

# TOWN OF SUDBURY TOWN MANAGER NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2013

## Message from the Town Manager

Greetings! I want to share my excitement that on a chilly November morning, the Town of Sudbury cut a green ribbon to officially open *Sudbury Solar One*, our solar facility located on top of the closed landfill on Boston Post Road. A number of speakers were part of this event, and all acknowledged a few key points. First, accomplishment of this took concerted, sustained effort from many different parties and all deserved acknowledgement and thanks. Second, this project makes sense from an economic <u>and</u> environmental perspective. Sudbury will achieve lower, more stable prices for its electricity supply as well as increase our use of renewable sources of energy. And finally, Sudbury achieved its goal of receiving a permit for the closure of the landfill, which in turn allows us to turn our closed landfill into a productive asset for the community. A number of local and state officials gathered to celebrate this great day for Sudbury, and it was followed by a tour of the facility, which is quite impressive, as it contains more than 6,000 250 watt modules covering over 5.3 acres of land. It will generate 1.9 million kWh annually.

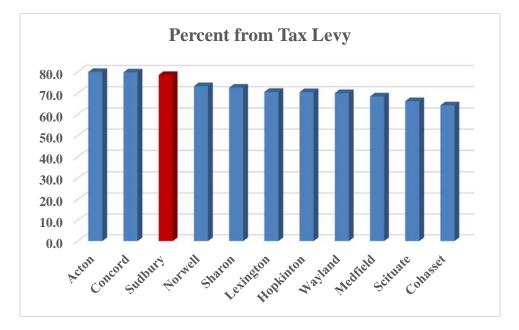
Below is a picture of the ribbon cutting, with four Selectmen: Chuck Woodard, Len Simon, Bob Haarde and Larry O'Brien, together with members of the Energy Committee: Bill Braun, Mike Melnick, Rami Alwan, Ed Lewis, Kurt Reiss, Joe Martino and Jim Kelly. DEP Commissioner Ken Kimmell is in the back row. My thanks to Tim Coyne for allowing me use of the picture he took.



I am also pleased to report that the Board of Selectmen approved 16 goals for FY14, providing direction to the staff and to other committees in many areas, and leading to preparation of a number of articles for the 2014 Annual Town Meeting. There is a lot of hard work going on related to these goals and other initiatives of the Town. The goals are included at the end of this newsletter – Check them out!

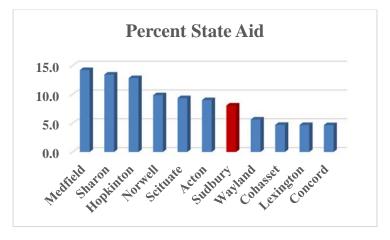
Finally, I was delighted to attend the 3rd annual Veterans Luncheon at the Senior Center on Wednesday November 13th, along with most of the Board of Selectmen members. It fills me with great pride to see so many Sudbury residents who have served our country in the armed forces turn out for this event and be thanked for their service. This year there was a presentation on the progress being made on the Scott F. Milley Memorial Reflection Area at Willis Lake Beach. I think most of Sudbury remembers that day when we learned that Scott, while serving in Afghanistan as an Army Ranger, was killed. He was leading his soldiers when insurgents attacked his unit. He died on November 30, 2010, at the young age of 23. Many Sudbury residents who knew and loved Scott, along with others who have just been inspired to join into this great effort, are working to raise funds for a new quiet reflection area at the Town owned Willis Lake Beach area as a memorial to Scott. The reflection area has been designed, and received necessary approvals and support from key Town officials and committees. The Foundation is accepting donations for this wonderful new amenity in Sudbury. Here is the site for more information about the Foundation and how you can help: <a href="http://www.ltscottfmilleymemorialfund.org">http://www.ltscottfmilleymemorialfund.org</a>.

