

TOWN OF SUDBURY

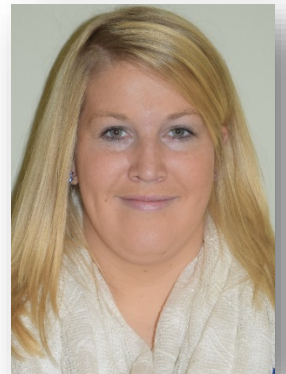
Town Manager Newsletter

January/February 2016

Message from the Town Manager

The past month has been busy, and I have been continuing to get acquainted with Sudbury and meeting many of you. I enjoyed my first Special Town Meeting here in Sudbury, and was impressed by the attendance and the thoughtfulness of the speakers. We made some important decisions regarding the future of vocational education and the use of municipal land on Boston Post Road, and I am looking forward to seeing how these determinations play out.

I'm happy to welcome our new Park and Recreation Director Kayla McNamara (*shown right*). Kayla joined the Sudbury team after serving as the Assistant Director of Recreation for the Town of Westborough and as the Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Fitchburg.



Over the past month, I worked closely with my budget team and the Finance Committee to finalize and present the [Town's Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget](#). Through fiscal conservativeness and smart budgeting, we were able to maintain services while adding much needed items like a hazardous waste collection day and increased services for seniors.



I was very lucky to be joined by former Town Manager Maureen Valente, as well as many of the members of Board of Selectmen and over a hundred residents at the grand opening of the new Police Station. Also present at the grand opening was our newly promoted Lieutenant John Perodeau.

Finally, I will be holding a series of office hours dedicated for residents to visit me and discuss concerns. The first will be March 15 at 11AM-12Noon at the Goodnow Library.

Sincerely, Melissa Murphy-Rodrigues, Esq., Town Manager

From the Selectmen's Office

January 5

The Board began in Executive Session to discuss litigation strategy, release of Town Counsel opinion and negotiation strategy prior to the start of the regular meeting. Opening of the Annual Town Meeting warrant was announced and the [Special Town Meeting warrant](#) was approved. A Wine & Malt package store license was approved for applicant Sperry's Fine Wine & Brew. A new policy was adopted pertaining to the issuing of citations and proclamations by the Board. Access to public transportation in Sudbury, the disposition of the former police station and an increase in the [senior tax work-off program](#) compensation amount to \$1000 per year, which was approved, were also discussed.

January 19

The Board voted to hold a public hearing on April 5, 2016 to lay out public ways. The applications of Duck Soup for a Change in Premises and El Basha for an All Alcohol Restaurant License were both approved. The evening's discussions included reports from the Fairbank Community Center Task Force and Capital Funding Committee, Annual Town Meeting articles to be submitted and the Town Manager evaluation process.

January 26

The Board met with Jon Wortmann to continue to develop tools and methods of enhancing group communication.

February 2

The Board met with State Legislators Gentilpe, Eldridge and Barrett to discuss Sudbury's legislative priorities. Eversource made a

presentation about their proposed transmission line project. The Board voted to support the preparation of an updated Housing Production Plan, to submit ballot question wording for the Annual Town Election (regarding the Senior Tax Exemption and the Police Department Civil Service System) as well as to accept articles submitted for Annual Town Meeting. The progress of the Finance Committee budget was also discussed and positions were taken on February Special Town Meeting articles.

February 4

A Community Meeting was held to discuss topics that would be voted on at the February 9 Special Town Meeting. The meeting was broadcast live and can be viewed here: <http://sudburytv.pegcentral.com/player.php?video=0abb83bcbaea04aaefd8da4708f4be8c>

February 9 – Special Town Meeting

Town Meeting voted to withdraw from the Minuteman Vocational Regional High School District as well as to adopt the newly proposed Minuteman agreement. It was also voted to sell the former police station property. Full results can be viewed here:

<https://sudbury.ma.us/clerk/2016/02/10/results-february-9-special-town-meeting/>

Please note: The above description reflects some of the agenda items discussed at recent Board meetings. They are not meant to be exhaustive of materials received by the Board or all comments on agenda items. For further meeting details, please go to SudburyTV.org to replay the meeting or view the Board of Selectmen meeting minutes, found at: <https://sudbury.ma.us/boardofselectmen/meetings/>.

Save the Date

ANNUAL ROADSIDE CLEANUP

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2016

Details coming soon!



Building Inspection Department

With the warmer weather this winter season we are slightly busier than last year at this time. Roofing, siding and windows are the most predominant of the permits issued.

