



TOWN OF SUDBURY

Town Manager Newsletter

November/December 2014

Message from the Town Manager

Greetings! As we race to the conclusion of another year, I can't help but look at all that is going on for projects that the Town is moving forward with, as well as upcoming changes for the Town staff in 2015.

First the changes - In just a few weeks, Town Counsel Paul Kenny is retiring after serving as Town Counsel for 38 years. The Board of Selectmen hosted a wonderful farewell reception for him on December 17th, and a large contingent of residents and Town employees, both current and retired, turned out to say "Thank you and job well done." Several folks recounted all the critical projects that Paul has been involved with over the years – a few of them landmark cases in the Commonwealth for local governments. As a colleague, friend and valued advisor, Paul will be missed by many. Shown at right, Town Moderator Myron Fox congratulates Paul on his service to the Town.



With Paul's retirement, our new Town Counsel, Barbara Saint Andre of Petrini & Associates, will be starting on January 1, 2015. We all look forward to working with Barbara, as the Town continues to have many issues and projects on our plate. January is the month that Town Meeting articles are drawn up and submitted, and Town Counsel does all the work for that effort.

The Special Town Meeting and Special Town Election are completed. Held in early December, voters at these two events approved funding for two major projects: partial roof, window and door replacements and envelope repair project at the Nixon Elementary School, and purchase of the Johnson Farm property at 189 Landham Road. This was the second Special Town Meeting and Special Election this fall, and my deepest appreciation to the staff of my office, the Town Clerk's Office, the Finance Department, and the Facilities Department for their work to make these happen.



Finally, I will mention that the Department of Revenue approved the Tax Rate for FY15 and for both residential and CIP classes of property (commercial, industrial and personal property), the average tax bill is projected to have virtually no increase over the FY14 tax bills. This occurred for a number of reasons – the taxes approved for the elementary and high school building projects are starting to decrease, and the revenue from non-property tax sources is coming in higher than anticipated. There are major capital and financial challenges facing the Town in 2015 and beyond, but for this fiscal year, it is nice to see the property taxes staying at a stable level.

My best wishes to all of Sudbury this holiday season, and a healthy and prosperous New Year!

Sincerely, Maureen G. Valente, Town Manager

From the Selectmen’s Office

The Board had two public meetings in December as they continue to put in significant time into moving forward on their goals. On December 3, they held a brief meeting before the Special Town Meeting and took positions on the articles to be voted on. They also confirmed their decision at the Tax Classification Hearing in November to continue the shift of more of the tax burden to the commercial sector, but only to the extent that the relative increase in taxes on the average commercial property was no greater than the increase on the average residential property. As noted for this fiscal year, there was virtually no increase for those properties whose values remained the same from last year to this year.

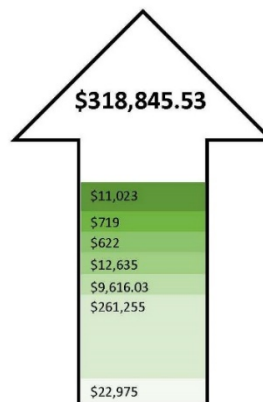
Other items decided by the Board: to approve the Town Manager’s appointment of Dave Henkels to the Conservation Commission; to renew the alcoholic beverage, Common Victualler, Entertainment and Sunday Entertainment licenses for 2015; and to authorize the Town Manager to execute documents for the new ESCO agreement approved by Town Meeting last year. ESCO stands for Energy Service Conservation agreement, and is a mechanism where the Town can obtain upfront funding to pay for energy improvements to Town and SPS buildings and then use savings in future energy bills to pay back the funding. In this manner, the Town gets a number of capital improvements made to our buildings at virtually no cost to the tax payers.

And, as always, the Board made a number of votes which included approving appointments, licenses, easements, and contracts. For more information on any of these, please see the Board’s agenda listing these items.

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

Grants & Gifts Accepted by the Board of Selectmen FY15
Shown by amount of acceptance per meeting





Building Inspection Department

Every year the Building Department, in conjunction with the Fire Department, conduct their annual periodical inspections. These inspections provide an opportunity to walk through all of the restaurants in town to ensure that their emergency lighting, exits, and fire extinguishers are all up to code.