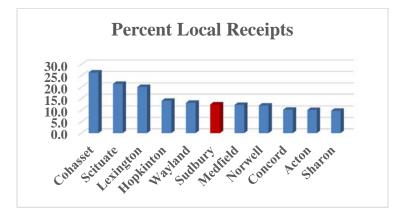
This month, Peter Anderson, the Town's budget analyst, developed four charts showing how revenue sources in Sudbury in Fiscal Year 2013 compares with our peer towns. The peer towns are most like Sudbury in nine key areas: Distance from Boston; Density; Per capita income; Percent of school age children in overall population; Percent of tax base from commercial, industrial and personal property class; Credit rating; Number of road miles; Average residential house value and Amount of tax dollars from overrides per capita.

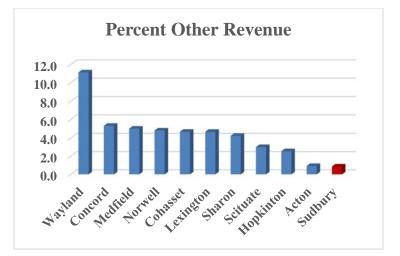


## Sudbury & Peer Town FY13 Revenue Sources

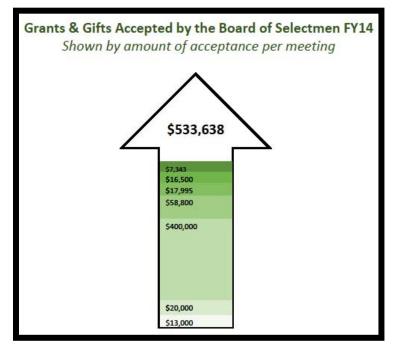








Sources: Data taken from DLS Community Comparison Report; Peer towns from Sudbury Peer Select Tool



As of the November 19, 2013 Board of Selectmen's meeting, the total amount of Grants & Gifts accepted by the Town of Sudbury in FY14 is \$533,638, with funds from November Selectmen meetings contributed to be used for walkways and counseling in the high school as well as projector for the community center valued at \$1,903.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family.

## Sincerely, Maureen G. Valente, Jown Manager

## From the Selectmen's office

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.

At their meeting on November 5, the Board continued to discuss the opportunity for the Town to acquire the property at 233 Concord Road, under a program known as Chapter 61A. They had earlier discussed this property and heard from residents urging the Board to exercise the right of first refusal (ROFR) so that the Town could ask Town Meeting to appropriate the funds to meet the purchase price of the land (\$325,000). At this meeting, the Board noted that they had received letters from three committees recommending that the Board exercise the ROFR. This included the Conservation Commission, the Historic Districts Commission and the Planning Board members had a vigorous discussion of alternative approaches that they could see for how to finance this purchase, ranging from allowing the Community Preservation Committee to indicate their level of support first, to the Board of Selectmen setting a dollar amount they would ask the CPC to support, to looking beyond CPC funds and asking voters to support financing options such as capital exclusions or bond issuance. Ultimately the Board, by a 3 to 2 majority, voted to change their CPC request for this project to \$100,000 and to ask the residents of Sudbury to engage in fund raising for the difference.

The Board also took up the issue of how the proposed Town of Wayland DPW facility might impact Sudbury roads and residents. The entrance to the DPW facility is proposed to be on River Road in Wayland, but one of the potential approaches to get to River Road is through Old County Road in Sudbury, potentially increasing truck traffic on that road. The Board voted to send a letter to the Wayland Board of Selectmen, asking them to commit their DPW traffic to use only Wayland roads if the project is voted at Wayland's upcoming Town Meeting.

On November 19th, the Board gave their approval to an agreement reached with NSTAR on replanting the road crossing on Stock Farm Road and Pelham Island Road. NSTAR is required to maintain tree screenings alongside these roads as a condition of the permit that was issued long ago.

On Tuesday November 26th, the Board will be having a tax classification hearing in connection with the setting of the FY14 tax rate.

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The Board of Selectmen has signed a proclamation to start the process of having Sudbury declared as a Purple Heart Community. Do you know of someone connected to Sudbury who has received a Purple Heart Award? If so, please let Gary Brown, Veterans Agent know via email to browng@sudbury.ma.us or write him at 322 Concord Road, Sudbury MA 01776. Thanks! 



## **Accounting Department**

The financial audit for the Town has been completed. The auditors were here for two weeks and the last of the information was sent to them today.

Accounting is now working on their part of the tax rate process. The Department of Revenue will be looking over all the mandatory forms that have to be completed before the tax rate is set for the Town. They plan on being here next week.

