

TOWN OF SUDBURY

Town Manager Newsletter

May/June 2017

Message from the Town Manager

Dear Resident,

Time has flown here in Sudbury! I am happy to welcome our new Selectman Dan Carty! Dan has hit the ground running and already added a valuable voice to the Board. We are excited to be working with him.

Town Meeting was a great success and I would like to personally thank each one of you who attended, debated and voted on each article. I am proud to serve a community that is so invested in town government. Further, I would like to acknowledge the many who voted on the override. The additional funding is going to allow us to run a much-needed additional ambulance and continue to serve the residents of Sudbury in a manner that is high quality.

The Town has entered into a contract for electrical aggregation, and more information will be mailed to residents this month. You will have the opportunity to opt out of and into the program at any time, and I hope that many of you will find this to be useful for budgeting and planning purposes.

We are currently looking for one member for the Conservation Commission and several members for the Disability Commission. If you are interested in serving, please email me at townmanager@sudbury.ma.us or submit a [committee appointment application](#).

I will be holding [office hours](#) on June 21 at 11AM in the Flynn Building. Please feel free to stop by and say hello.

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



*Selectman Daniel E. Carty was
elected at the May 9, 2017
Special Town Election.*

From the Selectmen's Office

February 28

In the afternoon, the Board met in Executive Session to discuss issues pertaining to potential litigation regarding the [Bruce Freeman Rail Trail](#) in Sudbury as well as the [Eversource transmission line project](#).

In the evening, the Board met jointly with the Finance Committee to discuss projects requesting Community Preservation Act funding, review Enterprise Funds and discuss override and non-override budgets in preparation for [Annual Town Meeting](#). The Board then called a [Special Town Election](#) for May 9, which included a Proposition 2 ½ question and the election of a new member of the Board of Selectmen to fill the seat vacated by Chuck Woodard as he relocates out of state.

March 6

The Board met jointly with the Finance Committee to discuss the [Annual Town Meeting](#) Capital Articles.

March 7

The Board discussed several proposed pieces of legislation intended to assist municipalities in working with utility companies wishing to install new power lines in their jurisdiction. They also voted their positions on matters to be addressed at Town Meeting and to request interested parties to write the supporting and opposing arguments regarding the tax override on the upcoming election ballot.

March 21

The Board met in Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to the [Bruce Freeman Rail Trail](#). Afterwards, the Board met in Open Session, jointly with the Board of Health, to discuss their positions on Town Meeting articles pertaining to public health matters. They also received a status update from the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Task Force and further discussed Town Meeting matters.

March 30

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

April 3

The Board conducted their annual meeting with the Sudbury Clergy Association.

April 4

The Board voted to accept the Town's financial statements for FY16. They also voted in support of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Task Force's recommendations, giving consultants VHB direction for future work on the project. After a discussion in Executive Session, the Board re-entered open session regarding the Frost Farm house, and they voted to enter into a new Use and Occupancy agreement for the property for 15 months after the expiration of the current agreement.

April 5

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

April 25

After discussing the [report of the Fairbank Community Center working group](#), the Board voted to start the process of issuing an RFP aimed to move the project forward. The Town Manager evaluation was approved and goal setting and salary negotiation were discussed. The Board also voted to send letters of support for the pending utility regulation bills discussed on March 7.

May 1

The Board met prior to [Town Meeting](#) to review and take positions on the evening's articles.

May 2

The Board met in Executive Session prior to Town Meeting to discuss litigation pertaining to a ZBA matter. They then reviewed and took positions on the evening's articles. [Town Meeting](#) was dissolved.

May 10

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

May 22

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

May 23

The Board voted to elect Bob Haarde as their Chair and Len Simon as Vice Chair. They also voted to grant Da Vinci Bistro an alteration of premises to allow patio seating and granted a Common Victualler License to Whole Foods Market.

June 7

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

June 8

A Dangerous Dog Hearing was held, and the Board voted to impose regulations, including the construction of a fence around the dog owner's property, to help address injuries and keep those in the dog's proximity safe. The Board also voted new Transfer Station fees to go into effect in July.

Please note: The above description reflects some of the agenda items discussed at recent Board meetings. 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/>

Assessing Department

As FY17 is rapidly coming to a close, here in the Assessing Department we are actively preparing for the upcoming fiscal year. The FY18 preliminary tax bills should be in the mail by July 1, 2017. Although property taxes are payable on a quarterly basis, the Town initiates two tax bill mailings per year (not four). Each mailing contains two payment coupons, one for the current quarterly installment and one for the next. The mailing that occurs on or about July 1, 2017 will contain a payment coupon for the installment due on August 1, 2017 and a payment coupon for the installment due on November 1, 2017. Preliminary bills are a result of the prior fiscal year's net tax. You may notice that the preliminaries display neither the assessed value, nor the tax rate. That is because they are simply a calculated amount built around the prior fiscal year. Changes to assessed values and tax rates will be reflected in the statements issued in the January 1, 2018 mailing. This is particularly

significant for those properties, which have experienced a noteworthy change in status or condition since last year's assessment. An example of this may be with new construction. The new valuation and tax liability for the full fiscal year will come due on the final two installments of FY18 (February 1 and May 1, 2018).