Renovations are currently under way for a new restaurant, Conrad's, located at 120 Boston Post Road (shown at right). Also, Building Permits have been issued to start construction on the new police station located at 75 Hudson Road.



The Building Department is also known as Inspectional Services in many communities and it is our hope to someday officially change our name as well. Inspectional Services better reflects the departments function and responsibilities as our staff includes Building Inspectors, Wiring Inspectors, Plumbing and Gas Inspectors and Weights & Measures Inspectors. Together, these inspectors work together to ensure public safety in the community.

Some of the daily functions of this office are:

- Review construction plans, documents and applications for permits to make sure they comply with the Massachusetts State Building Codes, Electrical Codes and Plumbing & Gas Codes.
- Issue building, wiring, plumbing, gas and sheet metal permits.
- Conduct field inspections at various stages of construction for each permit issued and communicate with each trade inspector during the process until completion.
- Periodical inspections for public buildings include: restaurants, house of worship, schools, daycares, hotels, nursing homes, day camps, public pools, etc. and follow up inspections to ensure violations are corrected in a timely manner.
- Weights and Measures Inspector annually calibrates all public scales, pumps and other devices.
- Enforce the Sudbury Zoning By-law and help resolve disputes before sending matters to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA).
- Review and refer projects to the ZBA in situations where the special permits or variances may be needed.

Safety tip for snow accumulation: Many home appliances have exhaust vents and intake systems that must be kept clear from snow accumulation. Be aware of vent locations and monitor after each storm. We wish everyone a safe and Happy Holiday.

Submitted By: Mark Herweck, Building Inspector



Department of Public Works

Trash Compactors

The new trash compactors at the transfer station arrived and replace the eighteen year old compactors just before Thanksgiving. By the looks on everyone's faces, they appear to be happy with new compactors.



On November 26, 2014 the area received three inches of snow. The Department of Public Works had twenty pieces of equipment along with eighteen private contractors removing snow throughout the night. REMINDER: Plowing or putting snow in the public way is in violation of the town's bylaw and is subject to a \$50.00 fine.

Snow Plowing Operations

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.

To learn more about the Town’s Snow Plowing & Removal Procedures, please visit:

https://sudbury.ma.us/dpw/?attachment_id=147

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



Facilities Department

New Police Station Update

Overall, the project progressed efficiently during the month of November with earthwork and the commencement of site drainage infrastructure and utility (water service) installation. Significant efforts were expended by the Hutter Construction team continuing site excavation, grading and surplus material removal, and processing / disposal of rock (boulders) uncovered during earthwork operations. Boulders were broken down to manageable size via hydraulic hammer and removed from the site for further processing.

Many large boulders were uncovered during excavation. Shown left is what we did with those boulders.



Administrative items advancing the schedule and progress of the construction include on-going preparation and review of project submittals / RFI's, selection of finishes and the review of mechanical, electrical and plumbing submittals by the commissioning agent. Overall, Hutter Construction Company has continued to keep Musketahquid Drive clear of construction debris and has swept the roadway at intervals required to maintain safe driving conditions. Hutter Construction has relocated the driveway to Musketahquid Village and it was paved and opened up as the "new" driveway last Friday. Excavation has begun for the footings and foundation systems. Formwork and rebar materials were delivered last week and the foundation concrete will soon begin to be placed, a major milestone for the project schedule. Presently the work is proceeding in accordance with the contractor's planned operations.



Shown left: view from the rear of the property. Right: November 20, 2014 – Installation of Drainage Structures and interconnecting pipe at Musketahquid Drive.

Submitted by: Jim Kelly, Combined Facilities Director



Goodnow Library

Holiday Technology Petting Zoo

In early December, the library offered patrons the chance to see and handle a variety of “tech gadgets” such as eReaders, tablets, gaming and TV devices. On display we the latest Kindle Fire’s Chromebooks, iPad Airs, Fire and Apple TVs, Roku, Wii and Xbox systems. Patrons came armed with questions about how to set profiles for family members, which TV device would work best for them, and to test drive the Chromebooks and iPads. Funds to purchase these items generously provided by the Friends of the Goodnow Library and the Goodnow Library Foundation.



