with positive language and literacy experiences beginning at birth. If children develop pre-reading skills before they start kindergarten, they can focus on learning to read once they begin school. Children who start kindergarten ready to learn to read have greater success throughout their school years. They are more likely to read at or above grade level by the end of 2nd grade. Children who read at or above grade level by the end of 4th grade are much more likely to graduate from high school and be successful readers and learners throughout their life. In January, our children’s department staff launched a 12 month ECRR curriculum in conjunction with story time. If you would like to learn more about this program, visit www.everychildreadytoread.org.

May Events at the Library

The library will continue to celebrate the Town’s 375th on Saturday May 31 at 2:00 PM with a program by authors Bill and Mary Lewis, authors of the historical travel guides *Through the Heartland on U.S. 20*, will discuss their travels and the places of significance off this scenic route through Massachusetts, part of a coast-to-coast journey on U.S. Route 20. The discussion will be followed by a book-signing and is free and open to the public.

Submitted by; Esmé Green, Library Director

Park and Rec. Dept.

The Park and Recreation Department is working on getting ready for the 20th annual Triathlon on May 18th with a youth triathlon on May 17th. We are seeking volunteers to assist us on both days, you may contact Nancy McShea, mcshean@sudbury.ma.us if you are interested.

We also are in the middle of preparations for our summer camp programs and spring programs are in full swing.

Spring is a busy time around the Fairbank center as we clean up from the long winter and begin anew for the summer season. During the Patriot weekend holiday we shut down the pool for a day and replaced all the sand in our large pool and dive well filters and replaced all the shower valves in the locker room. We continue to make customer service and your recreational opportunities our number one priority! Happy Spring!



Nancy McShea CPRE, CPSI, Parks and Recreation Director
Sudbury Parks and Recreation/Atkinson Pool – **A CAPRA Accredited Agency!**
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Sudbury, MA 01776(978) 443-1092 x3259
www.recreation.sudbury.ma.us

Planning and Community Development

The Planning Board is proposing 4 articles for the 2014 Annual Town Meeting -A minor change to the definition of “shed”, regulation of Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers, adoption of new flood plain maps under the Federal Emergency Management Act, and a proposal to delete the existing Wastewater Treatment Facilities Bylaw. A public hearing was held on these articles on March 12, 2014, but no public comment was received. The proposed articles, and other material related to these articles, are on the town’s website **Town Meeting** tool for further review. Highlighted below are 3 of the articles up for discussion at Town Meeting.

The *Bylaw on Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers* is being proposed in response to the legalization of medical marijuana in Massachusetts, M.G.L. chapter 94C. Last year the Town adopted a one year moratorium on the siting of these uses in order to give the Planning Board time to review the issue, designate appropriate areas for this use, and create specific regulations. The Planning Board is proposing 4 specific zoning districts which may be appropriate for the siting of medical marijuana treatment centers: (1) Industrial District #2 – along Union Avenue north of Station Road; (2) Industrial District #4 –south of Boston Post Road from the NStar substation property to the Wayland Town line; Industrial District #6 – the Richey and Clapper property at 33 Boston Post Road; and Limited Industrial District #1 – Chiswick Park and Raytheon. The bylaw requires a 500 foot setback from many uses where youth may congregate, including schools, child care facilities, libraries, playgrounds, recreational areas and parks. Additional requirements in the bylaw include hours of operation, security measures, length of permit, coordination with the Sudbury Police Department. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health is the registrant for this use, and every license it issues will include many additional restrictions which are detailed in 105 CMR 725.000.

The article related to the *Flood Plain Overlay District* proposes changes to our zoning bylaw to make it consistent with the newest FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps, which will become

effective on July 7, 2014. Sudbury is a participating community in the National Flood Insurance Program. Communities that participate in the program must adopt and abide by a floodplain district bylaw that regulates development within their flood hazard areas as shown on the FEMA maps. The Sudbury Flood Plain Overlay District bylaw was originally adopted in 1962, last amended at the 1997 Annual Town meeting. A comparison between the 2014 maps and the 1997 maps indicates a net increase of 50 parcels in the floodplain (865 total parcels in the flood plain), and a net decrease of 9 structures in the floodplain (78 structures).