Tax Exemption Programs

The start of the new tax year (FY18) provides a prime opportunity to review a few available property tax exemption programs. These long-established programs provide a measure of tax relief for some of our citizens. As used in the context of property taxes, an exemption relieves the taxpayer from the legal obligation to pay a portion of the property tax. Unlike tax deferrals, any tax savings associated with the exemption allowance does not require pay back to the Town. Exemptions are found in various clauses

of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5 (M.G.L. c. 59, § 5). Some of the common personal exemptions conferred under (M.G.L. c. 59, § 5) are available to certain Disabled Veterans; Seniors or Surviving Spouses or Minor Children of a Deceased Parent; Legally Blind Persons; and Seniors (of limited means). More on these long-established programs to follow.

Sudbury Senior Means Tested Exemption Program

Thanks to Commonwealth of Massachusetts Session Laws, Chapter 169 of the Acts of 2012, and Chapter 10 of the Acts of 2016 Sudbury's Means Tested Senior Exemption program is in full swing. If you are a longtime Sudbury Resident/Property owner over age 65 who qualified for the Massachusetts State Income Tax Refundable Credit known as the Circuit Breaker (CY 2016) and meet all other requirements, you may qualify for the Sudbury Senior Means Tested Exemption Program. Application packets for the upcoming fiscal year are currently available for pickup at the Assessor's Office, 278 Old Sudbury Rd. Alternatively, if you contact our office 978-639-3393, we will gladly mail out an application packet, or you can find application materials [online](#). The Sudbury Senior Means Exemption Program adheres to a unique filing timeline, which is different from our traditional exemption programs. The filing deadline for this particular exemption program is August 31, 2017. I am scheduling appointments with anyone requesting filing assistance, or with anyone simply wishing to learn more about the program. My name is Cynthia Gerry, you may reach me by phone at 978-639-3395 or email at gerryc@sudbury.ma.us.

Statutory Exemption Programs Conferred under Chapter 59 Section 5 of the Massachusetts General Laws

Long-established programs may provide a measure of tax relief for some of our disabled veterans, certain surviving spouses (with limited assets), legally blind citizens, and certain income and asset restricted senior citizens. The benefits associated with each of the programs are partially reimbursed by the Commonwealth. We encourage you to get in touch with our office for further information on any of the programs, or to request application materials: 978-639-3395 gerryc@sudbury.ma.us.

Veterans (disabled): Clauses 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22D, 22E, Paraplegics

Clauses 22 etc. provides exemption to disabled veterans and spouses of qualifying disabled veterans. The minimum disability rating is 10%. You must provide the assessors with whatever information is reasonably required to establish eligibility, including Certification of a service-connected disability from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) or branch of U.S. military service from which discharged. The minimum base exemption amount for Clause 22 Veterans is \$400 per year (and may be higher with increased levels of disability). For information on the Massachusetts Disabled Veteran's Exemption Programs please contact the Assessor's office.

Seniors or Surviving Spouses or Minor Child (of deceased parent): Clauses 17C/17D

Clauses 17C/ 17D provides exemption to (1) seniors, (2) surviving spouses, and (3) minor children with a deceased parent, who meet specific ownership, occupancy and asset requirements. Seniors 70 or older may, alternatively, qualify for an exemption under Clauses 41C which provide a higher benefit, but have stricter eligibility requirements. Clause 17 is the basic exemption for the three categories of taxpayers. The base exemption amount for this program is \$296.00 per year. For information on the Clause 17 programs please contact the Assessor's office.

Legally Blind Persons: Clause 37A

Clause 37A provides exemption for legally blind persons who meet specific occupancy and ownership requirements. The base exemption amount is \$500.00 per year. For information on the Clause 37A program please contact the Assessor's office.

Seniors (over age 65/ limited financial means): Clause 41C

Clause 41C provides exemption for those qualifying seniors over the age 65 with limited income and assets. Please contact the Assessor's Office for program details. The base amount of this exemption is \$1,000.00.

