



TOWN OF SUDBURY

Town Manager Newsletter

April/May 2016

Message from the Town Manager

Dear Resident,

Spring is here and we have been busy in the Town offices successfully completing Town Meeting and preparing for an upcoming Special Town Meeting. Thank you to all who participated in our May meeting, and I look forward to the discussions again in June.

I'm very happy to report that the Town has hired a new Finance Director, Dennis Keohane. Dennis is joining the Town after a long career with a municipal auditing firm. We are very excited to have him join the team, and if you are in the Flynn Building, be sure to stop by and say hello.

I'd also like to welcome our newest Firefighter, Mike Donoghue. Mike is an experienced paramedic and a great addition for the Town.

The past month has been a busy and trying time for our public safety personnel, including Police, Fire and Dispatch. They have dealt with several serious vehicle accidents, including one with numerous injuries and a fatality. The feedback I have received on the departments has been overwhelmingly positive, and I'd like to take this opportunity to recognize what a professional and talented group serves this town.

At the Special Town Meeting in June, we will be tackling some important topics including the Zoning for National Development project and the Fairbank Center. The Town, through the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Planning Board, the Fairbanks Task Force and various Town Offices has been actively preparing for this meeting.

Finally, there has been a lot of talk about the proposed [Eversource Transmission Line Project](#). I want to assure residents that the Board of Selectmen and I are working diligently to do what we can to achieve the best possible outcome for Sudbury. We have dedicated funds and staff to help us in this cause and we plan to continue to advocate for you throughout this process.

Best,

Melissa Murphy Rodrigues, Esq., Town Manager



Above: Dennis Keohane is Sudbury's new Treasurer Collector/Finance Director

From the Selectmen's Office

March 17

The Board met in Executive Session to discuss issues pertaining to the Wayside Inn and the [Eversource Transmission Line Project](#).

March 22

National Development made a presentation of the [Fiscal Impact Analysis](#) for the Meadow Walk Raytheon redevelopment. The 2016 [Housing Production Plan](#) was discussed and approved. (The Plan was subsequently approved by the Massachusetts Department of Housing & Community Development on April 26.) A Stormwater Peer Review consultant was secured for the [Raytheon redevelopment projects](#). The May 3 Special Town Meeting, which will occur within Annual Town Meeting, was called.

March 30

The Board met in Executive Session to discuss the Eversource Transmission Line Project.

April 4

The Board met with the Sudbury Clergy Association to follow up on the Sudbury Listening Project and Anti-Defamation League work at Curtis Middle School.

April 5

The meeting began with a discussion among the Board, a group of over 100 residents and the applicant's attorney regarding the [Village at Sudbury Station](#). The Town Manager Evaluation Process was discussed and voted. A [Special Town Election](#) was called for May 17 and it was voted to maintain Transfer Station Sticker rates at their FY16 level through the next fiscal year.

April 6

The Board met in Executive Session to discuss the Eversource Transmission Line Project.

April 11

At the start of the meeting, the Board voted to retain special counsel to represent the Town in The Village at Sudbury Station matters, accept a \$70,000 donation towards repurposing the Loring Parsonage as a Sudbury History Center

and Museum, approve ballot questions for the Special Town Election scheduled for May 17, 2016 and voted to refer a Special Town Meeting article to the Planning Board. After concluding these votes, The Board met with the Finance Committee and CIAC to discuss articles for the [Annual Town Meeting and Special Town Meeting](#).

April 12

A presentation of the findings on environmental conditions at the [Melone Property](#) was made by engineering & environmental strategy consultants from GeoInsight, Inc.

April 13

The Board met in Executive Session to discuss issues pertaining to the Village at Sudbury Station, DPW Cell Tower and the Eversource Transmission Line Project.

April 26

The Board met in Executive Session prior to their regular meeting to discuss issues pertaining to the Wayside Inn. In Public Hearing, the Board voted to grant a Utility Petition, enabling new electrical service to 15 Bishop Lane and to grant a transfer of an All Alcohol Package Store License from Kappy's to New Kippy's. Introducing Electrical Aggregation to the Town was discussed with members of the Energy Committee. The Board took no action to designate Park and Recreation Commissioners as [Special Municipal Employees](#). The creation of a committee to facilitate Sudbury's entry into a vocational education district ([VEGC](#)) was approved. A Special Town Meeting was called for Monday, June 13 and May was proclaimed Military Appreciation Month.