The proposed article to delete the Wastewater Treatment Facilities Bylaw, section 4500, will remove an outdated bylaw which has been in existence since 1989 but has never been used. This bylaw was enacted when several large developments were proposed in the 1980s in Sudbury and significant concerns were raised regarding the construction and operation of privately owned sewage treatment plants to serve the wastewater needs of these developments. At that time, the technology for small treatment plants was emerging, and DEP regulations on these facilities were in progress. The Town of Sudbury felt that additional controls were warranted, and adopted the bylaw. Since 1989, DEP has formulated much more comprehensive regulations for treatment plants (314 CMT 5.00), and the Sudbury regulations conflict in several areas. This bylaw is now restricting corrective actions for some businesses which have large septic systems, and may be a hindrance to upgrading other facilities. In 1989, the Town could not have anticipated the future impacts of the bylaw and the new technologies now regulated by DEP. Deleting the bylaw will not encourage a higher level of development in Sudbury, but will allow the use of better technologies to protect Sudbury's groundwater.

Submitted by: Jody Kablack, Director of Planning and Community Development

Public Safety

Fire Department:

In last month's Town Manager's Newsletter I wrote about Sudbury Fire Department's Town Meeting Article for two new pieces of equipment. I will be requesting funds to replace a 1987 Ford Fire Engine and a 2003 Ambulance.

Last June, I made the decision to take our 1987 Ford Fire Engine out of service. The truck was originally equipped with a double frame for strength, but over the years corrosion between the frame rails became quite severe. In addition, the truck suddenly required some prohibitively expensive repairs to the transfer case which powers the fire pump. We normally use a piece of fire apparatus for 15 years in front line service, then use it as a reserve piece for the next five years. At 26 years old, this truck served the Fire Department well and I was reluctant to continue to spend taxpayer funds on such an old piece of equipment.

The Sudbury Fire Department runs two ambulances, a 2003 Ford and a 2008 Ford. We normally use them for five years in front line service, then in reserve for the next five years. With the increase in the number of ambulance calls and our more frequent transports to Boston and Worcester hospitals, we are using both ambulances more often and for longer trips. As a result, we are finding both vehicles need more frequent repair. Not only is this expensive, but the ambulance under repair is not available for emergency response. The 2003 Ambulance is 11 years old. I feel it is prudent to replace it with a new ambulance, and move the 2008 model into reserve service.

The Town Meeting article seeks \$465,000 for a new fire engine and \$220,000 for a new ambulance. These amounts should allow for the purchase of the vehicles and any associated equipment needed to put them into service. The two new pieces of apparatus will be important assets in our mission to continue providing effective and efficient response to fire and medical and emergencies in the Town of Sudbury.

In closing, I would like to pass along the gratitude of the entire Sudbury Fire Department for the many acts of kindness shown to us after the tragic fire at 298 Beacon Street in Boston. Many residents stopped into our stations offering their condolences and brought in cards, flowers, potted plants, and wonderful baked goods. We experienced similar compassion during the Worcester Six fire, 9-11, and during other difficult times. The loss of Lieutenant Edward Walsh and Firefighter Michael Kennedy saddens us all. Once again, the support of our citizens is noted and appreciated.

Submitted by: Bill Miles, Fire Chief

Police Department:

We now have a permanent kiosk in the station lobby providing an opportunity to properly dispose of prescription drugs, whether expired or unwanted. This is a partnership with the Middlesex District Attorney's Office to help mitigate the growing epidemic of illegal use of prescription drugs. As well, in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Agency and Sudbury CRANE, we will be holding our second Drug Take Back program at the DPW from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM on April 26th. There are flyers attached for each initiative.

On 3-28-14 at approximately 5:14 PM a Pelham Island Road resident arrived home interrupting a break into her residence. Upon seeing the resident, a male suspect ran from the house prompting a 911 call to us. Officers responded to the area investigating further while conducting a search for the suspect.

