



# TOWN OF SUDBURY

## Town Manager Newsletter

### January/February 2017

### Message from the Town Manager

Dear Resident,

It has been a productive month here in Sudbury. We have been working hard with the Finance Committee, and I would be remiss if I did not recognize Finance Director Dennis Keohane for his hard work and dedication over the past few months.

Now we will continue to prepare for Town Meeting, which will begin on May 1. There are many interesting articles, including some proposed by the Lincoln Sudbury Regional High School Environmental Club. Please keep an eye out for the warrant on the Town website and in the mail this April.

I am very proud to announce [Sudbury Connect](#), a partnership with [See Click Fix](#). Through your computer or an application on your phone, you can connect directly with Sudbury to report non-emergency issues. Those issues are assigned a work order, and you can track your report until it is addressed by Town Staff. You can find more information about this new feature in the enclosed flyer and on our website.

I look forward to Spring and to seeing you at Town Meeting.

Best,  
*Melissa Murphy-Rodrigues. Esq., Town Manager*



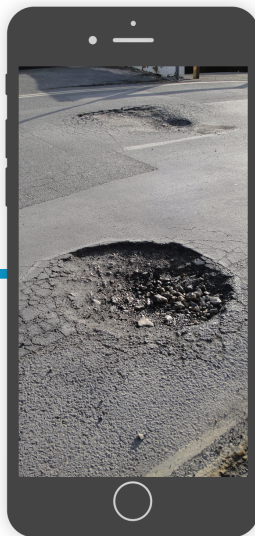
*Town Staff showing off their Patriot's Pride in the lead up to the Super Bowl.*

# POTHOLES. GARBAGE. SIDEWALK CRACKS. STREET LIGHT OUTAGES.

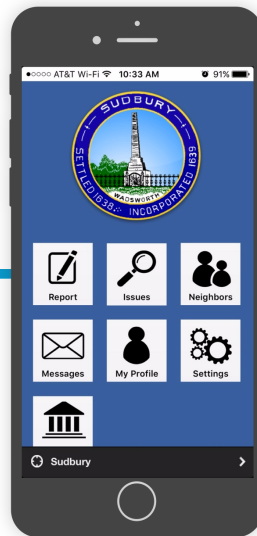


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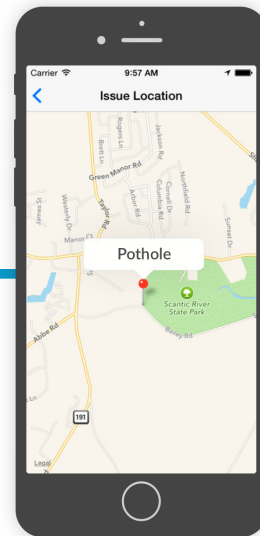
## SeeClickFix



See an issue



Report the issue



And keep track  
until it's fixed!



*You can also report an issue on a desktop computer*

## From the Selectmen's Office

### January 3

The Board met in Executive Session to discuss issues pertaining to the Wayside Inn property conservation restriction, the [Village at Sudbury Station](#) comprehensive permit application as well as potential litigation regarding the [Bruce Freeman Rail Trail](#) in Sudbury.

### January 10

The Board voted the priority of the Town's five Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) projects and voted to prioritize four large capital projects into their goals. The proposed budget for FY18 was also discussed.

### January 12

The Board met in Executive Session in the morning to discuss issues pertaining to the [Village at Sudbury Station](#), release past executive session minutes and discuss issues pertaining to the [Eversource transmission line project](#). Town Forum and Town Meeting logistics were also discussed.

### January 24

The Board discussed the status of the [Bruce Freeman Rail Trail](#) design with Town Environmental Planner Beth Suedmeyer. They also discussed the need to revitalize the [Commission on Disability](#).

### January 26

The Board met Lt. Governor Karyn Polito to sign the [Community Compact](#) awarded to Sudbury.

### January 30

The Board met in Executive Session to discuss issues pertaining to the [Eversource transmission line project](#).