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/>

Building Inspector

This spring has had a steady flow of building permit applications. As land in Sudbury is scarce, we continue to see more houses demolished with permits to rebuild. In many cases, these houses have been neglected, condemned or outlived their usefulness. The new homes are generally increased in size and revitalize the neighborhood. Houses built to meet today's Building Code are more energy efficient and have more focus on safety features.



Training continues as we prepare for the 9th Edition of Massachusetts State Building Code.

We would like to say goodbye to Assistant Building Inspector Tom Moberg as he has taken

a position with a new employer. His last day with us will be April 22nd. We wish him the best on his new venture.



Shown Above and Left: Construction of new properties in Sudbury.

Submitted by: Mark Herweck, Building Inspector

Conservation Department

The months of April and May have been extremely busy for the Conservation Department and Commission. Requests for tree removal, wetland delineation, site visits to determine ongoing planting and work within the Commission's jurisdiction are a large part of the demand on the Agent and Commission's time.

The Commission also led nature walks during the spring break for parents and school age children. There are walks sponsored through the Adult Education Program at Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School ongoing this spring, led by our Commissioners.

Several large projects will be reviewed in the coming weeks, as well as continuation of other important projects within the Commission's purview.

Spring is a time to observe Nature around you. The Conservation Lands are open to the public, trails are marked and critters abound. Please see our website for maps of the [Sudbury Conservation](https://sudbury.ma.us/conservelands/) properties (<https://sudbury.ma.us/conservelands/>).

Submitted by: Kirsten Roopenian



Department of Public Works

Route 20 Walkway

There is a walkway under construction along Route 20, spanning from Buddy Dog Humane

Society to The Coolidge at Sudbury. Funding for the walkway was provided by Trask Development and Eversource.



Shown Above and Left: Route 20 walkway construction.

Submitted by: Bill Place, Director of Public Works

Facilities Department

B & M Railroad Section House

The 1890 Railroad section house is located on Boston Post Road, and is operated and maintained by the Historical Commission. Last week, the Facilities Department assisted in the cleaning of the historic building and the repairs of the old wooden entrance ramp. The red cedar wood roof accumulated several layers of green moss and needed to be washed, as shown in the attached picture. The Historical Commission preserved this structure from demolition and does a wonderful job in keeping up with its maintenance and protecting Sudbury's historic buildings. The Facilities department was pleased to be able to assist the commission in continuing the commitment of preservation.



Shown Above: The B&M Railroad Section House prior to receiving a thorough cleaning.

Shown Right: Installation of the American Flag in front of the Flynn Building.

Flynn Flagpole

The DPW crew installed a new flagpole at the Flynn Building early this spring. The pole was formerly located at the Fire Station on Hudson Road, but was moved during the new police station construction. The crew of the DPW



included Chuck Melanson, Brian Hawes, Adam Kulic, and Joe Demarco. The men prepared the flag for its new location by first installing the concrete footing, then carefully hoisting the pole into place.



Loring Parsonage Restoration

These pictures are taken from the inside of the Loring Parsonage. The Parsonage is undergoing structural upgrades and the contractor has begun to reframe the floor structure, bringing the building into compliance with current floor loads. At May's Annual Town Meeting, voters approved funds to repurpose the town-owned Loring Parsonage into a History Center and Museum. The design phase and structural modifications are currently underway with funds provided by the state. Restoration of the Parsonage will protect a town asset, constructed in 1730, from further deterioration, and preserve its architectural integrity. The Historical Society intends to use the building as a History Center and Museum, to include display of historic documents and artifacts, provide educational resources for Sudbury schools and opportunities for research and study of historic objects and documents, and as a welcome center for tourists.



Shown Above and Below: The Loring Parsonage structural upgrades in progress.



Fire Department

The Sudbury Fire Department has hired Michael Donoghue as our newest Firefighter/Paramedic. Mike is a graduate of UMass Lowell and has a degree in civil and environmental engineering. He also comes to us with ambulance experience in the private sector. He started here on April 2, 2016, and will work with us until he attends the Recruit Training Program at the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy. Upon completion of that 10-week program, Mike will be assigned to a regular work shift.

On Wednesday, April 6, 2016, we received a late afternoon call for a motor vehicle accident. A bus with approximately 25 students and coaches

from Algonquin Regional High School was on the way to an athletic event at Lincoln-Sudbury High School and was struck by a car. The lone occupant of the car was transported by us at the Advanced Life Support Level to the Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital in Boston. Sadly, she passed away later that evening.