We are also updating and checking the vendor file in our financial software in preparation of the 1099 process.

Submitted by: Barbara Chisholm, Town Accountant

#### **Assessors Department**

When an occasion or opportunity presents itself as being noteworthy, and warrants a "shout-out" of sorts, we welcome the opportunity share the good news. Over the past few weeks, not only have we reveled in the outstanding triumph of our beloved World Champion Boston Red Sox, we have a significant accomplishment regarding one of our own that I would like to share. John Irish (Assessing Analyst) who is a resident of the City of Marlborough, recently decided to "toss his hat into the ring," so to speak. John was elected Ward 5 City Councilor in Marlborough, MA. We congratulate John on his election, and know that the residents of Marlborough will surely benefit from his dedication and unyielding commitment to his community.

Submitted by: Cynthia Gerry, Director of Assessing

#### **Building Inspection Department**

The Building Department experienced an increase in construction projects this year. The value of construction for residential and commercial projects is up by approximately 40% over the same period from last year. For the past few years, when the economy was stalled, people were mainly focused on making property repairs to roofs, siding and windows. More recently, we have issued more residential permits for interior upgrades and large scale additions. This increase in property owner renovations as well as the larger scale multi-family projects has resulted in this growth. It is a positive trend that we hope continues.

As the cold weather sets in just a reminder to protect outside faucets from freezing and keep roof drains clear of leaves.

Submitted By: Mark Herweck, Building Inspector

#### **Department of Public Works**

Joining the DPW are three new employees: Paul J. Spinetto, Jr. will working in the Tree and Cemetery Department, Richard G. Weil will be working for the Engineering Department as a Survey Party Chief and John F. Murphy will also be working for the Engineering Department as a Junior Civil Engineer.

The Peakham Road walkway south of Robert Best Road has been completed. Please see photos below.









In preparation for winter, the Salt Shed is full of mixed sand and salt. Sand barrels will be placed at strategic locations throughout the town. Portable crosswalk signs will be removed prior to the first significant snow fall. All sanders are fully operational.

#### **Snowplowing and Snow Removal Procedures**

This information is to provide residents of the Town of Sudbury a general overview of the plan of operation that the Department of Public Works puts into place when we have a snowstorm. This will answer questions you may have regarding the DPW snow policy.



<u>Snow Plowing Operations</u>: When the snow starts falling, sanding and salting operations begin first with the major roadways, schools and Town facilities. Anti-icing is an important phase in dealing with snowfall. It prevents the snow from becoming compacted and frozen to the road surface. When the snowfall continues and three inches of snow has accumulated, the plowing operations begin — again with the major roadways, secondary roads, schools and Town facilities. The main objective is to keep the roads passable during a storm.

Public Works Department personnel are well trained and dedicated to work "around-the-clock" if necessary to keep all roadways open and passable. When the snow stops, crews continue to monitor roads for icy spots and drifting snow. The sidewalks around school zones are plowed. Snow is pushed back at different intersections if necessary.

Every storm is different. The longer the duration of the storm, the more the resources are taxed. This includes salt, sand, equipment, and, of course, employees. With your assistance and patience, the DPW will be able to provide the Town with important functions of our winter maintenance operation.

Town plows cannot be hired or requested by residents to clear driveways or walkways.

<u>Plow Damage</u>: The Town is not responsible for damaged lawns, sprinkler heads, fences, steps, trees, shrubs or other private property, i.e., basketball hoops, that are located within the Town's right-of-way which is approximately 10-12' back from edge of road pavement. The Town will only be responsible for mailboxes that are physically hit by a plow. Mailboxes pushed over from the force of plowed snow are not covered.

<u>Winter Tips</u>: Pay close attention to weather forecasts. Remember, freezing rain and wet snow cause dangerous road conditions. Motorists are advised to stay off the roadways if possible until DPW crews get the pavement treated. Drive cautiously.

On-street parking is prohibited during snow and ice storms and snow and ice removal operations. The DPW director is authorized to have any vehicle removed during snow or ice operations, and owners are liable for costs of removal/storage and subject to \$50 daily fine.