The annual periodical inspections for houses of worship will be starting at the end of the month.

State Building Code Update

The State has been working to upgrade the building code from 8th edition to the 9th edition. The state has not yet announced the dates it will take effect, but the Building Board of Regulations and Standards is working on it. The Massachusetts State Building Code is not a single book but a set of several code books, standards and amendments approved by the state. The building department has acquired their first sets of the 2015 International Code books and will be upgrading some of the other NFPA, and other code standards. We have already started training and will continue with education though out the year.



Contractor Qualifications

Please be cautious before you hire a contractor. We have been receiving complaints of unlicensed unregistered contractors working in town without building, wiring or plumbing permits. Here is a general checklist that may help. Do not be afraid to ask your contractor for the following:

- Proper license for their trade, whether CSL, Electrical, Plumbing, Gas or Sheet metal.
- Home Improvement Registration indicating work on owner occupied existing dwellings only.

- Adequate liability and workers compensation insurance.
- List of recently completed projects with customer's phone numbers. Call the owners and ask about craftsmanship and staying within the contract for completion and budgeting. Ask if they would hire them again.
- A contract that explains what you are paying for and who will be responsible for the building permits when required.

A helpful website to research is

<http://www.mass.gov/ocabr/consumer-rights-and-resources/home-improvement-contract/>.

They have a list of recommendations and good information.

Safety Tip for Snow Accumulations

Many home appliances have exhaust vents and intake systems that must be kept clear from snow (as shown left and below). Be aware of vent locations and monitor after each

storm. Keep all ladders, snow rakes and other tools clear of overhead wires attached to the house.



Submitted by: Mark Herweck, Inspector of Building

Conservation Department

Scavenger Hunt – February 18, 2016

The Commission hosted a Wildlife Scavenger hunt led by Commissioner Dave Henkels. Dave has great knowledge about the wildlife in the area, and all who attended learned a great deal. The event enjoyed a nice turnout; please see the flier below.

Additionally, The Conservation Commission has had a very busy month as they have been made aware of a large number of wetland violations in recent weeks and the amount of site visits to residents and businesses more than doubled with the lack of snow cover up until now.

Residents should become educated about their properties relative to any Wetlands on them or near them (i.e. a neighbor's property can affect your land). If you have any questions, please refer to the Sudbury Bylaws or call the office for further clarification before you engage in a project. It is in the best interests of homeowners

to take this important step especially if you are within Conservation jurisdiction.

As always, should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office via email Concom@sudbury.ma.us or 978 440 5472.



Above: Commissioners conducting a site inspection on the site of an upcoming wetlands permit hearing.

Submitted by: Kirsten Roopenian, Conservation Department

Come Join the **Sudbury Conservation Commission** for a Free Winter

SCAVENGER HUNT

February Winter Vacation Week
THURSDAY, Feb. 18th 10 – 11:30am
Davis Farm Conservation Land off Rt. 117





Conservation Commissioner and Naturalist, Dave Henkels, will lead a **Scavenger Hunt** for kids and adults (no dogs on this one, please).

Come see who is out and about in mid-winter. Use your senses to see, hear, smell, and feel. Follow clues, follow tracks, and find signs of animals and their behavior.

Form a team!
Participants will be given a checklist of things to find and observe.






Please register ahead of time with the Conservation Office at **978-440-5471** or dineend@sudbury.ma.us and include the number of participants.

In case of inclement weather, please check the Town website Front Page News or look for an email the night before.



Council on Aging

The Senior Center continues to hum along with various activities and programs... we hosted another Bridges Together intergenerational gathering on February 11. Third grade students from Noyes School took a field trip to the Senior Center to meet their senior partners here. This is the culminating celebration to the Bridges program which brings adults 55+ into all of Sudbury's elementary schools to meet with students in small groups, learning together and about each other with a tested curriculum. Students and volunteers took a tour of the Senior Center, talked about the special celebrations of their lives, and participated in a Senior Center Tap Dance class. Everyone had a great time! The next session of Bridges will be at the Loring School, please call the Senior Center if you are interested in participating at (978) 443-3055.

The Sudbury Council on Aging has been focusing on advocating for the needs of older residents with regard to a replacement for the aging Fairbank Community Center. Representatives from the COA are part of the Fairbank Community Center Task Force, which is meeting regularly to finalize plans for Annual Town Meeting. The COA Transportation Subcommittee is working on plans to expand transportation options in Sudbury, as well as to make it easier for older residents and residents with disabilities to learn about transportation options.