Fortunately, the injuries to the occupants of the bus were minor: one person was transported to Emerson Hospital and five people were transported to Metrowest Medical Center in Framingham at the Basic Life Support Level. We used our second ambulance and also received assistance from the Maynard and Wayland Fire Departments. During the incident, we received two other calls for unrelated medicals. Concord and Maynard Fire stepped up

to transport those patients. We are grateful for the assistance from area fire departments and the Sudbury Police, Public Safety Dispatch, and DPW. The administration of the Lincoln-Sudbury High School and the bus company were also extremely cooperative.

If you have followed the budget process over the last two years, you may be aware that we are transitioning our fire alarm boxes from the old copper wired style to a new version that works by radio waves. This will allow us to remove many miles of copper wire from the utility poles and also be relieved of the associated maintenance costs. When activated, the new style box sends a radio signal to



Shown Above and Below: Antenna installation at Curtis Middle School.

an antenna on the top of Nobscot Mountain, then the signal is instantly transmitted to the Public Safety Dispatch Center at the new Police Station. As part of the transition, the new radio boxes are being installed by our Fire Alarm Technicians on all Town Buildings. Captain Doug Stone and Captain Brian Lewis recently worked with Town Electrician John Hnath on the installation at the Curtis School. The most



difficult task was the installation of the antenna, which needed to be placed higher than our bucket truck could reach. To help out, we used our ladder truck for a little extra lift.

Fire Lieutenant Kevin Cutler works as our Fire Prevention Officer and recently participated in a Career Day at the Curtis Middle School. Kevin spoke to the students about his experiences at the Sudbury Fire Department. I sat in on one of the sessions and was impressed by the interest shown and the questions asked by many of the students.



Above: Lt. Cutler at Career Day at Curtis Middle School.

We received a call for a house fire at 46 Greenhill Road on the afternoon of Thursday, March 24, 2016. Our personnel arrived to find heavy fire blowing out of the windows in the rear basement area of the home. Crews under the direction of Assistant Fire Chief John Whalen were able to ventilate the structure and attack the

fire with a large 2 ½ inch hose line to get the fire under control. The Sudbury Public Safety Dispatchers and the Sudbury Police also did a great job helping with this incident. We received mutual aid assistance at the fire from the Wayland, Marlboro, and Framingham Fire Departments. Coverage for our three fire stations was provided by Maynard, Concord, and Weston.



Above: Firefighters responding to the fire at Greenhill Road

Due to the heavy volume of fire upon arrival, and despite the best efforts of responding firefighters, the three residents were displaced from their home. Losing your home in a fire like this is a terrible experience. Everyone who reads this should be aware of the kindness and compassion shown to these people by this neighborhood. I am sure the same assistance would be given by any neighborhood in this Town, but it was particularly comforting to see on that Thursday afternoon on Greenhill Road.

Submitted by Bill Miles, Fire Chief

Planning & Community Development

The Planning and Community Development Department and the Planning Board have been working diligently on a review of the Meadow Walk Sudbury proposal at the former Raytheon property. The proposed Whole Foods store has been approved by numerous boards, and the Avalon Sudbury Comprehensive Permit (40B) application is under review by the Zoning Board of Appeals. The remaining development on the property is the subject of the June 13 Special Town Meeting, where residents will be asked to approve new zoning for a Mixed-Use Overlay

zoning amendments on Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at 6:30 pm at Town Hall. This forum will be televised live, and residents will have the opportunity to email questions to the Board and the development team that evening. 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 Planning and Community Development Department also received the Comprehensive Permit (40B) application for a second phase of



District, amendment to the Town's Zoning Map, and approval of the Master Development Plan for Meadow Walk Sudbury. The Master Development Plan proposes 35,000 sq. ft. of additional retail space (exclusive of Whole Foods), 60 units of age-restricted condominiums, and a 54 bed assisted living/memory care facility. The Planning Board will host a Public Forum on the proposal and the

the Coolidge at Sudbury, proposing 56 additional units in a new building at 187 Boston Post Road. The Board of Selectmen will be discussing this proposal, and issuing comments to the Dept. of Housing and Community Development in late May/early June.

We are delighted that all the Community Preservation Committee Annual Town Meeting articles passed, especially the Sudbury Historical Society History Center and Museum article. Construction on the Loring Parsonage has already begun to transform that historical structure into a modern and accessible building dedicated to bringing the history of Sudbury to life.

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 time.

On a personal note, I will leave employment with the Town of Sudbury on June 30, 2016, and move on to a new chapter in my life. I want to thank all the residents of Sudbury and the hundreds of dedicated board members and town employees who have worked with me and supported the various planning projects we have initiated over the last 25 years during my tenure in the position of Town Planner/Planning and Community Development Director.