Community Preservation Surcharge Exemption

The Community Preservation Act which was adopted by Sudbury voters in March of 2002 establishes a funding source financed by surcharge revenues, and the Commonwealth of Mass. (with matching funds), for the purpose of open space, historical preservation and community housing projects and purchases. It is a 3% surcharge applied to residential tax bills. There is an exemption available to some moderate-income senior citizens, and some low-income non-seniors. To qualify for this exemption for FY18 you must meet certain income requirements based on CY16 income. Check out the FY18 Community Preservation Fund Brochure on our website for current income requirements. Application material is available for pickup at the Assessor's Office, 278 Old Sudbury Rd. If you give us a call 978-639-3393, we will gladly mail out an [application packet](#), or you can find application materials online.

Senior Tax Deferral: Clause 41A

This program allows certain seniors over age 60 to defer (or delay) paying current year property taxes. Unlike exemptions, deferred taxes are required to be paid back to the Town with

interest. Entry into tax deferral necessitates the recording of a lien. There are definite pros and cons to the Deferral program.

Pros:

- Age: The qualifying minimum age of a senior for this program is 60.
- Income: the qualifying income for CY 2016 was \$86,000.
- Interest rate for payback during the lifetime of the applicant: Since 2006, the interest rate has been between 2 % and 2.5% each year.
- No asset requirement.

Cons:

- Interest rate following the applicant's death: From the date of death through payoff interest increases to **16%**.
- Requirement that the Mortgage holder agrees to entry into the program: Because we record a lien, the Town assumes first position for pay-off. Many lenders will not give their consent to the program because of this.

I strongly encourage anyone interested in pursuing the Senior Tax Deferral Program to get in contact with me 978-639-3395

gerryrc@sudbury.ma.us

Compressed Summer Schedule

The Assessing Department is planning once again to participate in a compressed workweek during the summer months of July and August. The compressed schedule will begin the week of July 10th and end on Friday August 25th.

Mon., Wed., Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Friday: CLOSED

I wish a Happy, Relaxing and Safe Summer to all!

Submitted by: Cynthia Gerry, Director of Assessing

Building Department

Raytheon Redevelopment Update

We have had a cool start to spring this year, but construction continues. The Raytheon redevelopment has moved along at a strong pace – see updated plan on the following page and construction photos below. All but one of the old Raytheon buildings has been demolished and recycled. Whole Foods is still hoping for an early July opening. Buildings 2, 3, 4, and 5 have received their building permits and they are planning to erect building #2 first, followed by building 5 and then buildings 3 and 4. The town departments have been meeting with AvalonBay Communities for the Sudbury apartments and with Pulte Homes for the active adult condos as they prepare for building permits.

Inspections

We have been busy with periodical inspections for houses of worship, semi private pools and day camps along with regular inspections and code review.

Recycling Old Foundations

Demolishing older distressed homes is becoming more and more popular as land and buildable lots become more difficult to obtain in Boston's suburbs. In Sudbury, we have two fire-destroyed

homes being reconstructed using their existing foundations. Many consider this method a good way to reuse land without disturbing more land. These new homes are built to the latest building codes which offer better life safety and energy efficiency than the former houses ever could.

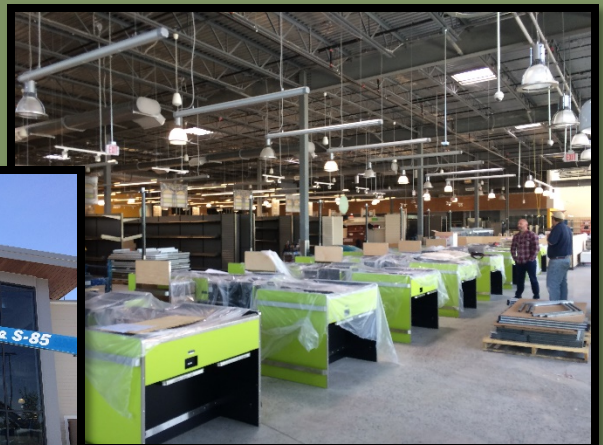


Above: A new home will be built here – using an existing foundation.

Submitted by: Mark Herweck, Building Inspector

Coming to Sudbury Soon - Whole Foods Market

Photos of the progress inside the store and out.