Shortly thereafter, another resident contacted dispatch advising of a suspicious male in his backyard. Officers focused their search efforts in the Guzzlebrook Drive area given the new information. The subject was located and a lengthy foot pursuit was initiated. The foot pursuit concluded with the arrest of Shirvin Badalian (28) of 5 Madison Avenue in Watertown, MA for; breaking and entering in the daytime with the intent to commit a felony, larceny from a building, 3 counts of wanton destruction of property, receiving stolen property over \$250 and resisting arrest. Numerous stolen items were recovered along the route Badalian took in trying to flee.

At least one other suspect was believed to have fled the area in a vehicle as police units arrived. The incident remains under investigation and we are cooperating with several other police agencies that had similar incidents. Detectives are also trying to determine Badalian's association with another house break in Sudbury reported to us that evening.

Following the arrest of Badalian, Detectives were able to determine the identity of the second subject he was involved with. A search warrant was obtained by Sudbury Detectives for the Waltham home of this second suspect. This was executed on Tuesday, 4-1-14, with the assistance of several departments. Evidence was recovered including stolen items from several communities.

I would like to thank the residents for their diligence in providing vital information allowing for officers to make the apprehension. As well, I would like to thank the Wayland Police Department for their assistance.

The execution of the aforementioned search warrant was delayed as several Sudbury Officers/Detectives were requested to assist the Concord Police Department, as well as departments, on 3-31-2014 with a crime spree perpetrated by Donald Hall of Everett to include several Carjacking's and a continued gun battle with police. With such a tremendous team effort put forth by all, Hall was taken into custody without any civilians or police officers injured. A job well done by all!

Finally, there is information on the Police Station Article being presented at this year's Town Meeting on the town website. www.sudbury.ma.us go to Town Meeting and read the article itself.

Submitted by Scott Nix, Police Chief

Senior Center

Several special events are coming up in May at the Sudbury Senior Center!

Our monthly Soups On! event will take place on Thursday, May 8. Enjoy hot, homemade soup, along with salad at 12 noon, and then learn more about medications from Mass. College of Pharmacy Professor Donna Bartlett, PharmD, CGP, at her "Ask the Pharmacist!" talk at 12:30 PM. Please call the Senior Center to sign up by Tuesday, May 6. And, learn more about your physiology from Sudbury's Board of Health Nurse, Phyllis Schilp, who will be here to talk about the *Physiology of Aging* on Wednesday, May 7 at 1:00 PM. Light refreshments will be available.

If you like music and song... sign up for an afternoon with Singer/Songwriter Peg Espinola who will be at the Senior Center on Friday, May 16 at 2:00 PM, and for more delightful sounds, return on Monday, May 19 listen to the glorious sounds of classical flute, with flutist Mana Washio. Again, please help us to plan appropriately by calling to sign up at (978) 443-3055.

The Senior Center continues to offer transportation to persons 60+, as well as those under 60 who have a disability. Our wheelchair-accessible *COA Connection* van is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM. Please call the Senior Center at (978) 443-3055 for more information.

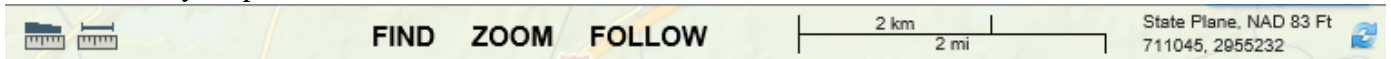
The Senior Center offers many other programs, including lifelong learning classes, fitness classes, canasta and bridge, movies and more. Feel free to sign up for our newsletter on the Town website at www.sudbury.ma.us, click the *Subscribe* button in the upper right corner, or download the newsletter in the documents section of the Senior Center webpage at www.senior.sudbury.ma.us.

Submitted by: Deb Galloway, Director Sudbury Senior Center

Technology Department

The Town of Sudbury has upgraded its online mapping program, MapsOnline to version 4.0... MapsOnline is an online mapping system created by PeopleGIS. The software provides us with the ability to publish our GIS mapping data on the Internet. You can access MapsOnline by clicking on the [Maps](#) link on the front page of the Town's website or by going to <http://sudbury.ma.us/mapsonline>.

The latest version contains new functions which will work on GPS enable devices, such as a tablet or cell phone. The **Find**, **Zoom** and **Follow** features will appear if you allow MapsOnline to track your physical location. The **Find** feature will show you your location on the Sudbury map. The **Zoom** feature will zoom into the area in Sudbury you are located. The **Follow** feature will track your movements in real time on the Sudbury map.