Show Right: Library staff and patrons at the Holiday Petting Zoo

New Book Area Renovation

Imagine an area where the library’s newest offerings in books, movies, and music are on display, where there are comfy chairs to relax in, where you can sip a cup of freshly brewed coffee and visit with friends. A space that captures the ambiance of an upscale bookshop café...



This fall, the library staff and Goodnow Library Foundation worked to create a welcoming community space in the new book area, with a generous donation by The Friends of the Goodnow Library. The newly renovated entrance (shown left) integrates the color palette of the Children’s Room into the entry area, and adds new shelving, tables, and chairs, and charging stations. Included in the renovation is a

50-inch HD TV screen that allows patrons to find out about upcoming library programs and view photos of past events.

Special News for Teens, Tweens and other Young Adults!

[Join our YA Department email list](#) to stay informed of library news and events for teens!



TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Next meeting: Monday, December 15, 2014. 5:00-6:00 PM

The Goodnow Teen Advisory Board has been reinstated and needs new members. Members must be ages 12-18 and able to commit to a monthly meeting. Every month we will eat pizza, work on projects for the library, and plan new library events for teenagers. Every member earns one community service hour per month! [Please sign up in advance.](#)

MAGIC BEAN BOOK CLUB: Middle School Reading Group, Grades 6-8

Saturday, January 10, 2014. 11 AM - 12 PM

Come for book discussion and snacks! This month we are discussing *Lockwood & Co.: The Screaming Staircase* by Jonathan Stroud. Please sign up in advance.

Copies available in the YA Room after Dec. 6th, or [reserve yours online](#)



MONDAY GAME NIGHTS @ GOODNOW LIBRARY

1st & 3rd Mondays beginning January 2015

5:00-6:00 PM, Historical Room (For tweens and teens, ages 11 and up)

Come play Mario Kart, Just Dance 2015, and more on our Wii and Xbox One. Assorted board and card games will also be available for play. Bring your own games or play ours! No registration necessary.



Awesome Podcasts!

We've compiled a list of cool and interesting podcasts to please your ears. [See the full list of recommended podcasts for teens on our YA Pinterest page!](#)



In the Children's Department

In November the library hosted Clifford the Big Red Dog! Clifford came as a joint program between the Goodnow Library and MEFA's Ufund. After story time, parents learned a little about saving for college and kids went home with goodie bags, free Clifford books and a photo with the big red dog himself (shown left)! In the spirit of season, the children's department partnered with local non-profit Bridges Together to host a family tree program and to reflect on what they are thankful for.

December has been a busy month for the Children's Department. On the 2nd, the librarians hosted 160 patrons in Gingerbread House Making workshops! A delicious time was had by all. Also happening this month are Nutcracker Dance classes (8th), Improv workshop (10th), A Christmas Carol performance for the whole family (10th), French preschool story time (16th), book groups (17th), A *Frozen* sing along (22nd), yoga (23rd) and of course our weekly

Read-to-a-Dog program with BooBoo the dog, and regular weekly story times.

Submitted by: Esmé Green, Library Director



Human Resources

Congratulations Esme!

The Massachusetts Library System (MLS) and the Rhode Island Office of Library and Information Services (OLIS) recognized Goodnow Library Director, Esme Greene, for her dedication toward the ongoing success of their organizations' Teen Summit program.

Esme was a panelist for a discussion entitled, "What Does it Mean to Serve Teens in the Library, A Whole Library Approach." She presented information on the successful "Teen Study Week" program offered at the Goodnow Library. Esme's presentation was a huge success and the MLS extended their many thanks to her dedication to teens, her peers, and her commitment to professional excellence.

Submitted by: Maryanne Bilodeau, Assistant Town Manager/Human Resources Director

Park and Recreation Department

Wow, snow already! This time of year always gives me time to step back and give thanks for those things that really matter to me: my family, good friends and this great community that I get to come and be a part of every day. As the winter weather sets in, all of us here at Park and Recreation are excited to bring on the winter programs, our free snowshoe loan program and open the Atkinson Pool up to all the local swim teams. It is a super exciting and busy time of the year for us, and we wish all of you and your family members a wonderful holiday season. We hope you get to spend some quality time doing some fun recreation activities with your whole family! From all of us here at Park and Recreation and the Atkinson Pool, we wish you a happy and healthy 2015! – Thanks – Nancy McShea

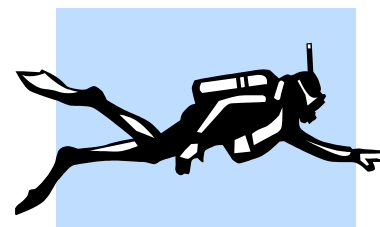
Atkinson Pool

Swim Lessons

The next session of swim lessons at the Atkinson Pool begins in January. We have added a couple of more classes on the weekend in order to provide more class space for those interested in participating. Registration starts on December 9th for Members and December 11th for Non-Members. If you have any questions, please call John or Chery at the pool at 978-443-1092.