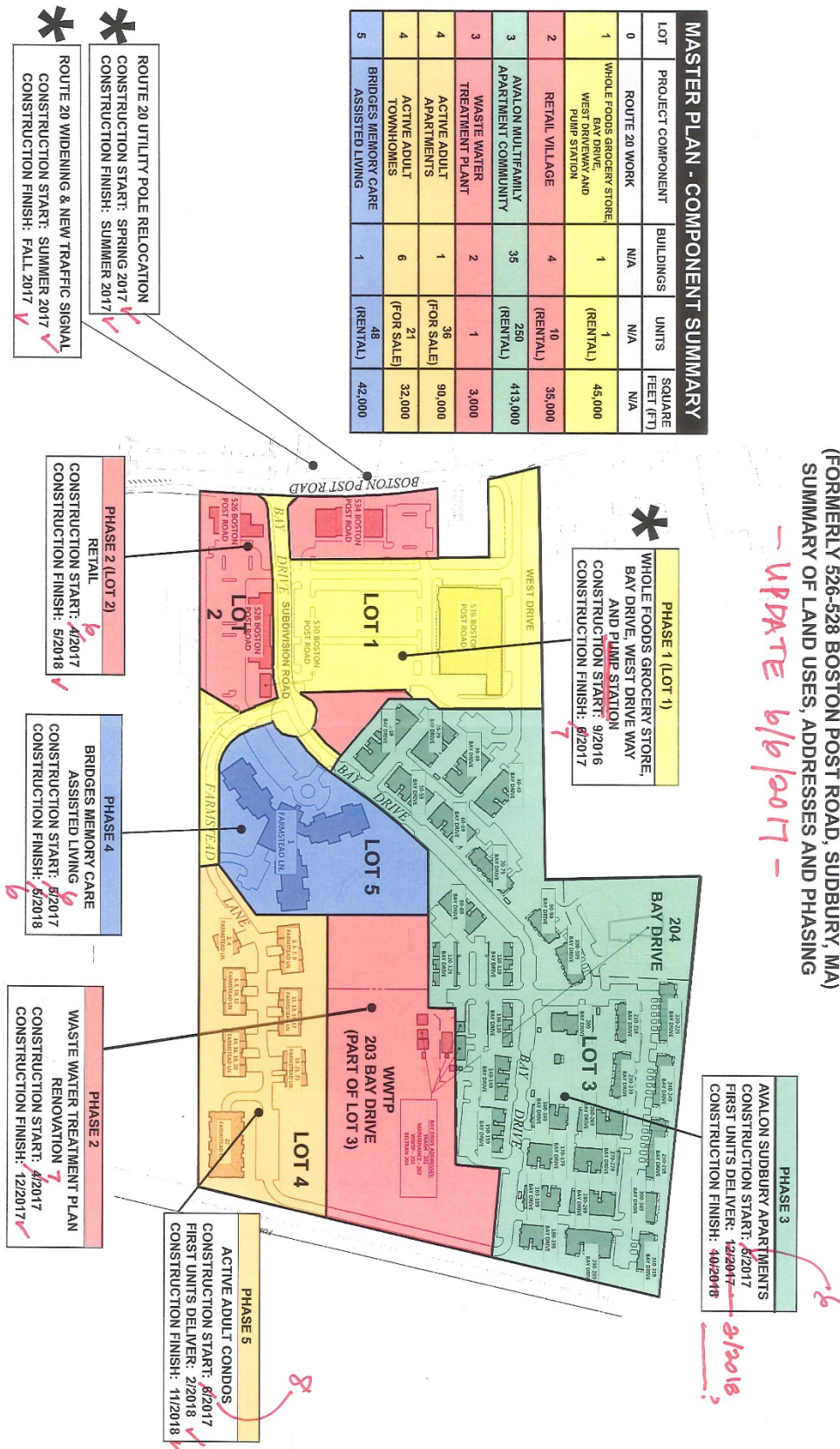


MASTER PLAN - COMPONENT SUMMARY

LOT	PROJECT COMPONENT	BUILDINGS	UNITS	SQUARE FEET (FT)
0	ROUTE 20 WORK	N/A	N/A	N/A
1	WHOLE FOODS GROCERY STORE, BAY DRIVE, WEST DRIVE AND PUMP STATION	1	1 (RENTAL)	45,000
2	RETAIL VILLAGE	4	10 (RENTAL)	35,000
3	AVOLON MULTIFAMILY APARTMENT COMMUNITY	35	250 (RENTAL)	413,000
3	WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT	2	1	3,000
4	ACTIVE ADULT APARTMENTS	1	36 (FOR SALE)	90,000
4	ACTIVE ADULT TOWNHOMES	6	21 (FOR SALE)	32,000
5	BRIDGES MEMORY CARE ASSISTED LIVING	1	48 (RENTAL)	42,000

RAYTHEON SUBBURY REDEVELOPMENT
(FORMERLY 526-528 BOSTON POST ROAD, SUBBURY, MA)
SUMMARY OF LAND USES, ADDRESSES AND PHASING

- UPDATE 6/6/2017 -



Department of Conservation

The Conservation Commission has been extremely busy in the past several months. We have seen an increase in calls to our office regarding wetlands on residential properties. We appreciate the responsibility homeowners take prior to undertaking projects that may be within wetland jurisdiction or that may require a wetlands permit. Our office is happy to help you ascertain what permits (if any) would be required on any project. We have introduced an updated [Wetland Brochure](#) (*see below*), and we encourage citizens to call us if there is any doubt whether your home may have jurisdictional requirements.