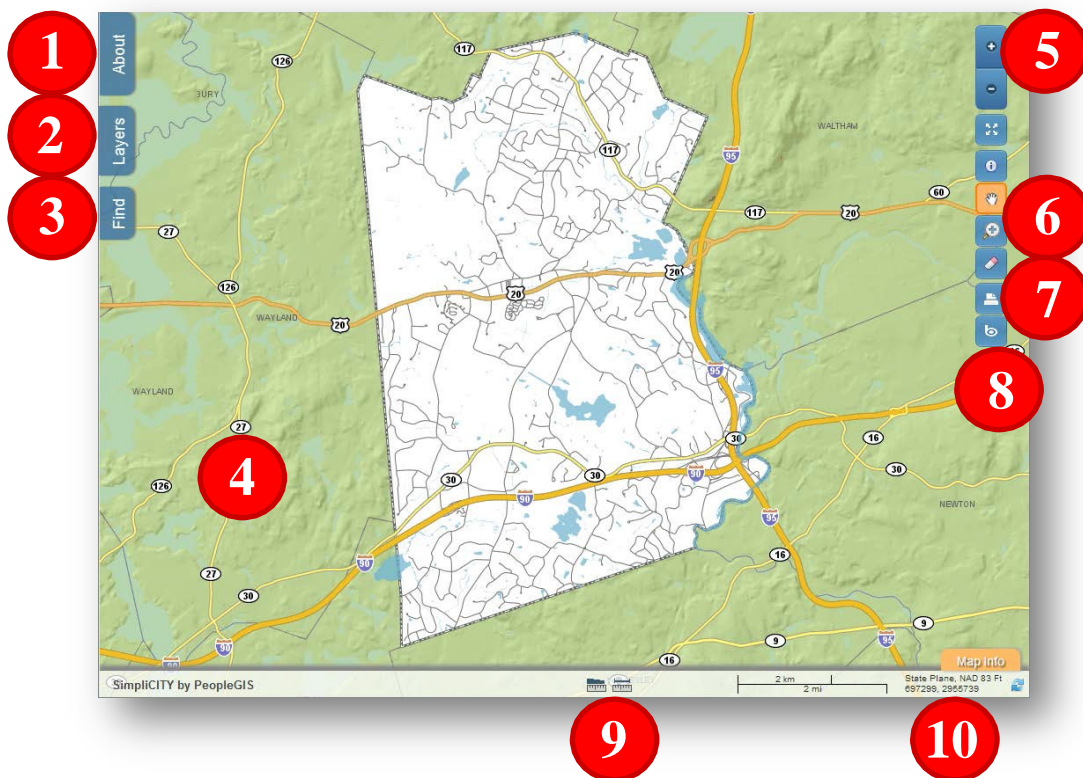


Please provide us any feedback you have about this web application. We are constantly striving to improve the product we are presenting to the public. Send your comments to infosystems@sudbury.ma.us.

MapsOnline functionality includes all of the tools you might expect of online mapping program. Below are the top ten features of MapsOnline 4.0.

MapsOnline 4.0 Top 10




Click on any of the Top 10 MapsOnline features below to learn more about their operation:




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| 1. ABOUT TAB | 6. MOUSE TOOLS |
| 2. LAYERS TAB | 7. PRINT BUTTON |
| 3. FIND TAB | 8. BING MAPS BUTTON |
| 4. MAP WINDOW | 9. MEASURE/AREA TOOLS |
| 5. ZOOM BUTTONS | 10. SCALEBAR/MOUSE COORDINATES |

Layers Tab

Provides a listing of all available mapping layers, including controls for:

- turning layers on and off
- accessing parcel documents by checking the Documents Public Layer and using the Identify Tool  to click on the Book  icon on the parcel.
- controlling which mapping layers will return information when the user clicks on them with the Identify Tool. 