Discover Scuba

Have you ever wanted to try Scuba Diving? In January, the Atkinson Pool will give you a chance. On Sunday January 11th, the instructors from Boston Scuba will be here to offer their Discover Scuba Program. After a short instruction period, you will have the opportunity to swim around the pool with scuba gear on and see what it is like to swim with the fishes. Cost is \$25 per person. Sign up during the Atkinson Pool registration days.



Lifeguards Needed

The Atkinson Pool is currently looking to hire more Lifeguards for their staff. If you are interested, stop by the Pool and pick up an application or download one from the pools website at



www.pool.sudbury.ma.us. If you have any questions, please call John Barrett, Assistant Aquatics Director at 978-443-1092.

Triathlon Training

The Atkinson Pools popular Triathlon Training Program will be starting up again in January. There will be a Tuesday night coached swim session and you will receive emailed swim, bike, and run workouts each week for you to do on your own. If you have any questions call John Barrett at 978-443-1092.

Good Luck

Swim Team season has begun. We would like to wish good luck to the Lincoln-Sudbury High School, the Sudbury Swim Team and the Nashoba Regional High School Swim Teams as they begin their upcoming seasons.

Program Coordinator

February Vacation Event: Do You Want To Build a Snowman?

Sudbury Park and Recreation will be having a snowman building event, Do You Want to Build a Snowman? On Thursday, February 19, 2015 from 5:00PM to 8:00PM. This event will take place on the Fairbank Community Center Basketball Courts under the lights. Participants should dress warm and bring snowman building materials. Complimentary hot chocolate will be provided. Bring the whole family for a fun night of snowman building! If people can't make it to the event, they are welcome to post pictures of their snowmen to our Facebook page.



bPositive/Sudbury Park and Recreation Apparel/Gift Certificates

Sudbury Park and Recreation is also selling bPositive/Sudbury Park and Rec sweatshirts and long sleeve shirts as well as recreation and pool programming gift certificates. Sweatshirts are \$46 each and long sleeve shirts are \$36 each. Proceeds will benefit the Sudbury Park and Recreation Scholarship Fund. Sweatshirts may be purchased today online or at the Atkinson Pool Front Desk. Gift Certificates for recreation and pool programming may be purchased in increments of \$25. They may also be purchased today at the Atkinson Pool Front Desk.

Summer Camps and Clinics Registration 2015

Resident Registration will take place on Wednesday, February 11th -6:30PM Preschool Pals; 7:00PM Sudbury Summer & Sudbury Summer Inclusion; 7:30PM Sudbury Adventure Program; and 8:00PM CIT. Resident Registration for all other programs will take place on Friday, February 13th at 9:00AM. Non-Resident Registration will take place on Wednesday, February 25th at 9:00AM.

Youth Coordinator/Teen Center

Winter Ski & Snowboard Program

Sudbury Park & Recreation will be offering ski and snowboard lessons and lift tickets packages through Nashoba Valley in Westford, MA this winter. The Program starts at the beginning of January. Rentals are available!



Registration Opens: Now Open!
 Registration Ends: Wednesday, December 17th
 Rental Fitting: Thurs. Dec. 18, from 7:00-9:00pm in the FCC Gym.

ELEMENTARY PROGRAM meets on Tuesday or Wednesday afternoons. We offer Skiing Lessons for Grades K - 5 as well as Snowboarding Lessons for Grade 1 - 5
 Elementary programs still have space, register today!

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM meets on Thursday afternoons and is currently full. Chaperones and transportation are provided. We encourage those that are currently on the wait list to make alternate plans for transportation if they would like to join us.