How You Can Be of Assistance:

• Check your mailbox to make sure it and the post are in good condition.

• Please observe the on-street parking snow ban which is in effect during snow and ice storms when plowing and sanding operations are taking place. The on-street parking ban starts in November and ends in April.

• Reduce your speed and drive carefully.

• Do not attempt to pass a sander or plow. These units weigh over 40,000 lbs. and are not easily maneuvered.

• Do not allow children to make snow forts at the edge of the road.

• Do not plow, blow or throw snow into the roadway. There is a \$50 penalty fee for violation of this Town Bylaw. Make sure your contractor is aware of this policy.

- For your own safety, please shovel out the fire hydrant located nearest to your house.
- Keep nearby catch basins clear of snow or ice to prevent street flooding during snow melting periods.
- And last, but not least, please be patient.

Snow plowing is a time-consuming and laborious job covering approximately 140 miles of roadway in the Town of Sudbury. With your cooperation, we will all have a safe and enjoyable winter season.

Please feel free to call the Department of Public Works at (978) 440-5421 for further information. We'll be more than happy to help you. Thank you!

Free sand is available to residents at the public works yard gallon pail maximum. NO COMMERCIAL.

Submitted by: I. William Place, P.E./Director of Public Works/Town Engineer

#### <u>Library</u>

Goodnow recently completed its strategic plan and is working now to implement the items in the first year action plan. The most profound result of the Goodnow Library's last strategic plan was the establishment of the Goodnow Library Foundation, which has been tremendously successful in achieving many goals set out in that last plan. We have put in place a structure that allows the library to fund necessary enhancements asked for by our stakeholders, such as new forms of technology like iPads, a broader range of programming, and capital upgrades like that happening now in the Children's Room.

Our current challenge is to transform into the library of today. One with the core purpose still to promote reading, provide reading material and serve everyone. Now, we must maintain our value as a physical place, but also evolve into a virtual resource beyond bricks and mortar.

#### Create. Cultivate. Collaborate.

When we asked for input from our users, several themes emerged. They want to see the Library reach its full potential as the town's community center. A place where people come together to share and explore ideas. An enriching place where they can learn and be entertained by not just the rich collections, but a variety of programs, lectures and activities. They want to see community relationships strengthened, a visible connection with the schools, clubs and socially responsible organizations. And most of all, they want to feel connected and aware of all of the library's resources and events.

The purpose of the strategic plan is to help the Library fulfill its mission and vision. By identifying the Library's institutional priorities and creating a roadmap for its direction over the next four years, the plan provides guidance that will allow and encourage all of our stakeholders to work together toward common goals.

A strategic plan is a living document, a management tool for the library, and the blueprint for service enhancements over the next four years. This strategic plan, "Create, Cultivate, Collaborate," sets the course for the future, based on where the library has been, where it is going and what strategies will be used to meet those future trends, needs and wants of the library user. Please <u>click here</u> to see the full Strategic Plan 2014-2017 document.

In December we will be working on completing our new website, and plan to launch it on January 2, 2014.

#### **Final Sesquicentennial Celebration Event**

The whole community is invited to the final celebration of our sesquicentennial on Saturday, December 14 from 2-5pm. There will be fun for the whole family. Starting at 2:00 we will have local children's author Dara Goldman come to read her new holiday book "Boris and Stella and the Perfect Gift." At the same time we will be presenting our 150th Celebration Oral History video, produced by Sudbury TV and featuring many local luminaries who recount their memories of Goodnow and Sudbury. Then we will seal our 25 year time capsule before welcoming WCVB-TV "Chronicle" Correspondent Ted Reinstein, who will give a talk on his new travel book, "New England Notebook: One reporter, six states, uncommon stories." Part travelogue/part short story collection, "New England Notebook" takes readers "off the path" to hidden treasures and recounts stories of the sometimes quirky personalities he's profiled as a reporter and producer for Chronicle for 18 years.

Attendees will have a chance to ask Mr. Reinstein questions, purchase his book and have it signed by the author while enjoying light refreshments in Goodnow's Historical Study. We hope you'll join us!