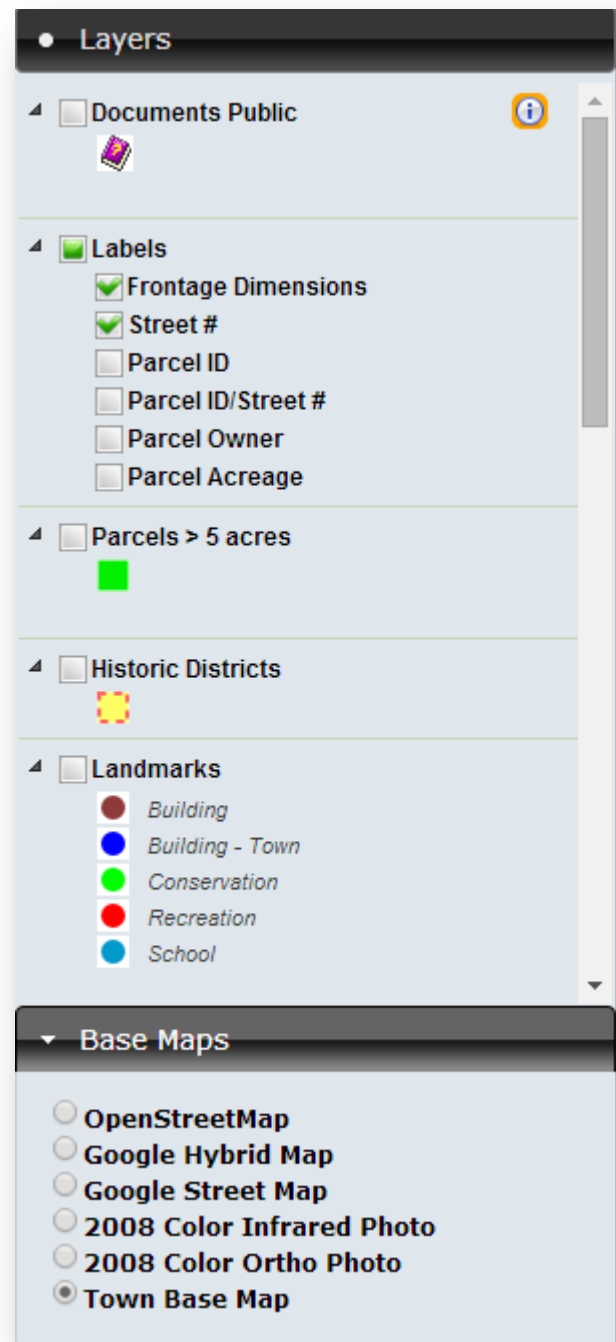
There are two categories of mapping layers available in MapsOnline: Layers and Base Maps:

Layers: Layers can be considered overlays. Each layer can be turned on or off. Each layer can be Identified  to produce attribute results.

Base Maps: Base Maps are backgrounds that usually consist of multiple layers. Only one Base Map can be turned on at one time. Base Maps are always “tiled”, i.e. they are prepared in advance as tiled maps so that they perform extremely fast over the Internet. With this approach, users can experience full-screen maps without having to have extremely fast Internet connections or robust computers.

Google Base Maps: MapsOnline includes Google Hybrid and Google Street base maps for all public sites that are not password protected (as per Google’s licensing requirements). This allows our clients to enjoy these familiar backgrounds underneath their own overlays.

Open Street Map: MapsOnline includes OpenStreetMap as another popular background. OpenStreetMap can be used on MapsOnline sites with or without passwords, so it is available on any MapsOnline site.



Find Tab

Provides several search mechanisms designed to help users find particular properties or map features. This tab includes three separate categories of searches:


Quick Zooms

Enables the user to find and zoom to district areas on the map. We envision a Quick Zoom list for each town so that users can zoom into their town quickly. We envision Quick Zoom lists of Points of Interest in the region (water bodies, landmarks, etc.). Other examples include neighborhoods, businesses, public buildings, and others.

Find Properties:

Enables the user to find a property based on an Owner's Name, Parcel ID, or Address (street name and street number). These searches are primary tools for many public users of MapsOnline.

Find Abutters

Enables the user to find abutters to a focal property (as found using the Find Properties above or using the  Identify Tool and clicking on a single parcel) for any distance (the default distance is zero). Abutters are presented as a list and as a map.