Classes & Activities

We have a variety of activities and classes here – here is just a taste of some recent programs: each Wednesday, about 50 participants at the Senior Center get together to participate in a class called “The Fall of the Pagans and Origins of Medieval Christianity” from the *Great Courses*.

On Mondays, participants are enjoying a new class on “History’s Greatest Blunders and What They Have to Teach Us” from the *Great Courses*. The Senior Center’s Watercolors classes have participated in some wonderful projects, including: New England Birds, Monarchs and the Doors of Sudbury. Perhaps you’ve seen some of their works on display at the Mass. State House, the Goodnow Library and other locations. Another treat - singer/songwriter and guitarist Peg Espinola played a special show for us on Friday, January 22, to rave reviews!

Looking ahead, we are hosting a Soup’s On! event featuring hot, homemade soup. Speaker

Maryellen King from Concord Park Assisted Living will be talking about current research about how diet can boost your brain health. Jeannie Mack will be here to sing and play Love Songs on February 16, and Board of Health Nurse Phyllis Schilp will be hosting a Lunch and Learn; she’ll be sharing information about the most common cancers in men and women, signs and symptoms, risk factors and prevention. Please call the Senior Center at (978) 443-3055 for more information or take a peek at our newsletter on the Town website at www.senior.sudbury.ma.us.

Submitted by: Deb Galloway, Sudbury Senior Center Director



Department of Public Works

Skating Rinks Open

Even before the snow's arrival, there has been plenty of skating time at the outdoor Ice Rinks at Fairbank Community Center and Featherland Park. *Shown below, at top is the Fairbank Ice Rink and at bottom is the Featherland Ice Rink.*



Submitted by: Bill Place, Director of Public Works

Facilities Department

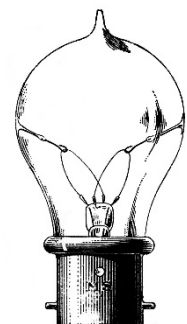
New Municipal Aggregation Provider Chosen

The Town of Sudbury (with the help of a selection process conducted by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council) has chosen Good Energy to provide Green Municipal Aggregation services. This means that Sudbury ratepayers (those who have not yet chosen an energy supplier) will have access to low, stable rates and protection from misleading offers while supporting the creation of new sources of renewable energy in New England.

For more details, please see the press release from MAPC here:

<https://www.goodenergy.com/In-the-News/mapc-selects-good-energy-as-green-municipal-aggregation-provider-program-offers-ratepayers-price-stability-greener-energy>

*Submitted by: Jim Kelly,
Combined Facilities Director*



Board of Health

American Heart Month

February is American Heart Month! This year, Million Hearts® is encouraging Americans to know their blood pressure and, if it's high, to make control their goal. For more info check out their website at:

<http://millionhearts.hhs.gov/news-media/events/heart-month.html>.

Uncontrolled high blood pressure is a leading cause of heart disease and stroke. People with high blood pressure are more likely to die from a stroke or heart disease. High blood pressure often shows no signs or symptoms, but today, it is easier than ever to get your blood pressure checked. Know your risk by checking out your current heart status at

<http://millionhearts.toolsfortheheart.org/>. It's simple, just fill out the online questionnaire to find out what you can do to make better choices for heart health.

There are several Blood Pressure Screenings offered around town for employees and residents of Sudbury. Please stop by one of the clinics and

have your pressure checked:



Sudbury Senior Center:
Every Tuesday 8:30-10:30am

dreamstime.com

Monthly for Employees:

Flynn 10:30am-11:15am; DPW 11:45am-12:30pm (usually the third Wednesday of the month with above noted time)

Longfellow Glenn Apartment's Community Room: 9:30am-10am (usually the third Wednesday of the month with above noted time)

Musketahquid Village Apartments Community Room: 1:30pm-2pm (usually the third Wednesday of the month with above noted time)

National Cancer Prevention Month

National Cancer Prevention Month is February. CDC statistics reveal a growing trend of Breast and Prostate Cancer in our Communities.

American Institute of Cancer Research (AICR) estimates that approximately 1/3 of cases of most cancers in the U.S. could be prevented by choosing a healthy lifestyle. That's an estimate of 374,000 cases of cancer in the U.S. that could be prevented. Please check out AICR's website for more information and prevention guidelines: <http://www.aicr.org/cancer-prevention-month/>.