Submitted by: Esmé Green, Library Director

#### **Park and Recreation Department**



#### Snowshoe Loan Program

The Park and Recreation Department is busy preparing for the start of their winter programs. The Pool will enter into the swim team season after Thanksgiving, hosting a bunch of home meets for LSRHS and other swim team programs. In addition, we have many swim classes going on, recreation programs, fun one day workshops, teen center programs, preschool programs, adaptive programs, adult fitness classes and more.

If you are looking for something fun to do during the winter months, check us out, we have something for everyone, including an expanded free snowshoe loan program. Just give us a call and you can borrow adult and child size snowshoes for a day and explore local conservation or recreation lands in town, or head out to your favorite trail in the area. For information, we can be reached on either the Town website or at 978-639-3242. The Park and Recreation Department hopes your family has a Happy Thanksgiving!

Submitted by: Nancy McShea, Park and Recreation Director

#### **Planning and Community Development**

The Planning Board continues its review of the remaining land in the Willis Hill subdivision in December. The lot at the corner of Wyman and Maynard Road was recently approved for 1 house, and the slopes at the rear of that property have recently been stabilized. The subdivision of land known as Livermore Estates and the stormwater applications on Widow Rites Lane are still under review. The next public hearings on both of these applications will be December 11, 2013 at 8:30 pm in Town Hall.

On December 11, 2013 at 7:30 pm, the Planning Board will also discuss a Stormwater Management Permit application for the construction of Northern Bank, located at 430 Boston Post Road (the current site of Colonial Auto). The site plan for this proposal has been approved by the Selectmen, subject to final engineering of the stormwater management system. A new subdivision proposal for 82 Maynard Road into 2 lots will also be the subject of a public hearing on December 11th at 8:00 pm at Town Hall.

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) has begun its hearings on the 9 proposals submitted for FY15 funding. Check the CPC website for the hearing schedule, as well as copies of the proposals. The final hearing for this year's funding requests will be held on December 4, 2013, beginning at 7:30 pm in Town Hall. The CPC has also announced the receipt of its state match for FY14, which came in significantly higher than originally projected. Due to a one-time deposit of state budget surplus funds into the state CPA account, the Town of Sudbury received almost twice what it had been receiving in recent years. The total amount received on November 15 is \$895,751, which is a 56% match of the local revenue collected.

Processing of new applications and monitoring of approved projects keeps the Planning and Community Development Department busy. Development is on-going at Mahoney Farms Senior Residential Community on Nobscot Road (33 units), Maple Meadows Senior Residential Community on Maple Avenue (28 units), Dudley Pond Reserve Senior Residential Community on Tall Pine Drive (26 units), Landham Crossing on Route 20 (31 units), The Coolidge at Sudbury on Route 20 (64 units), Olde Bostonian Estates Subdivision on Goodman's Hill Road (3 lots) and Huckleberry Lane on Old Lancaster Road (5 lots). Herb Chambers Land Rover on Boston Post Road is also constructing a new portico for the Jaguar division of that company. Inquiries about the property at the corner of Nobscot Road and Route 20 have been coming in. That property is undergoing environmental remediation for removal of pollutants from its prior use as a gas station. No development plans have been proposed at this time. We also receive sporadic inquiries about the property purchased by Buddy Dog Humane Society at 150 Wayside Inn Road, however no development plans for that property have been delivered.

Members of the Planning and Community Development Department work with many different boards and committees in Sudbury. You will find one of us at nearly every major board meeting of the Selectmen, Planning Board, Community Preservation Committee, Zoning Board of Appeals, Sudbury Housing Trust, and the Route 20 Sewer Committees, as well as many small committees. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have a question about zoning or planning. Our department email is pcd@sudbury.ma.us.

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

## **Public Safety**

#### **Fire Department**

Friday, November 1, 2013 marked the beginning of our Advanced Life Support Service here at the Sudbury Fire Department. With the advent of this new initiative, Department Paramedics will now be responding in our front line ambulance. In the past, we have relied on a number of intercept services for paramedic service, all of them coming in from surrounding towns. I know there have been some awkward occurrences of our ambulance having to wait in a driveway or parking lot while we hooked up with these intercept units. I am confident that operating with our own Paramedics will result in a higher and more efficient level of service.