Quick Zooms

Zoom To:

Parcel Map

Points of Interest

Pick a location from any of the Quick Zoom lists above to zoom the map to that location

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Find Abutters

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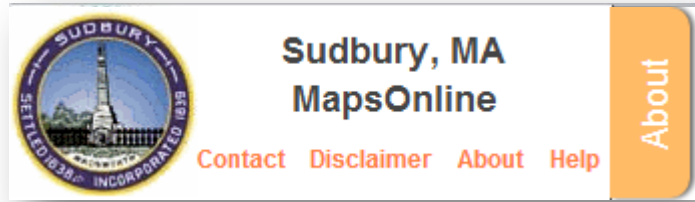
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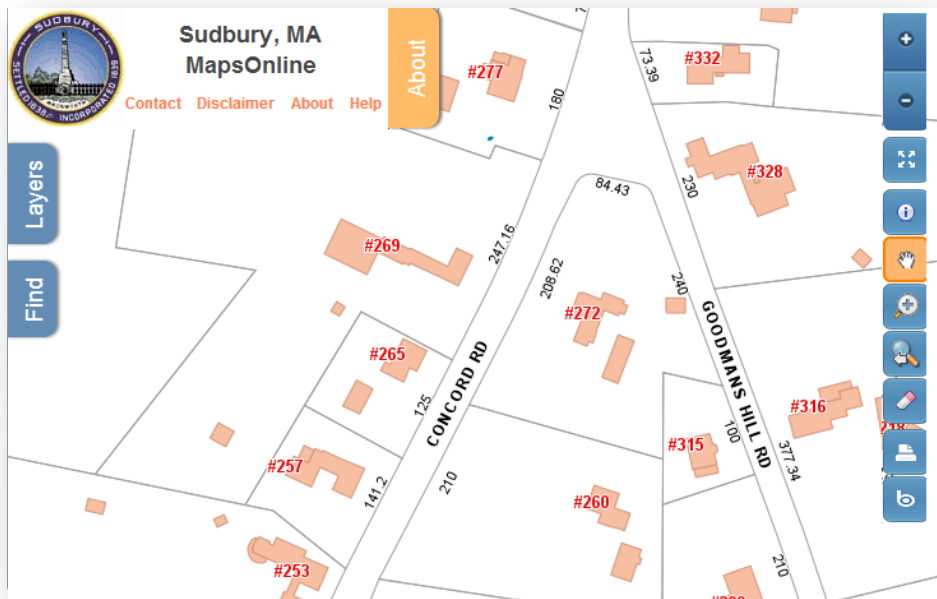
About Tab

Presents your project logo and provides links to Contacts, a custom Disclaimer, and a page describing the MapsOnline online service.



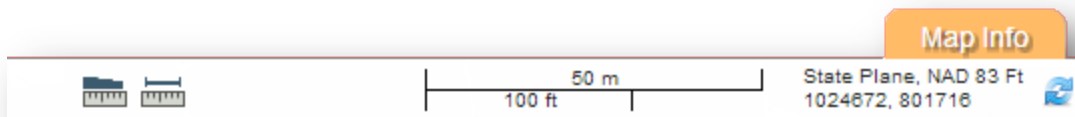
Map Window

Presents your Town's GIS mapping layers. The Map Window is built to fill your computer screen, thereby maximizing its size. The user can use the Zoom Controls (see below) to zoom into and out of the map, or double-click the map to zoom in, or use the scroll wheel on your mouse to zoom in and out. The user can click and pan the map in any direction with the mouse as well.



Map Info Tab

The Map Info Tab provides a constantly updating scalebar (in both feet and meters), a Measure Distance Tool, a Measure Area Tool, and cursor coordinates. By default, the default coordinates will be from the State Plane Grid, North American Datum 1983. However, we have added a control that allows the user to change these coordinates to Latitude and Longitude in case they are more familiar with that system.



Navigation Bar

The MapsOnline Navigation Bar provides several tools for manipulating the map, interacting with map features, and executing tasks, as follows:

Zoom Buttons



Zoom Controls: Enables the user to zoom-in or zoom-out from the maps current zoom level.



Zoom Full: Enables the user to zoom the map to its full (original) extent.

Mouse Tools



Identify: Enables the user to click on map features to obtain attribute information about those features. This tool will only return results for those layers that are configured to return attributes.