The Board of Health Nurse will be holding a Lunch and Learn at the Sudbury Senior Center on February 25th at 12noon. We will be discussing the most common gender specific cancers: Breast Cancer and Prostate Cancer.

For more information and registration please see the Sudbury Senior Center Newsletter at <https://sudbury.ma.us/seniorcenter/2016/01/26/february-2016-senior-center-newsletter/>. Also available on the Board of Health Nurse Web site will be a copy of the PowerPoint presentations discussed at the Lunch and Learn.

Submitted by: Phyllis Schilp BSN, RN, Board of Health Nurse



Planning & Community Development

Raytheon Redevelopment

The PCD Department continues to spend a great deal of time working on the Raytheon Redevelopment project. Applications to the Zoning Board, Planning Board and Design Review Board were submitted for the proposed Whole Foods store. The Zoning Board issued a special permit for the use, and the Planning Board and DRB are reviewing the site plan, architectural design and landscaping. On February 3, 2016 the Comprehensive Permit (40B) application for Avalon Sudbury was also submitted. The Zoning Board will be opening the public hearing on that application on March 7, 2016.



Demolition of the buildings has been delayed due to an appeal of the Order of Conditions from the Conservation Commission. The Planning Board continued its review of proposed zoning changes for the property to be presented at the 2016 Annual Town Meeting. Much information is available on the Town's website at www.sudbury.ma.us. Check often as updates and information are added as we receive them.

The Village at Sudbury Station

The Planning and Community Development Department also received the Comprehensive Permit (40B) application for the Village at Sudbury Station, located off Concord Road behind the town cemetery. The Zoning Board will open the public hearing on that application on February 22, 2016. The application materials can be found on the front page of the Town's website.

The department also worked with the Community Preservation Committee in finalizing its funding recommendations to be presented at the 2016 Annual Town Meeting. The slate of projects can be found on the town's website.

Residents interested in any of these issues are welcome to attend the various meetings at which these projects are discussed. Check the Town's website calendar for a listing of meeting dates and times.

Submitted by: Jody Kablack, Town Planner

Town Clerk

Special Town Meeting

176 registered Sudbury voters attended the Special Town Meeting held on February 9, 2016. Please see the [results](#) for the four articles on the Warrant on the following page.

Annual Town Election

It wasn't the 20 or so inches of snow we received last year, but for the second year in a

row, the deadline for candidates to submit their nomination papers came with enough inclement weather to close the Town Hall. Ten potential candidates braved the elements and delivered their papers to the Town Clerk's Office, which opened to receive them.

Candidates who have met the requirement of obtaining fifty certified signatures on their

nominations papers are eligible to appear on the ballot at the Annual Town Election, scheduled for Monday, March 28. Polls open on Election Day at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. Precincts 1, 1A, 2 & 5 vote at the Fairbank Community Center, 40 Fairbank Road. Precincts 3 & 4 vote at the Town Hall, 322 Concord Road. Click [here](#) to verify your precinct and polling location.

Voter Registration Deadline

The last day for a qualified resident to register to vote or make changes to an existing voter registration, for the Annual Town Election, is Tuesday, March 8, 2016. The Town Clerk’s Office will hold an extended voter registration session until 8:00 p.m. on March 8. For more information on registering to vote, please see our [website](#).

Town Census

The 2016 Annual Town Census has been mailed to all households. Residents should verify or correct all information, sign, and return the census as soon as possible 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 may 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, 2016. 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.) The Town Clerk’s Office will remain open until 8:00 p.m. on March 31 to assist residents in licensing their dogs.

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

The February 9, 2016 Special Town Meeting was called to order on February 9, 2016 at 7:33 PM by the Moderator, Michael Fee. Following are the Vote Results from the Meeting.		
Vote	Article #	Article Name
Passed by Well More Than a Majority	Article 1	Amendments to the Regional School District Agreement of the Minuteman Regional Vocational School District
Passed by Well More Than a Majority	Article 2	Withdrawal of the Town of Sudbury from the Minuteman Regional Vocational School District
Unanimously Voted to Indefinitely Postpone	Article 3	Withdrawal of the Town of Wayland from the Minuteman Regional Vocational School District Under the Regional Agreement last Amended October 7, 1980
Passed by Well More Than Two-Thirds	Article 4	Disposition of Former Police Station 415 Boston Post Road
The February 9, 2016 Special Town Meeting was dissolved at 9:29 PM		