Our L/S Spring walk course was very successful this spring! Feedback from our walkers was positive, and they asked for more. The Commission is discussing adding Summer, Fall and Winter walks that will be offered directly from our Commission. Look for more information in the coming months.

The Commission also gave testimony at the recent Energy Siting Board hearing at LSRHS concerning the environmental impacts of the proposed underground transmission line on the MBTA R.O.W. We feel our information was informative to the Siting Board and hope they will consider the extensive impacts from this proposed project and look to other alternatives with less environmental damage. We continue to stay involved in this issue.

The National Development project is continuing, as well as the Coolidge Phase II Project, both on the Route 20 corridor. The Commission is working with both applicants to ensure compliance to the by-laws.

Submitted by Kirsten Roopenian, Conservation Department

Facilities Department

NEW Electricity Aggregation Program ***Program aims to reduce electricity costs while introducing additional renewable energy***

The Town of Sudbury will start a new electricity bulk-buying program for households and businesses this August. Called Sudbury Town-Wide Electricity Aggregation, the goal of the program is to reduce and stabilize the cost of electricity for residents and businesses in Sudbury, as well as increase the share of renewable “green” energy in Sudbury’s electricity supply. Sudbury will be joining more than 60 Massachusetts cities and towns that take advantage of state law that allows them to offer this type of “municipal aggregation” program.

Over the duration of the 36-month program, Sudbury ratepayers are expected to save on monthly electricity costs relative to Eversource (formerly NSTAR) default rates. There is no guarantee of cost savings because Eversource adjusts rates twice annually (large commercial and industrial change four times per year) while the Sudbury Town-Wide Electricity Aggregation program locks in rates for 36 months. However, ratepayers will be insulated from market fluctuations, which occurred in recent winters, and program participants may leave the program at any time with no termination fee.

When the program begins in August 2017, Sudbury ratepayers will be saving money. The

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I HAVE A PROJECT IN MIND?

Determine if your project will occur within a wetland or adjacent upland resource area.

- Call the Conservation Office with questions.
- Complete the required application.
- Attend a public hearing.
- Get a permit before starting work.

WHAT HAPPENS TO VIOLATORS?

Under the Wetland Protection Act AND The Local Wetland Bylaw, the Conservation Commission can require illegally altered land to be restored to its original condition, and can issue fines.

HELP PROTECT WETLANDS!

You can do more than just obey the law.

Do not use fertilizers, herbicides, insecticides, or deicers near wetlands. Encourage native vegetation and native wildlife.



THE SUDBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Sudbury Conservation Commission was established in 1962 to protect local natural resources and features and to act as stewards of the town's conservation properties.

One of the Conservation Commission's most important responsibilities is protecting the ecological integrity of Sudbury's wetlands and the surrounding landscape. The Commission is responsible for implementing and enforcing the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Sudbury Wetlands Administration Bylaw.

Sudbury Conservation Commission

LIVING WITH WETLANDS

A Guide to Wetland Protection Laws in Sudbury

CONTACT INFORMATION

Email: concom@sudbury.ma.us
Phone: (978) 440-5471
Fax: (978) 440-5404



Department of Public Works Building
275 Old Lancaster Road
Sudbury, Ma 01776

PLEASE Read this before you dump, cut, or build near wetlands. You may need a permit

DID YOU KNOW?

- Wetlands on both public and private property are regulated.
- You are responsible for activity that occurs on your property.
- Before you hire a tree company, landscaper, or contractor call the Conservation Office to determine if you need a permit.
- Wetlands can be wooded or meadow-like; wetlands often appear dry in the summer.
- The Conservation Commission takes enforcement action for work done without a permit.
- Over 26% of Sudbury falls under wetland regulations (so your property may, too).



WHAT WETLANDS ARE PROTECTED?

In Massachusetts, the type of soils and vegetation in the area defines wetlands. You may never see standing water and it can still be a protected wetland. The Conservation staff or a wetland specialist can help you determine whether you live near a wetland.

The Commission is required to review any work proposed within or near a:

- Swamp, bog or marsh
- Forested wetland
- Vernal pool
- Pond
- Intermittent or perennial stream
- Within the 100-year floodplain
- Within 200 feet of a perennial stream
- Within 100' of all other wetland areas listed above



The upland areas within 100 feet of wetlands are critical in maintaining health and productivity of wetlands and provide their own important pollutant filtering processes and wildlife habitat.

WHAT WETLAND LAWS APPLY?

The Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Sudbury Wetlands Administration bylaw protect the above-mentioned wetlands and adjacent upland resource areas.

WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE REGULATED?

The Conservation Commission must review activities that will alter wetlands or their adjacent upland resource areas.