*Members of the Board of Selectmen, Lt. Gov Polito, Town Manager Rodrigues and Town Staff gathered for the Community Compact signing on January 26.*

### February 7

The Board discussed possible future use of the [Melone Property](#), and whether there is need for further testing at the site. They also discussed the CSX Rail Corridor with Kelly Boling of The Trust for Public Land Project and its future potential for use as a Rail Trail. FY 18 Budget and Capital Planning was discussed with Susan Berry of the Finance Committee and Strategic Financial Planning Committee. The Board voted a Ballot Question Policy for Elections.

The Board also discussed the [Selectmen's Quarterly Newsletter](#), which is now in its first edition.

*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](http://SudburyTV.org) to replay the meeting or view the Board of Selectmen meeting minutes, found at: <https://sudbury.ma.us/boardofselectmen/meetings/>*

## Building Department

The Building Department has remained busy this winter with the redevelopment of the old Raytheon property. Permits have been issued for the demolition of buildings 1, 5, test facility and the test tower. The grocery store is moving along with its construction and inspections with hopes of opening in July of this year.



*Construction in progress at the new Whole Foods Sudbury location.*

A building permit has been issued for The Bridges Memory Care Assisted Living Facility. They are hoping to start building this spring and be ready for occupancy in about a year.

The Avalon project should be in this March for permit applications, if all goes as planned, and the solar projects at 71 Union Ave. and 655 Boston Post Road are nearing completion.



*The new solar carport at 655 Boston Post Road (Longfellow Glen)*

### Safety Tip

Please remember to keep your furnace, boiler, hot water heater and any other appliance exhausts free and clear from snow and other obstructions. Check your CO detectors and check the manual for test instructions and expirations.

*Submitted by: Mark Herweck, Building Inspector*

## Department of Conservation

January's milder weather encouraged projects that residents wanted to put off until spring to go forward. The Commission has been very busy with new projects, trail improvements, and commitment to expanding our reach to residents regarding wetlands, how to recognize them, and when a wetlands permit is necessary.



*Several Commissioners inspecting a wetland area along a trail.*

The Commissioners are continuing to stay up to date on new wetland initiatives and regulations by taking courses through the MACC (Mass.



*BEFORE: Previous Trail was steep and eroding*



*AFTER: Relocated trail with gentle grade*

Association of Conservation Commissions). This March, 3 Commissioners will participate in the

annual conference at MACC by taking several courses helpful to Commissioners.

Recently, Eagle Scout Isaac Bernstein completed a Trail Improvement Project at our Nobscot location. His efforts gave hikers a far improved trail system and looks great. Excellent job Isaac!

The Commissioners will be hosting spring walks through L/S Adult Ed, which highlight our many Conservation Lands and trails. Please take advantage of this offering to explore the many places Sudbury has for walking, hiking, photography, birdwatching and more.

Additionally, please visit our webpage for information on meetings, forms, Conservation measures, the Wetland Protection Act and Sudbury’s Wetland Bylaw. As always, feel free to contact the Conservation Department with questions.

If you are planning a project, selling or buying a home, cutting trees or are not sure if your property has any wetlands (even if wetlands are not directly on your property, they could be on your neighbors, which could impact your plans), please contact us before you undertake any project.

*Submitted by Kirsten Roopenian, Conservation Department*

## Fire Department

### **Brimstone Lane Fire**

At approximately 2:00 in the afternoon of December 15, 2016, we received a call from a UPS truck driver reporting a fire blowing through the roof at 110 Brimstone Lane. Upon arrival, fire companies found a large home with the wood shingled roof structure fully involved

in flames. Assistant Fire Chief John Whalen struck a second and then a third alarm for assistance from neighboring fire departments. Sudbury Firefighters initially laid 2,000 feet of supply hose up the long driveway, set up a relay pumper, and positioned our ladder truck in front of the home for an attack with the ladder pipe.



*Conditions upon arrival at Brimstone Lane Fire*

Surrounding fire departments laid another 3,000 feet of hose to a hydrant on Route 20 and set up three more relay pumpers to increase water flow. Several factors including low water flow from the Brimstone Lane hydrant, a wood shingled roof, a 2,000 foot uphill driveway, blistering cold, windy and slippery conditions, the head start of the fire, and the large size of the structure made firefighting very difficult. In the photo below, Sudbury Firefighters Mike Desjardins and Alex Gardner attack the rear of



*Sudbury Firefighters Mike Desjardins and Alex Gardner extinguishing the Brimstone Lane Fire*

the home with a three-inch hose line. Although the home was a total loss, all of the firefighters deserve a great deal of praise for their efforts against these difficult conditions.