Pan: Enables the user to pan the map in any direction. This is the default “map mode” when a MapsOnline site is originally opened (which is why this tool is shown in the orange color indicating it is active).



Zoom-In: Enables the user to zoom-in to any area they drag a box around. The user clicks a point with this tool, holds the mouse button down, and drags a box. Upon release, the map zooms to the box.



Zoom-Previous: Enables the user to zoom the Map Window to the previous zoom box.

Special Function Buttons



Eraser: Enables the user to erase/remove selected features (generated by searches) and abutters (generated by Find Abutters).



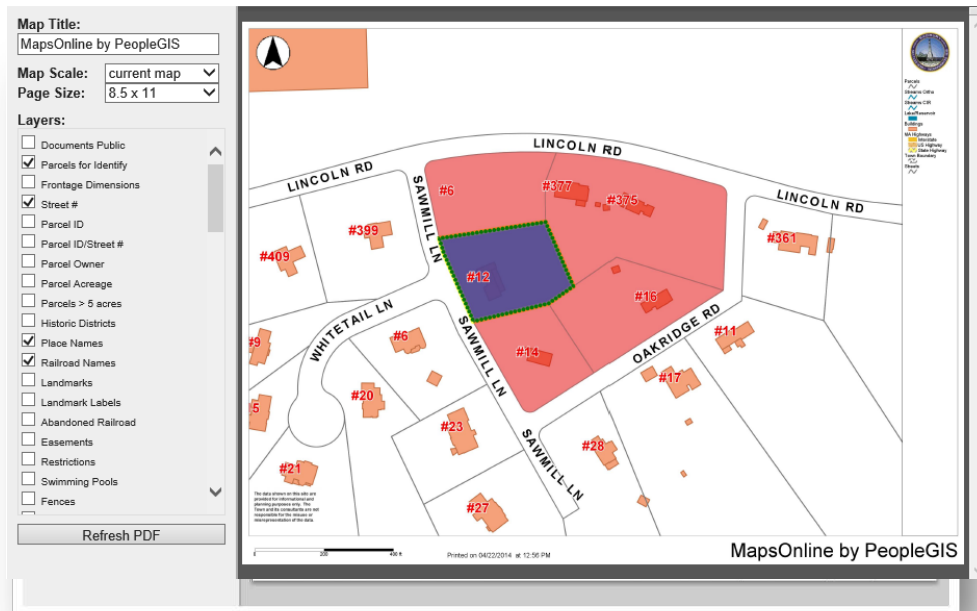
Print: Enables the user to print the current map. This tool will activate a modal window which will provide additional controls for the user to establish a map to print on their local printer. See Print Tools below.



Bing Map: Open a Bing Map window focusing on the same area of the current map. This adds the familiar Bing oblique aerial view to the MapsOnline experience. The Bing oblique imagery is not available in all areas and is limited to non-password-protected sites (as per Microsoft’s licensing requirements). See Bing Maps below.

Printing Tools

The Print Tools provide the user with the ability to set the map title, map scale, paper size, and layers that appear in the legend. The final map can be saved locally as a PDF or sent directly to the user's local printer.



Bing Map

The Bing Map Window provides the familiar Microsoft Bing oblique aerial imagery experience to MapsOnline. The Bing Map Window will open to the same approximate area of the current Map Window. Users are provided with the standard Bing controls to pan, zoom, and rotate the image.



Submitted by: Mark Thompson, Technology Administrator

Town Moderator



Town Meeting:

Sudbury's Town Meeting will commence at 7:30pm on May 5, 2014 at Lincoln/Sudbury Regional High School. Several years ago, at an Annual Town Meeting then Captain Dennis Ford, a Sudbury resident and a veteran of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars said,

"There are still many places in the world that you cannot debate openly and participate in the democratic process. Although we as a society may not all agree on every issue, we do have the freedom to debate openly and participate in democracy."

My fellow Sudbury residents, you are the legislative body that will help shape the future here in Sudbury. Let me remind you to be civil in your debates and fair minded in your votes, as well as cherish the tradition of freedom we all share here in the United States."