Teen Center Events

December 12: 7th & 8th Grade Holiday Toy Drive

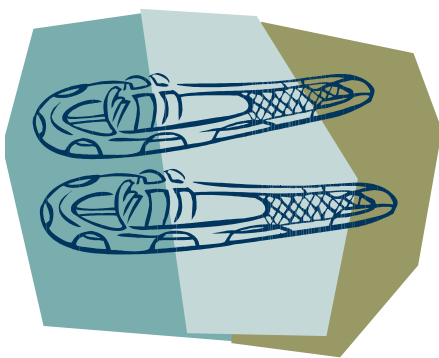
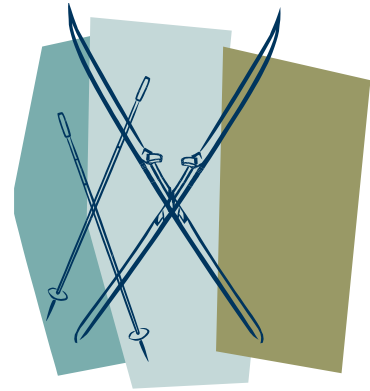
What do you want to see at Teen Center?

We are always looking for ways to keep kids interested and remain relevant to the community. We welcome any comments or suggestions you may have. Email: teencenter@sudbury.ma.us

Now Hiring!

We are looking to hire a of couple staff for Teen Center, if interested please contact Brian Sullivan, Youth Coordinator/Teen Center Director at sullivanb@sudbury.ma.us.

We are also looking to hire a handful of support staff for the Middle School Nashoba Ski Program (staff are not required to ski but are welcome to and passes will be provided). If interested please contact Brian Sullivan, Youth Coordinator/Teen Center Director at 978-639-3227 or email sullivanb@sudbury.ma.us.



Free Snowshoe Loan Program

Finally, we once again are offering our free snowshoe loan program. We have a variety of adult and child size snowshoes for loan, for free to Sudbury residents. Simply call the front desk to make sure they are available and to put them on reserve at (978) 443-1092. You can reserve them for up to 24 hours. It is a great way to try out the fun sport of snowshoeing without having to buy the equipment. You can borrow them as often as you like, and we bet you'll find you'll like to borrow them a lot! Simply stop by the front desk or give us a call and we can answer any questions you might have about this.

Submitted by: Nancy McShea, CPRE, CPSI, Director, Parks, Recreation and Aquatics



Planning and Community Development

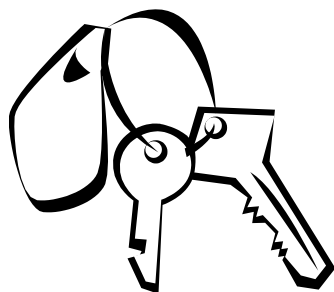
The Planning and Community Development office has been reviewing proposals for the FY16 Community Preservation Act funds. Project hearings take place on November 19 and December 17 and supported projects will go to 2015 Annual Town Meeting for approval. Project proposals can be found on the town's website.

After approval at both the Special Town Meeting and Special election in December, the Planning and Community Development Department will be working towards a February closing on the Johnson Farm property. Discussions with Sudbury Valley Trustees on their role in this project (stewardship, trail creation and maintenance) are on-going, with the goal of opening this property to the public for passive recreation by the end of 2015.



Staff has procured the services of Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. (VHB) to complete the 25% Design Plan for the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail. Early survey and data collection will begin over the winter and public engagement will kick off early in the new year. At the same time, ongoing discussions on how best to proceed with the Mass Central Rail Trail have been progressing. Staff has met with DCR and MAPC as well as neighboring communities on the most efficient and effective next steps.

The Planning Board met with their consultant, The Cecil Group, on October 22 to further discuss the Route 20 Zoning Study, which will provide a visual understanding of the potential development improvements that we may expect if the sewer project is implemented. Timing of this study will coincide with the Town's review and input into the redevelopment of the Raytheon property, and ideas relative to that property will be incorporated into the study results.



The Sudbury Housing Trust's proposed 3 unit affordable housing project at 278 Maynard Road is moving forward, with groundbreaking now moved until the spring. This development will produce 3 units of affordable housing for households earning less than 80% of the area median income. Occupancy is expected in the fall of 2015.