Regulated activities include:

- Dumping leaves, brush, grass, debris
- Cutting trees or shrubs
- Reconstructing or expanding lawns
- Building or constructing structures or a septic system
- Grading, excavating, or filling
- Changing storm water runoff patterns
- Polluting wetlands or streams

You can maintain lawfully existing (grandfathered or permitted) structures, lawns and landscapes, and you can do some limited tree removal for arborist-documented safety purposes.



WHAT IS THE APPLICATION PROCESS?

In general, you must fill out a permit application (we have the forms for you), notify your abutters (we have those forms too), attend a public hearing (it's easy), and resolve any concerns about protecting the wetlands (we help). Then you may receive a permit for the work.

Sudbury Town-Wide Electricity Aggregation rate will be \$0.10749/kWh, versus the filed Eversource rate of \$0.10759/kWh. Although this is essentially the same rate, the probability is that Eversource rates will increase over the three-year term, while the program rate will remain the same, thus saving homeowners money. The Town will re-evaluate pricing for the additional renewable energy portions of the Local Green options after 18 months. This may result in new pricing for the February 2019 – December 2019 period for the Local Green options.

Increasing Our Use of Green Energy

In addition to stabilizing and reducing costs, the Sudbury Town-Wide Electricity Aggregation program will bring more renewable energy to Sudbury's supply. The default supply will contain 5% more renewable energy than what is currently required by the State of Massachusetts. In addition, ratepayers have the option to either increase their renewable energy percentage to 100% in addition to what is required by the State of Massachusetts, or drop down to the minimum state requirement. Transitioning the community's electricity supply to renewable sources is critical to the Town's goal of reducing our carbon footprint.

How Does Electricity Aggregation Work?

Municipal aggregation harnesses the bulk buying power of ratepayers to secure lower, fixed rates for electricity. Communities have been aggregating electricity since 1997, and more than 60 cities and towns in Massachusetts—including Arlington, Winchester, Somerville and Salem—already have active electricity aggregation programs. These communities, and Sudbury, developed their aggregation plans in accordance with Mass. General Law c.164, sec. 134, which authorizes any municipality to aggregate the electrical load

of interested consumers within its jurisdictional boundaries.

To learn more, please visit the program's website: <https://sudbury-cea.com/>.

Solarize Mass Program

Starting in July, Sudbury residents will be able to take advantage of lower solar panel installation prices through the Town's participation in Solarize Mass Plus 2017. Having teamed up with Lincoln and Wayland to take part in the program, Sudbury will be building on the success of the 2012 program which facilitated the installation of Solar systems at the Noyes Elementary School, Fairbank Community Center, Lincoln Sudbury Regional High School and the landfill. This time, residents will have the opportunity to take advantage of installation savings for their homes.

The "Plus" version of the program will pair solar electric energy with solar hot water systems. Also, assistance is available for those interested in solar power who cannot easily have it on their own roof such as condo associations, non-profits and those wishing to extend their current array.

Solar panel vendors will be selected for the program in June. After that, residents will have six months to take advantage of the discounted prices. For details, please contact SolarizeSudbury@gmail.com.

Help Shape Capital Project Priorities

The Capital Improvement Advisory Committee is looking for two new members. The Capital Improvement Advisory Committee, (CIAC) is composed of seven members: six members appointed by the Selectmen and one member appointed by the Finance Committee. The CIAC studies proposals from the Sudbury Town Manager, Sudbury Public Schools and the Lincoln Sudbury Regional High School which

involve major tangible items with a total project cost of more than \$50,000 in a single year or over \$100,000 in multiple years and which would likely require an article at Town Meeting for the project's authorization. The CIAC meets throughout the year, some meetings in the summer, however most meetings are held in the fall and winter months. The CIAC makes an annual report with recommendations to the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen on these proposals, in preparation for Town meeting presentations in October and May. Desired qualifications include having an interest in project and financial planning, and/or having engineering, architectural, or construction experience.

All interested residents are welcome to submit a [Volunteer Application](#). Please contact the committee or Jim Kelly (contact info below) for more information and complete the Volunteer Application form. Applications will be accepted until the vacancy is filled. The new member application will require appointment by the Board of Selectmen.

For more information about the Capital Improvement Advisory Committee, contact Jim Kelly, Facilities Director, at the Facilities Department, 978-440-5466 or via e-mail, kellyj@sudbury.ma.us

Submitted by: Jim Kelly, Combined Facilities Director

Goodnow Library

Summer Reading 2017

ALL AGES!

PRIZES!

June 20-August 10

KIDS

An exciting summer of reading is in store for children at the Goodnow Library! All kids from birth through rising 5th graders are invited to participate in the library's summer reading program. One of the most effective ways to improve reading skills is to read regularly and often, and research has shown that doing so leads to greater overall academic achievement!