**Whitetail Lane Fire**

We received a call for another house fire at about 7:30 on the evening of Monday, January 16, 2017 at 15 Whitetail Lane. Sudbury Fire companies under the direction of Captain Stephen Glidden arrived to find the attached garage of the home fully involved in flames. The residents of the home had evacuated safely. With a hydrant right in front of the house, Sudbury Fire crews quickly began extinguishment with large volume attack lines. Once again, we were fortunate to receive mutual aid assistance from surrounding towns in bringing this fire under control. All of the Firefighters did a great job knocking this fire down and saving the structure of the home.



*Conditions upon arrival at Whitetail Lane Fire*

It should be noted that the origin of this fire was in the attached garage. Like many homes in Sudbury, this home was built before the 2008 fire code change requiring heat detectors in attached garages. In this case, the alarm system

did not sound until the fire had burned into the area of the living space and set off the family room smoke detector. Even though your home may not require a garage heat detector to be wired in connection with the smoke detectors in the living space, this incident proves the value of the additional heat detectors. My own home was not required to have hard-wired garage heat detectors. But after seeing the destruction caused by this fire, and being reminded of the value of

garage heat detection, I upgraded the alarm system in my home. Even though your home may have been built before the fire code required garage heat detectors, I highly recommend you consider similar protection. If you have any questions about the fire detectors in your home, please feel free to call the Fire Department at (978) 440-5310.

*Submitted by: Bill Miles, Fire Chief*

## Board of Health



For a copy of your **checklist** with great tools and resources **for cancer prevention**, go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/htetkhp>

### National Cancer Prevention Month

American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR) estimates that approximately one-third of cases of the most common cancers in the U.S. could be prevented by eating healthy, being active, and staying lean. That's an estimated 374,000 cases of cancer in the United States that would never happen.

Did you know that eating healthy and moving more can help you reduce your cancer risk? AICR put together a 30 Day Cancer Prevention Checklist to help you eat smarter and be more active.

*Submitted by: Phyllis Schilp, BSN, RN*

## Town Clerk

### Town Census

The 2017 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 voter list and removal from the resident list for any non-registered voters.

### **Annual Town Election**

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 27. 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.

### **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 7, 2017. The Town Clerk's Office will hold an extended voter registration session until 8:00 p.m. on March 7. For more information on [registering to vote](#), please see our website.

### **Dog Licensing**

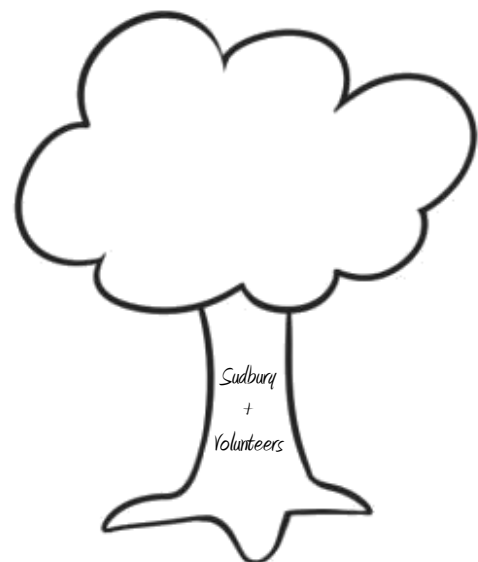
All dogs aged six months or older must be licensed each year. Applications for [dog licensing](#) can be found inside the census packet, at the Town Clerk's Office, or on our website. The dog licensing period extends from January 1 through March 31, 2017. Beginning April 1, a late penalty fee of \$25 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: Rose M. Miranda, Asst. Town Clerk*