Construction continues at the North Ridge subdivision on Route 117 (6 lots), Dudley Brook Preserve on Tall Pine Drive (26 age-restricted condos), 82 Maynard Road (1 lot) and Olde Bostonian Estates on Goodman's Hill Road (3 lots).

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



Public Safety

Fire Department

Boston Post Road Fire

The Sudbury Fire Department responded to a report of a house fire on Thursday, November 20, 2014, at 589 Boston Post Road. Crews arrived under the direction of Assistant Fire Chief John Whalen to find a fire in a second floor bedroom. The roof was ventilated to clear smoke from the dwelling and firefighters did a good job of getting the fire extinguished quickly (shown at right). Unfortunately, the fire hydrant was located across the street from the house, and the water supply line had to be stretched across Route 20. The Sudbury Police Department responded quickly and began re-routing the traffic. The Fire and Police Departments are grateful for the patience and understanding shown by motorists during this incident. The cause of the fire is still under investigation, there were no injuries.



Training

Training is an ongoing activity here at the Sudbury Fire Department. The end of the calendar year marks the time for re-certification of our medical personnel. Certifications for Paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians last for a two year period, so roughly half of our personnel must re-certify each year. Some of the training is done by our own instructors, while some of the more specialized training is conducted by outside vendors hired by the Department.

National Fire Protection Association Code

In an effort to standardize fire codes nationwide, the State of Massachusetts will adopt many of the provisions of the National Fire Protection Association Code beginning January 1, 2015. These changes will affect many of the fire inspections conducted on homes and businesses throughout the Town. One change requires that any smoke detector must be replaced if it is more than ten years old. In the past, the ten year requirement was a manufacturer's recommendation but not a requirement. If you are selling your home, please be aware that our inspectors will not issue a certificate if your smoke detectors are over ten years old. Even if you are not selling, I urge you to check your detectors to be sure they comply with the new code. Our Training Officer, Captain Timothy Choate, will be conducting classes during December to familiarize our personnel with the new updates. If residents have any questions about these code changes, they should feel free to call us at (978)443-2239.

Grant Submitted

As some of you may recall, Assistant Fire Chief John Whalen wrote a successful Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) grant last year. We received \$192,168 dollars from the federal government to replace all of our Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). John recently completed this year's extensive AFG paperwork to request a replacement for the specialized air compressor that fills the air bottles for the SCBA. The present compressor was installed when Fire Headquarters was built in 1992. Although it is still in service, it is nearing the end of its useful life. If we are successful, the grant would provide \$60,000 dollars to replace this important piece of equipment.



Chief Miles' Tales of the Wayside Inn

In the last edition of this newsletter, I wrote about the devastating fire at the Wayside Inn that occurred in December of 1955. After the fire, there were some anxious months as Sudbury Town Officials and residents wondered if the owner of the Inn, the Ford Foundation, would be willing to rebuild. Many in Sudbury mobilized quickly, printing over 40,000 brochures to detail the fire and the need for the Inn to be restored. In addition, a massive letter writing campaign was launched with letters arriving from such dignitaries as former President Harry S. Truman and Senator John F. Kennedy. The Massachusetts House of Representatives passed a resolution on January 6, 1956, calling for the restoration of the Inn.

A delegation from the Ford Foundation arrived at the Wayside Inn on January 4, 1956, to evaluate the damage. Those waiting for a quick answer were disappointed. Ford Vice President Charles Moore wrote, "We don't want to just erect another building. Our decision will be based on cost, the ability to obtain materials, and whether the experts feel there is enough left of the building upon which to start. My personal impression is that enough of the original building and materials remain to justify a restoration job." Unknown to most in Sudbury, Charles Moore had already started an investigation of his own. Moore called upon Roy Baker, the Chief Custodian for the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities to see if the Inn was worth saving. Baker not only reported that it was, but told Moore that he would be willing to supervise the restoration.

During the rest of January, the wait for word from Dearborn continued. On February 12, a Boston newspaper ran the headline "Sudbury Ready to Restore the Inn if Fords Don't." The Sudbury Citizens Committee was ready to call on offers of assistance from around the world if the Fords decided not to finance the work. Finally on February 18, 1956, William Clay Ford announced the good news, "I am delighted to report that the Ford Foundation will undertake the financial responsibility for the restoration of the Wayside Inn." Ford appropriated a sum of \$ 500,000 dollars to do the job.