Starting Tuesday, June 20th, stop by the children's room to sign up for summer reading.

After you sign up don't forget to come back to the library for our fun weekly programs! This year Goodnow will Build, Explore and Give Back! On Mondays come to Goodnow to build something new, on Tuesdays preschoolers are invited to explore our world through storytimes

and activities, and once a month the library will facilitate a service project for kids.

We will be tracking reading again this year using necklaces and keychains decorated with different beads based on how many minutes a child reads. Beads get cooler the more you read – earn sparkly,

metallic, or even glow-in-the-dark beads! Children who finish an entire reading log will not only get to keep their necklace or keychain, but they will also get to pick a prize from our prize box. In addition, each child who participates in this year's program will be

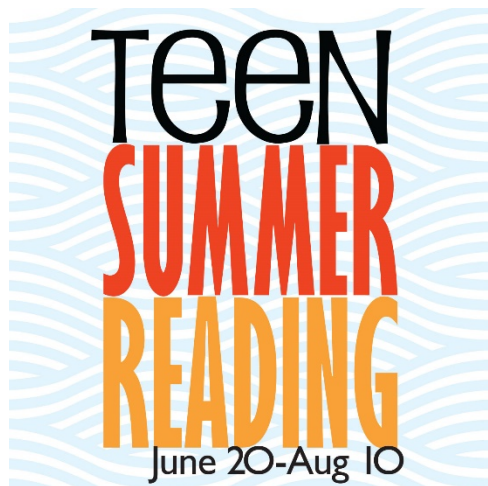


invited to our end of summer party with free ice cream!

TEENS

*"Reading and raffles and decals and tie dye,
3D and robots and rockets that fly high,
Fidgets that spin on your fingers like rings,
These are a few our favorite things!"*

[Sung to the tune of My Favorite Things]



The Goodnow Library has a fun and busy summer planned for teens. We'll have teen crafts, including make-your-own fidget spinners, Harry Potter wands, laptop decals, and tie dye t-shirts. Tech workshops include 3D game programming, 3D printing, LEGO robotics, and Minecraft modding. Anime films will be shown throughout the summer. And last, but not least, the Teen Reading Raffle will return with weekly gift certificate giveaways and a grand prize awarded at the end of the summer.

ADULTS

The Goodnow Library is offering its first ever-Adult Summer Reading Program. Join the fun this summer! Reading is not just for kids! The program will run in tandem with the ever-popular Children's and Teen Summer Reading programs.

It's easy to participate. No registration. No red tape.

First, come to the Goodnow Library and select a book and/or an audiobook. Start reading or listening. Once you have finished your book, swing by the Library and pick up a raffle form. Tell us who you are, what you have read, and how we can contact you. Drop off your completed raffle form(s) at the Reference Desk or Circulation Desk. Each week we will draw for prizes from that week's entries. All completed raffle forms collected over the summer will be automatically entered into our end-of-the-summer Grand Prize raffle. The more you read, the more chances you will have to win!

Don't know what to read? Pick up one of our booklists. Topics include Biographies & Memoirs, Melting Pot, Get Inspired, Not just for Teens, and Science Fiction. Questions? Stop by the Reference Desk or contact us at 978-440-5520 or goodnow@sudbury.ma.us

Full information and registration:

goodnowlibrary.org/calendar

Reimagining the Second Floor & Makerspace

We have embarked on an ambitious plan to reimagine the second floor of the Library. We have carefully developed this plan over nearly two years with the staff of Goodnow Library, a broad and diverse group of community members, teen users of the library and three professional consultants. This renovation will be privately funded through donations to the Goodnow Library Foundation. Our momentum is building with several key gifts already given!



We hope to begin construction early fall of a renovated Teen Space and creation of an innovative NOW Lab;

a dedicated space for programming, designing, building and tinkering where users of all ages will explore technology and engage in expressive and creative projects and art. The NOW Lab will serve as an idea hub and provide

the community with the tools and technology to imagine and create in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM).



Submitted by: Esme Green, Library Director

Board of Health

Tobacco Control Regulations

On May 9th, 2017, the Sudbury Board of Health unanimously voted to approve the revised Tobacco Control regulations. The follow is a summary of the changes:

- Modifies the definitions of tobacco products (to capture e-cigarettes, vaporization, and aerosolization), flavored tobacco, minors, and smoke;
- Prohibits e-cigarettes wherever smoking is prohibited;
- Prohibits smoking in town vehicles;
- Raises the age of tobacco sales to minors from 19 years to 21 years;
- Caps the number of permits to the number already issued (10);
- Prohibits tobacco sales within 500 ft schools;
- Mandates posting of cessation information at point of sale;
- Prohibits the sale of single cigars and raising the minimum price of multi-packs to \$5.00;



- Limits the sale of flavored tobacco products to smoking bars and adult only stores;
- Modifies the enforcement section to increase penalties for frequent violators.