*Myron J. Fox, Town Moderator
Excerpt from Annual Town Report 2014*

A MOTION PRIMER

Contrary to popular belief, an article in the Warrant is not "self-starting." If an article were to be called up, and nobody makes a motion under it, the article would simply be "passed over", and whatever action had been contemplated thereby would not occur. It is a motion, which puts an article "in play," and it is the motion, *not the article*, which is actually voted upon. Thus, while speakers may refer to passing, defeating ,or otherwise dealing with "the article," in fact and in law, what the meeting deals with, debates, and votes upon are motions, not articles. The article in the Warrant serves only the purpose of letting the voters know what may come before the meeting and the outside scope of what may be considered. It may be that a speaker will question whether a certain motion is "within the four corners of the article." Such a challenge requires the Moderator to determine whether the motion should be allowed, as being within a reasonable reading of the article as printed in the Warrant, or be ruled out of order as being beyond the legitimate subject matter of the article.

Many times the first or "main" motion under an article, will be "Move in the words of the article." By making such a motion, the speaker is adopting the article as his or her motion thereunder. This can only be done where the language of the article is drafted in such a way that it is appropriate for simple adoption as a motion. Whenever the presenter's motion differs from the wording in the Warrant, the presenter must point out and explain those differences to the Hall.

Frequently there will be a motion "to indefinitely postpone" an article. This motion, if adopted, kills the article for all intents and purposes for the Town Meeting. The motion is frequently used when proponents of an article have decided not to proceed with it but want an opportunity to explain to the meeting why they are, in effect, abandoning the article at this time. The motion also may be used by someone who wishes to defeat an article before it can be fully debated on the merits. In such cases, it is important to understand that indefinite postponement can have the same effect as defeat which, in turn, can have significance with respect to some items, notably zoning matters, as to when the matter can again be considered by the Town.

You may hear a "Motion for the previous question," or simply folks shouting "Call the question", without being recognized by the Moderator but without interrupting a speaker. This is a motion to terminate debate and requires a two-thirds vote to pass. The Moderator has discretion as to whether to accept a motion for the question, and it will be refused if the Moderator does not believe there has been a fair opportunity for debate as of the time it is made. However, once made and accepted by the Moderator and seconded, it is voted upon without debate. Upon passage, such a motion terminates the debate then occurring and requires an immediate vote on the substantive or procedural matter on the floor. For additional information please see your Warrant that has recently been mailed to all residents.

Town Clerk

Voting, Census & Dogs

The Annual Town Election was on held on Monday, March 31, and there were 3,148 votes cast, representing 26% of the town's 11,929 registered voters. Please see our website for a detailed account of the results.

There have been approximately 6,000 census forms and over 2,200 dog licenses processed since the first mailing was sent out in January. If you have not returned your census form, you are encouraged to do so either by mail or hand-delivering it to one of the drop-off boxes located at Town Hall (322 Concord Road). For information on how to license a dog, including associated fees, please see our website.

What to Expect When You Get to Town Meeting

As mentioned previously in the newsletter, Annual Town Meeting is scheduled to be held May 5, 6 and 7, 2014, at Lincoln-Sudbury District Regional High School (L-SDRHS). The Town Clerk's Office's primary responsibilities regarding Town Meeting are related to the recording of the meeting, certifying results, reporting to State agencies, submitting bylaw changes to the Attorney General's office, updating bylaws upon approval and publishing the Proceedings for 2014. However, we coordinate the check-in process for voters and in that capacity would like to share what you can expect upon your arrival.

Upon entering L-SDRHS, you will be greeted by a friendly staff who may look familiar to you because they are part of our dedicated crew of trained election workers. The check-in tables are similar to those at an election, organized by precinct, then alphabetical by street name. If you are a registered Sudbury voter (as of April 15, 2014), upon checking in, you will be given a colored card for the purposes of voting. We encourage you to hold on to your card tightly as lost cards will not be replaced.

You are required to sign-in upon arrival each evening of Town Meeting in order to receive that evening's colored card and to be eligible to vote.

Individuals who are not registered voters in Sudbury may attend Town Meeting but will be asked to sit in the back row of the hall.

The results of each adjourned session of Town Meeting will be posted the following morning on the Town Website.

Submitted by: Veronica W. Craven, Assistant Town Clerk