At this time, we have ten Firefighter/Paramedics in our department. Two of our Firefighter/EMT personnel, Nick Howarth and Dan Wells, are attending paramedic school at Mass Bay Community College in Framingham. I expect they will complete their course work, emergency room practical evaluations, and riding time in the Summer of 2014, giving us a total of 12 Medics (three per work shift).

In conjunction with the launch of the ALS Program, we have enlisted the services of Paul Girard of Girard Associates in Westport, Mass. <u>http://www.girardassoc.com/</u>. Paul's company specializes in designing, implementing, and managing continuous quality assurance programs for emergency medical services. Working in conjunction with our Medical Director at Metrowest Framingham Medical Center, Dr. Emily Groom, Paul will be working closely with our Paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians to monitor and continuously improve our entire medical program.

In addition to training classes with Paul over the last month, all department members have been trained in the use of our new Lucas CPR Machine. The Lucas was purchased with funds from a generous grant from the Sudbury Foundation. This battery-powered device attaches around the chest of a patient in cardiac arrest and delivers precisely timed compressions to an accurate and consistent depth. I have seen the Lucas in operation with one of our medic intercept services in the past and have found it a valuable labor and time saving medical tool. With the Lucas applied, responding medical personnel are not only assured of high quality compressions, but are freed up to perform other lifesaving skills to work toward a more positive patient outcome. I am grateful to the Sudbury Foundation for their support of the Sudbury Fire Department, and in turn to the citizens of Sudbury.



Sudbury Firefighter/Paramedics Dan Stanton, Luis Forte, and Matt MacDonald train with the new Lucas CPR Machine.

With the advent of our new ALS Service and the implementation of Combined Dispatch Services at this time last year, we have completed two important steps toward delivering more effective and efficient fire suppression and emergency medical service here in Sudbury. Both of these initiatives are the result of a lot of hard work and cooperation on many levels. I speak for the entire Sudbury Fire Department in thanking the citizens for their continuing support.

Submitted by: Bill Miles, Fire Chief

#### **Police Department**

The Sudbury Police Department will be saying goodbye to Officer Curran who has resigned to seek a continuation of his law enforcement career with the Massachusetts State Police. Officer Curran entered the police academy in January of 2007 graduating in July of 2007. During his tenure, Officer Curran became one of our motorcycle officers passing a very stringent course in doing so. He also served with the Detective Bureau. He served the Sudbury Police Department admirably and I was proud to have him; he will surely be missed. We do wish him the best with the Massachusetts State Police where he tentatively begins their academy on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

On November 13<sup>th</sup>, I had the distinct honor to speak before a group of veterans at the Senior Center, having been invited by Patty Houpt of the Sudbury Military Support Network. The event was graciously catered by the Wayside Inn. It was a humbling experience and I can only hope to have provided a small snapshot of my family's service in the military while thanking/commending them for their service!

As previously disseminated, a training day was held on November 19<sup>th</sup> at Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School, who gratefully allowed us to host the training at their facility. Many disciplines to include school personnel, municipal employees and public safety personnel from both Sudbury and Lincoln participated in a period of instruction followed by several scenarios based on the lecture portion surrounding the ALICE philosophy (Alert/Lockdown/Inform/Counter/Evacuate). This philosophy is an opportunity for determining what enhancements may be applicable to our current safety protocols in the schools as well as municipal buildings. Having now had the training, it is the intention of all attendees, within their

respected areas of employ, to debrief in an effort to determine the best avenue in moving forward. This training was feasible given a grant opportunity provided by our insurance company, MIIA.

Submitted by: Scott Nix, Police Chief

## **Sudbury Senior Center**

The Sudbury Senior Center, partnering with the Sudbury Military Support Network, hosted a wonderful Veterans Appreciation Luncheon on Wednesday, November 13 at the Fairbank Community Gym with over 85 veterans and spouses in attendance. This would not have been possible without the outstanding effort of the Sudbury Military Support Network and the Sudbury Senior Center volunteers. With the leadership of Patty Houpt and Cindy Beckham of the Sudbury Military Support Network, and Ed Gottmann, Senior Center Volunteer Coordinator, volunteers set up the tables and chairs in the gym, laid out tablecloths and tableware, provided hors d'oeuvres, and served up a delicious meal to veterans at their tables. Chicken pot pie, mashed potatoes and butternut squash were provided by everyone's favorite, Longfellow's Wayside Inn.