In those days, Chief Albert St. Germain also served as the Town's Building Inspector. Chief St. Germain issued a building permit to begin work on January 8, 1957. But Roy Baker had already started dismantling the ruins and pouring through salvaged records, drawings, and pictures to help ensure the most accurate restoration possible. On January 2, 1957, truckloads of New Hampshire hand hewn oak and pine timbers began to arrive at the site (as shown in the construction photographs below). Each timber that was removed was numbered as to location then tested for strength. If it was worthy, it was placed back in its original location.





As work progressed, the decision was made to restore the building as accurately as possible to reflect the structure as it appeared during Longfellow's time. Baker's research noted that the four dormer windows in the front were later additions to the Inn and were not original. Also, the farmer's porch was an addition by Innkeeper Lemon in the early 1900's. Baker's rebuild did not include either of these features. In the picture below left depicting the two young girls taken before the fire in 1952, the dormers and the porch can be seen. Contrast that picture to the look of the Inn as it appeared after the work was completed (shown below right). As happens on many projects, the original sum of \$500,000 proved insufficient, so the Ford Foundation approved an additional \$250,000 to supplement the budget.



By the summer of 1957, the outside work on the old part of the building was finished. Bus tours continued to stop at the Inn and 2,000 cars driving past for a look at the progress was not unusual on a sunny Sunday. On June 7, 1958, just two and a half years after the fire, the Wayside Inn re-opened its doors. Massachusetts Governor Foster Furcolo headed a large delegation of dignitaries to the re-opening ceremonies. More than 2,000 people picnicked on the grounds to celebrate the occasion.

I am sure there were moments during the height of the fire when Chief St. Germain and the crews under his direction wondered whether their difficult work in the freezing temperatures would all be in vain. Fortunately their efforts were rewarded, and the Town of Sudbury and many others would be able to once again enjoy the Wayside Inn.

In the next segments, I will speak to the changes brought to the Sudbury Fire Department as a result of this fire, including a brand new state of the art fire engine.

Information was taken from the November/December 1994 NFPA Journal and The Story of the Wayside Inn by Curtis Garfield and Alison Ridley.

Submitted by: Bill Miles, Fire Chief



Police Department

Warriors 4 Warriors

Shown below are several Sudbury Police Officers who are all Lincoln-Sudbury Graduates in support of the Warriors 4 Warriors initiative. From left to right are Officers Steven Milley, Owen Boyle, Owen Griffin, Michael Pope and Kenneth Hanchett.



Staff News

Officer Detective John Perodeau was promoted to Sergeant effective December 1st. Sergeant Perodeau has been with the department since 2007 and has worked in the Detective Bureau since 2011.

Police Station Construction

The new police station construction is progressing with the reconfigured Musketquid Village driveway completed having been temporarily paved for the winter. This allows for the building foundation to be dug/poured within the next few weeks.

Inclement Weather Road Safety

With inclement weather already here, we would like to remind the motoring public to plan according for various weather events leaving extra travel time for the safety of themselves and others.

“Gypsy” Scams

There are a number of scams occurring in numerous jurisdictions to include Sudbury. Some are described below:



Gypsy Scams

Driveway Pavers



- *Paving crew will arrive at your house and claim that they are doing a job around the corner.*
- *They will tell you that they have left over hot top and will pave your driveway at a good price.*
- *The hot top mix will usually be a "binder" or bottom coat (not finish).*
- *They will quote you a price and ask for a check.*
- *They may then say that they quoted you a higher price and demand more money or they will not finish the job and leave you with a mess.*

Gypsy Scams cont.

Water Department



- *Someone will knock on your door claiming that they are with the water department and need to check your water meter.*
- *Upon allowing them in the house, they will then have you show them to the meter and a second person will enter the home stealing your valuables.*
- ****If the water dept. needs to access your home, they will give you advance notice about it****

Gypsy Scams cont.

Tree Workers



- *This scam is very similar to the water dept. scam.*
- *Someone will come to your house claiming that they are doing tree work at your neighbors and need you to go to the backyard with them to show them the property line or a tree.*
- *When you go to backyard a second person will enter your house stealing your valuables.*



Gypsy Scams cont.