Submitted by: Jody Kablack, Planning and Community Development Director

Police Department

Heroin Arrest

On May 2nd at approximately 10:35 AM a concerned patron of Dunkin Donuts on Boston Post Road in Sudbury reported a male in the parking lot inside of a vehicle who appeared to be "out of it." Officers approached a black Chevy Cruze observing a white male, later identified as Scott P. Martin (23) currently homeless, in the driver's seat slumped over. While investigating the wellbeing of Mr. Martin, a number of signs of intravenous drug use were observed. As a result of the continued investigation Mr. Martin was placed under arrest for Possession of a Class A Substance (Heroin) with Intent to Distribute. A total of 19 bags of heroin, \$3,736.50 in US Currency and two cell phones were seized. He is scheduled to be arraigned at Framingham District Court Tuesday morning.

We would like to thank the concerned citizen who made it possible to make the arrest while removing the heroin from the streets and remind others to report suspicious circumstances as you never know what might result, even in Sudbury.



Shown above: Items seized at May 2 arrest.

Middlesex Drug Take-Back Program

The Sudbury Police Department is participating in the Middlesex Drug Take-Back Program. For details, please see flyer on the following page.

Partners Protecting Our Communities



Are your pills piling up?

Middlesex Drug Take-Back Program

Funded in part by Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan



Safely dispose of expired or unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medicines.

Eliminating unused and unwanted medications from your home will help keep your family, your environment and your community safe.

Illegal use and abuse of prescription drugs is an epidemic in communities across the Commonwealth. According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, more than 52 million people over aged 12 have used prescription drugs non-medically. Seventy percent say they got the drugs from friends or family.

By properly disposing of your unused or expired medication, you can help us fight this epidemic by limiting the access to these powerful drugs. You are also making a difference for our planet by disposing of medications in an environmentally-sound way.

Medications can be disposed of 24 hours a day at your local police station.

Clean out your medicine cabinet today!

Marian Ryan
District Attorney
Middlesex County

Scott Nix
Chief of Police
Sudbury Police Department

SAFE & SECURE DROP OFF

SUDBURY POLICE
75 Hudson Road
Sudbury, MA 01776
*24/7 drop off
Main Lobby*

APPROVED ITEMS:

- Prescription & Over-the-Counter Medications
- Vitamins
- Medication Samples
- Veterinary Medications
- Narcotics

NON APPROVED ITEMS:

- Needles (any type)
- IV Bags
- Personal Care Products
- Hydrogen Peroxide
- Inhalers
- Thermometers &
- Other Mercury Items
- Empty Containers (*these are safe to dispose of in your regular recycling bin*)

Take a moment and dispose today!

Town Clerk

Annual Town Election

The Annual Town Election was held on Monday, March 28, and there were 1978 votes cast, representing about 16% of the Town's 12,334 registered voters. Please see our website for the [results](#).

Successful candidates will take their oaths of office upon the dissolution of the 2016 Annual Town Meeting.

Census & Dogs

There have been more than 6,000 census forms and over 2,400 dog licenses processed since the first mailing was sent out in January. If you have not returned your census form, you are encouraged to do so either by mail or hand-delivering it to one of the drop-off boxes located at Town Hall (322 Concord Road). For information on how to license a dog, including associated fees, please see our [website](#).

Are you registered to vote in Sudbury?

The deadlines to register or to make changes to an existing voter registration, are twenty days before any election or annual town meeting and ten days before a special town meeting.

Special voter registration sessions will be held at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, 322 Concord Road, from 8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. on each of the registration deadlines.

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Above: Sleepy Town Hall waking up on Election Day

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June's Voter Registration Deadlines

<u>Voter Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Election/Town Meeting Date</u>
Friday, June 3, 2016	Monday, June 13, 2016: Special Town Meeting

Voter registrations may also be completed during the regular business hours of the Town Clerk's Office, by mail or online.

First Step: [Check your voter registration status](#)

If you find that you are not registered to vote, and you have a MA driver's license, you may register to vote [online](#).

You also have the option of downloading a printable mail-in voter registration form from our [website](#). As always, you are very welcome to swing by the Town Clerk's Office in Town Hall during our business hours and complete the form with us.

For further voter information, please visit <https://sudbury.ma.us/clerk/2012/08/02/voter-registration-2/>

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

**2015 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT
SUDBURY, MASSACHUSETTS**



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