Guest speakers included Chief Scott Nix who talked about his family military history and residents Bob Chandler and Jim Kelly who talked about the community effort to create a memorial space for 1st Lt. Scott Milley, to be built at Willis Lake beach. We were all very touched and grateful to Lt. Milley's father, Steve Milley, who shared a letter written to the Milley family from a Framingham resident who wanted to thank his son for his service to this country. And lastly, Maryanne Bilodeau, Asst. Town Manager, spoke about Sudbury's efforts to become designated as a Purple Heart community. Maryanne brought the Sudbury Military scrapbook to share and invited veterans and family members to gather photos or other items to put into the scrapbook. All in all, this was a wonderful event to honor and remember our service men and women, with great community support!

Submitted by: Debra Galloway, Senior Center Director

## Town Clerk

#### Special State Election: Tuesday, December 10

On Tuesday, December 10, voters from precincts 1A, 2, 3, 4, & 5 will come to the polls to cast their vote to fill the vacancy caused by Edward J. Markey's resignation as the 5th Congressional District Representative. Polls open on Election Day at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

Applications for Absentee Ballots must be received by noon on Monday, December 9. For more information, please see <u>Absentee Ballot Applications</u>.

As a reminder, voters from precinct 1 are in the 3rd Congressional District, which is currently represented by Nicola S. Tsongas, and, therefore, are unable to participate in this election.

Voter Registration: In order to vote in an upcoming election, qualified voters must register 20 days prior to the election. The Town Clerk's office offers extended hours (9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.) on the last days to register to vote in time for each election.

#### 2013 SCHEDULED SPECIAL ELECTION:

Primary/Election	Election Date	Voter Registration Deadline
Special State Election	12/10/2013	11/20/2013

Submitted by: Veronica W. Craven, Asst. Town Clerk

# **Did You Know?**

- Sudbury was among the first communities in Massachusetts to be certified as a *Green Community*, back in 2010.
- Sudbury has received awards for our *Annual Budget and Financing Book* from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA).

• Sudbury has received an award for *Excellence in Financial Reporting*, also from GFOA.

- Sudbury's Park and Recreation Department is the first in the state (and 2<sup>nd</sup> in New England) to be accredited by the *Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies* (CAPRA) and the *National Recreation and Park Association* (NRPA). This distinguished accomplishment was awarded during the 2013 NRPA Congress and Exposition in Houston, TX.
- Sudbury has received the Common Cause E-Government Award for Transparency for our Town website.
- Sudbury is one of 219 municipalities in the nation and 23 in Massachusetts with the *Standard & Poor's AAA rating*. And we are only 1 of 6 communities in Massachusetts to have held the AAA rating for over 12 years straight.