The regulations go into effect July 1, 2017.

Submitted by: Bill Murphy, Health Director

Supporting Loved Ones Who Are Coping with Substance Use

Drug and alcohol use touches the lives of millions of Americans, but people are often at a loss about where to turn to get support for themselves or loved ones who are coping with substance use. Most substance abuse programs are voluntary, which means that the individual in need of treatment must be willing to seek out and accept treatment. This begs the question, where do you start if the person in need of services is not yet able to engage in this process?

1. Seek support for yourself: Support groups like Al-Anon and Learn to Cope are great ways to connect with others who also have loved ones struggling with substance abuse. These groups can be sources of emotional support, as well as a place to share creative solutions to complex concerns and gain knowledge of resources from others with first-hand experience. Such groups can also provide helpful information in regards to: harm reduction for loved ones who are actively engaging in substance use, setting healthy boundaries, avoiding enabling behaviors and understanding the phases of relapse and recovery. You may also wish to seek out an individual therapist to help guide you through this very challenging time. Sudbury residents can call The Interface Helpline, a service that helps individuals to find a therapist while taking into account their therapeutic needs, geographic location, time availability and insurance coverage. The number for Interface is 1-888-244-8643.



2. Understand options and plan ahead: Often times, when a person is struggling with substance abuse, there are brief windows of opportunity when he/she is willing to voluntarily accept substance abuse services. There is a vast array of substance abuse services, and if you wait to explore service options until your loved one is ready to

accept help, you may miss that window of opportunity. Loved ones can help by researching and understanding levels of care and treatment options available to the individual, and even understanding what the individual's insurance will cover.

3. Section 35: When someone's drug or alcohol abuse is so severe that they are at risk of serious harm, a section 35 permits the courts to involuntarily commit the individual to inpatient treatment. This is a complex process and is not appropriate for everyone. You can learn more about it by visiting: Mass.gov and searching for "Section 35-FAQ" for detailed information.

The Massachusetts Substance Abuse Information and Education Helpline is a good place to start. The helpline can provide information on the different levels of care and programs

across the state. They can make referrals to programs, including support groups for those impacted by their loved ones' substance abuse. You can access the helpline by calling **800-327-5050** or going to **Helpline-online.com**. The "For Family and Friends" tab on the website also has links to help you better understand substance abuse, treatment options and how to talk to a family member or friend about your concerns.

Submitted by: Bethany Hadvab, Social Worker

Town Clerk

Sudbury had a busy election season this spring, despite the often cold, wet, and dreary weather. Now we are looking forward to the sunny, hot days of summer ahead.

Annual Town Election

The Annual Town Election was held on Monday, March 27, and there were 1859 votes cast, representing about 15% of the Town's 12590 registered voters. Please see our website for the [Annual Town Election Results](#).

Annual Town Meeting

The Annual Town Meeting was held on May 1st and 2nd. For the results of the Annual Town Meeting, please see our [Annual Town Meeting Results](#).

Special Town Election

Special Town Election was held on Tuesday, May 9th, and there were 2829 votes cast,

representing about 23% of the Town's 12,545 registered voters. Please see our website for the [Special Town Election Results](#).

Although we will be busy this summer, attending to the regular on-going business of the office, such as creating and processing vital records, issuing various certificates and permits, and producing the Annual List of Persons and Town Meeting Proceedings, we will also be preparing for the Special October Town Meeting this fall.

If you are a new resident in Sudbury, welcome!

Please visit the [Town Clerk's webpage](#) to obtain information on registering to vote, dog licensing, other information, events and news.

Submitted by: Rose M. Miranda, Asst. Town Clerk

Volunteer Opportunities

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.

- [Agricultural Commission](#)
- [Capital Improvement Advisory Committee](#)
- [Conservation Commission](#)
- [Commission on Disability](#)
- [Council on Aging](#)
- [Memorial Day Committee](#)
- [Permanent Building Committee](#)
- [Planning Board](#)
- [Ponds and Waterways Committee](#)
- [Sudbury Centre Improvement Adv. Com.](#)
- [Sudbury Cultural Council](#)
- [Sudbury Housing Trust](#)





SUMMER CONCERT Series

Brought to you by the Sudbury Park & Recreation Department

July 10: Oldies Night
Featuring: **The Reminisants**

July 31: Country Night
Featuring: **Jimmy Conner**

July 17: The 70's and 80's
Featuring: **The Boom Box Band**

August 8: Covers
Featuring: **Paul Rodriguez Band**

July 24: Family Fun Night - 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Featuring:

Awesome Robb the magician

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