Chimney Sweepers



- *This scam is similar to all other gypsy scams*
- *Someone will show up at your house and try to sell you a chimney cleaning.*
- *They will either charge you and never do the work or quote you a price and then change it once the work has been done.*

Gypsy Scams cont.

Meat sales



- *Door to door meat sales.*
- *Never a good idea to buy meat from a door to door salesman.*
- *They will either sell you bad meat that has been sitting in a cooler in the truck or find a way to enter your house on the sales pitch and steal from you.*

There are many others scams out there as well. Some involve threats of lawsuits, IRS ramifications, relatives having been arrested needing immediate help, etc. Attorneys, the IRS or any government agency will NEVER require credit card, pre-paid debit cards, wire transfers, etc. Please contact the Sudbury Police Department if you are targeted or are at all unsure about a circumstance.

Submitted by: Scott Nix, Police Chief



Town Clerk

Special Town Election

The Special Town Election was held on Tuesday, December 10, 2014, at two locations. Precincts 1, 1A, 2 & 5 voted at the Fairbank Community Center, 40 Fairbank Road, and Precincts 3 & 4 voted at the Town Hall, 322 Concord Road. The polls were open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM. There were 1621 votes cast, representing 13.5% of the Town's 11,958 registered voters. The final tabulation was done at Town Hall. Please visit our [website](#) for a complete listing of the results.

The Town Clerk's Office can't say enough to thank the dedicated crew of election workers who braved the challenging elements to staff the polling locations with professionalism and warmth. Their service to the Town is truly appreciated.

Gearing up for 2015

Town Census

The 2015 Annual Town Census will be mailed to all residents in the second week in January. Residents should verify or correct all information, sign, and return the census within 10 days of receipt for processing by the Town Clerk's Office. The data from the census is used to compile the Sudbury voter list, Sudbury school planning, and other reports required by Massachusetts General Law, therefore all members of the household, aged three years and older, should be included. If a resident needs a replacement census form, or has any questions, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 978-639-3351. A completed census can be returned by mail or hand-delivered to drop-off boxes located outside the Town Clerk's Office (322 Concord Road) and the Flynn Building (278 Old Sudbury Road).

Failure to respond to the Annual Town Census will result in the removal from Sudbury's active voting list and removal from the resident list for any non-registered voters.

Dog Licensing

All dogs aged six months or older must be licensed each year. Applications for dog licensing can be found inside the census packet, at the Town Clerk's Office, or on our [website](#). The dog licensing period extends from January 1 through March 31, 2015. Beginning April 1, a late penalty fee of \$25 will be assessed for each unlicensed dog, in addition to the regular licensing fee (Town Bylaw Article V, Section 3A.)

Annual Town Election

The Annual Town Election will be held on Monday, March 30, 2015. Candidates' packets will be available the second week of January. The deadline for filing Intentions to run for office is February 5th. For more information, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at clerk@sudbury.ma.us or 978-639-3351. Click here to view the [How to Run for Office Workshop](#).

The following fifteen positions will be included on the ballot (For Three Years):

One Moderator

Two members of the Board of Selectmen

One member of the Board of Assessors

Two Goodnow Library Trustees



One member of the Board of Health
Two members of the Park and Recreation Commission
Two members of the Planning Board
Two members of the Sudbury School Committee

Included as part of the Annual Town Election will be an election of two members for three years each to the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional School Committee.

Submitted by Veronica W. Craven, Assistant Town Clerk

▶ Volunteer Opportunities ◀

Looking for a way to get more involved in the community? The Town Committees listed below are looking for volunteers.

To learn more about the invaluable work of these committees, please contact them directly or stop by an upcoming meeting. General information and meeting times can be found on the town website.

- ▶ Capital Improvement Advisory Committee
- ▶ Commission on Disability
- ▶ Earth Removal Board
- ▶ Fairbank Community Center Study Task Force
- ▶ Finance Committee
- ▶ Local Emergency Planning Committee
- ▶ Memorial Day Committee
- ▶ Planning Board
- ▶ Route 20 Sewer Steering Committee
- ▶ Sewer Assessment Technical Committee
- ▶ Sudbury Housing Trust



Ready to apply? The committee application form is available at:

http://sudbury.ma.us/departments/Selectmen/doc361/Blankapplicationforappointment_v4.pdf