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Goals for FY 14	What	Deliverables	Selectmen Liaisons	Lead Staff	Completion Date
1	Conduct an RFP process for Town Counsel services	RFP issued, Town Counsel appointment made	Drobinski, Simon	Valente, Bilodeau	3/17/2014
	Plan and host the first "State of the Town" Forum,			Office staff (Golden	
2	pursuant to the newly adopted bylaw	Forum held in FY14	Drobinski, Woodard	and Frank)	1/31/2014
	Prepare article for funding Police Station	Article written, all construction documents ready,		Kelly, Nix, Valente,	
3a	Construction	project is bid out?	O'Brien	PBC	1/31/2014
	Determine future best use for the existing Police	Report to Board of Selectmen with options; vote of			
æ	Station on Route 20	Board on preferred option	O'Brien	Nix; Kablack, Kelly	1/31/2014
	Pursuant to Strategic Financial Planning Report, Create a committee, charge them with developing	Renort received with recommendations on how to			
	a capital financing funding program with action	finance the overall capital needs as described in		Valente, Bilodeau	
4	steps	Strategic Financing Planning Report	Woodard, O'Brien	Terkelsen	1/31/2014
	Pursuant to Strategic Financial Planning Report,	Report received with recommendations on OPEB			
	Create a Committee, charge them with developing	action steps as needed to address OPEB challenge			
Sa	a long term plan for dealing with OPEB liabilities	described in Strategic Financing Planning Report	Woodard, O'Brien	Valente, Bilodeau	1/31/2014
		Article for Town Meeting to appropriate balance			
	Health Claims Trust Fund closed out, agreement	remaining in HCTF is developed; agreement reached			
	reach with IAC, plans developed for future of	with employees on distribution of employee portion		Valente, Bilodeau,	
Sb	remaining funds	of funds	Woodard, O'Brien	Terkelsen	1/31/2014
	Determine if Town will pursue ownership of CSX				
	owned portion of rail trail line or let the option	Board takes votes and provides direction to staff on		Kablack, Dineen,	
9	lapse	finding alternative funding source for purchase.	Simon	Place	TBD
,	Update Selectmen's rules and regulations for	Draft rules and regulations voted on by Board of	and a start	Office Staff (Golden and Frank) Police	
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		Vote to approve that the Board of Selectmen submit a request to the Community Preservation Committee for 5175,000 of Community Preservation Act funds for			
	Vote to approve that the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail	the 25% design study, conforming to Massachusetts			
	in Sudbury, from the Concord/Sudbury town line	Department of Transportation standards, for the			
	to the crossing of the Mass Central right-of-way	Bruce Freeman Rail Trail, from the Concord/Sudbury		Webbergh Provident	
,	near Union Avenue be designed to massionuserts	town line to the crossing of the Mass Central right-of-		Nablack, Ulheen,	
80	Department of Transportation Standards.	way near Union Avenue.	Simon, Haarde	Place	1/31/2014

FY 14 GOALS AS VOTED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Goals for FY 14	What	Deliverables	Selectmen Liaisons	Lead Staff	Completion Date
6	Protect Sudbury's interests in the Minuteman Regional Vocational High School Capital Project	Board ad vises Town Meeting votes on new proposals for regional agreement, capital allocation method	Haarde, Simon	Valente	TBD
10	Establish a proposal to Marlborough Mayor and City Council to allow Sudbury use of Easterly Treatment plant for Sudbury business district	If feasible and agreeable to both communities, IMA is developed	Drobinski	Valente, Kablack	1/31/2014
п	Answer question of replacing roof on the Fairbank Community Center classroom section	After feasibility study is completed, determine if roof project can go forward and prepare article for 2014 Annual Town Meeting	O'Brien, Woodard, Haarde	Kelly, PBC	1/31/2014
12	Increase recreational land/opp ortunities/use at Davis Field	Plan is developed for expanded use of Davis Field including parking issues, Conservation Commission votes approval and DPW begins work on entrance to Parkinson land	Haarde	Dineen, Place, McShea, Valente	1/31/2014
13	Develop an expanded IMA for L-S playing fields that includes Lincoln	An agreement among L-S, Sudbury Selectmen, Sudbury Recreation Commission, Lincoln Selectmen, Lincoln Recreation Commission	O'Brien, Woodard, Haarde	Valente, McShea	TBD
14	Start engineering work for either the Marlboro alternative or the Sudbury decentralized system	Article is submitted by Board of Selectmen for 2014 Town Meeting.	Haarde, Simon	Kablack	1/31/2014
15	Submit a CPC Project Form for FY15 funding for \$250,000 to investigate maximization of development of rental housing on the Melone property to make meaningful progress towards the Town's 10% obligation for affordable housing.	CPC project form is written and submitted to CPC, and if approved, article is submitted by Board of Selectmen for 2014 Town Meeting	Haarde, O'Brien, Woodard	Kablack, Valente	1/31/2014
16	Investigate the possibility of a "phased" approach to development of the Mass Central Rail line leased by the state DCR where phase one could be a Greenway Trail, followed later by a phase two hard surface trail, when federal/state funds are available for those costs.	Set up meeting with DCR on this project, find out status of plans in other towns, ask legislators to seek funding for design and constructions in Sudbury	Haarde, Simon	Kablack, Dineen, Place	Not determined

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