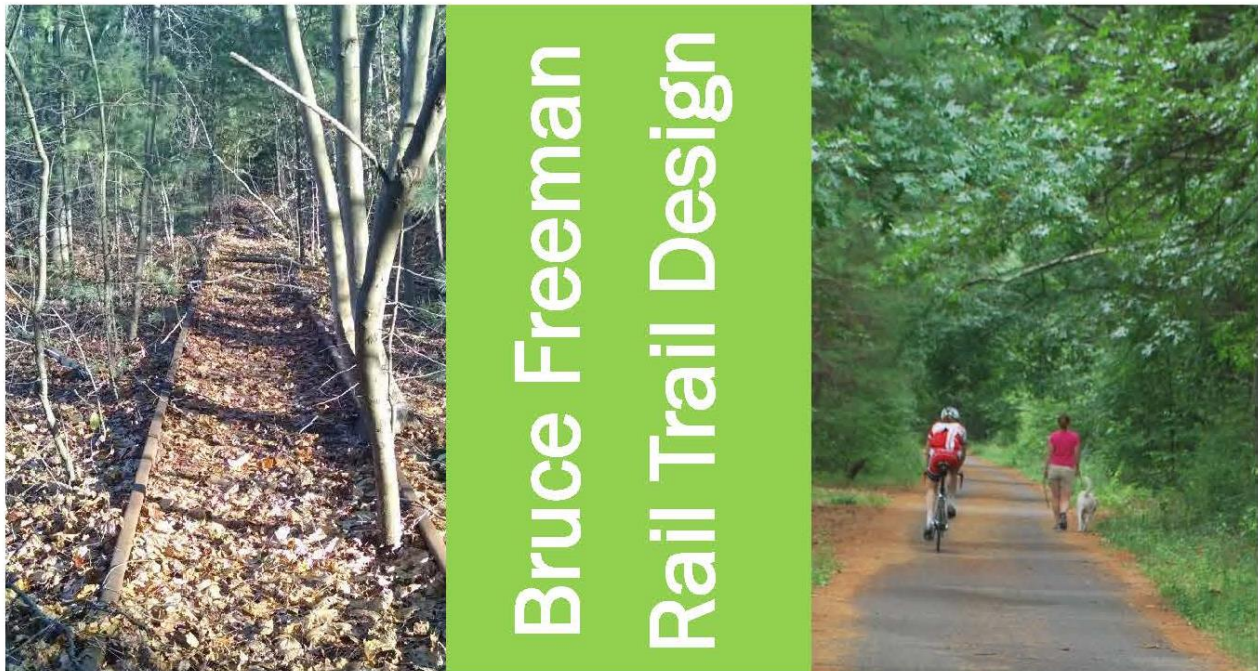
## **Sudbury LOVES Its Volunteers**

Volunteers are sought for the below committees. Please click on the committee name to find out more about its work and to apply for a position.

- [Community Emergency Response Team \(C.E.R.T.\)](#)
- [Commission on Disability](#)
- [Council on Aging](#)
- [Earth Removal Board](#)
- [Fairbank Community Center Study Task Force](#)
- [Medical Reserve Corps Executive Committee](#)
- [Memorial Day Committee](#)
- [Permanent Building Committee](#)
- [Ponds and Waterways Committee](#)
- [September 11 Memorial Garden Oversight Committee](#)
- [Sudbury Housing Trust](#)







### **Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Design Project: Opportunities to Receive the Latest Information and Comment**

The 4.4-mile Rail Trail project is approaching an important milestone—the 25% design stage submission to the MassDOT, and there are several upcoming opportunities to become informed about preliminary design plans and submit comments.

**Abutter's Meeting:** The Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (BFRT) Design Task Force will hold a meeting specifically to take comments from proposed rail trail and alternate (roadway) route abutters on **Thursday, March 2 at 7:30 PM at Lower Town Hall.**

**Public Information Meeting:** A BFRT Public Information Meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 7:00 PM at Lower Town Hall.** Updates on the preliminary design of the BFRT Project will be presented and comments will be received.

**Written Comments:** The BFRT Design Task Force will accept written comments **until March 14, 2017** for consideration in the 25% Design Recommendations, which will be submitted to the Board of Selectmen. Please send written comments to [pcd@sudbury.ma.us](mailto:pcd@sudbury.ma.us) and include your name and address for the public record.

Preliminary plans and potential alternative (roadway) routes are available online at <https://sudbury.ma.us/pcd/2014/11/25/bruce-freeman-rail-trail-update-info/>. You may also find information at this link regarding signing up for email notifications.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the Planning and Community Development Office. You may contact the Project Manager, Beth Suedmeyer, by email at [suedmeyerb@sudbury.ma.us](mailto:suedmeyerb@sudbury.ma.us) or phone at 978-639-3363.