

TOWN OF SUDBURY

Town Manager Newsletter

November/December 2017

Message from the Town Manager

Dear Neighbor,

The hustle and bustle of the holiday season is in full swing, and I hope this newsletter finds everyone in good health.

Since the last newsletter, October's Special Town Meeting and December's Special Town Election have taken place. The results of the Town Meeting can be found [here](#) and the results of the Election are [here](#).

In January, we will say goodbye to Fire Chief Bill Miles as he enters retirement. Bill has served the Town for 36 years and will leave an impressive legacy. The Chief's message (on page 4) is well worth a read.

We also pass along our best wishes to Combined Facilities Director Jim Kelly who will step down from his position in January. Jim has been with the Town for many years and has played a crucial role in countless building and "green" energy projects. He will be missed by all who had the privilege of collaborating with him in Sudbury and will be a huge asset in his future endeavors.

I am delighted with this year's choice for Employee of the Year. Board of Health Nurse Phyllis Schilp was selected this year, and it's easy to see why. Her passion for her work comes across in all she does, and the Town is lucky to have her. Please congratulate Phyllis next time you see her at a blood pressure screening, flu shot clinic or just around town assisting others.

The warrant for the May 2018 Annual Town Meeting is now open. Petition Articles are due on January 31. Details can be found on the [Town Meeting](#) web page.

Wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy 2018!

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



Chris Morely and his wife Debra at the reception held in honor of Chris' many years of town service. On November 28, staff and fellow volunteers gathered to thank Chris for his dedicated work.

From the Selectmen's Office

October 16

Special Town Meeting voted on 18 articles, including Playground Modernization, updating the Master Plan, the Bottle Ban, Fire Station 2 and more. Full warrant reports, presentations, vote results and other details can be found [here](#).

October 24

The Board continued a dog hearing, called a Special Town Meeting for Monday, December 11 and discussed the financial state of the town and 3-year forecast, among other items. The meeting agenda, materials and minutes can be found [here](#).

October 27

The Board met in executive session to discuss the proposed [Sudbury Station](#) development as well as the proposed [Eversource Transmission Line Project](#).

November 7

The Board continued a dog hearing, discussed the [2018 Town Forum](#) scheduled for Saturday, March 3, 2018, appointed a new member to the CPC, and discussed the [Melone](#) property, among other items. The meeting agenda, materials and minutes can be found [here](#).

November 16

The School District Administrative and Structural Options Subcommittee met to discuss the possible exploration of changes to the school district structure.

November 28

The Board met jointly with the Planning Board to discuss a number of topics, including the Master Plan, Marijuana dispensaries, and Route 20 & Landham Road 75% design plan. They also held the Tax Classification Hearing and declared December 1, 2017 at Sergeant Timothy Bradford Hall day, upon his safe return home after 10 months in Afghanistan, among other items. The meeting agenda and materials can be found [here](#).

November 29

The School District Administrative and Structural Options Subcommittee met to discuss the possible exploration of changes to the school district structure.

December 4

The Board met with staff to discuss setting future goals.

December 5

The Board discussed water conservation issues with the River Stewardship Council as well as the budgeting process with the Finance Committee. They also discussed the landscape study of Melone and the possibility of a marijuana and vaping bylaw, among other items. The meeting agenda and materials can be found [here](#).

December 14

The School District Administrative and Structural Options Subcommittee met to discuss the possible exploration of changes to the school district structure.

December 19

The Board discussed the Fairbank Community Center report and opened the 2018 Annual Town Meeting warrant, among other items. The meeting agenda and materials can be found [here](#).

A huge thank you to Ellen Bicoules, Recording Secretary for the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board and CPC for her many years of service. We will miss your excellent work and wish you all the best!

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/>

Department of Conservation

The Conservation Commission was extremely busy this fall. We have continued to evaluate projects, set appropriate conditions to protect regulated natural resources, and generate permits, for all of our projects taking place in Town. We are working with our Environmental Monitor, David Burke, to oversee the environmental matters at Meadow Walk as it progresses. Weekly site inspections are being administered, along with additional inspections following large rain events.



*Route 20 widening and drainage work area.
(11/9/17)*

Our most recent public meeting had 10 public hearings scheduled. Projects range from a small deck addition to drainage work, new single-family house construction, to wetland delineations on a 30.0 acre undeveloped property on Maynard Rd. The next hearing promises to be just as busy heading into the holidays.

Commissioner Charlie Russo recently completed eight units of the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions Fundamentals for the Mass. Conservation Commissioners training program. He has received a Certificate of Achievement for that accomplishment. Our entire Commission is committed to ongoing training as an essential part of the

Commissioners work. Congratulations Charlie!!!!



*Conservation Commissioner
Charlie Russo who recently
completed Mass Conservation
Commissioners training.*

Speaking of Commissioners...we are looking for members of the Sudbury Community with an interest in serving on our Committee. This is an opportunity to learn how our wetlands affect many decisions made here in Town. Please feel free to give us a call for more information!



Just as a reminder:
Deer are currently in
their rutting season,
and as such, are less
cautious when

crossing roads, please be aware of the sides of the roads especially at dawn and dusk when deer are especially active. Please visit the [Conservation](#) web page for more information.

*Submitted by: Kirsten Roopenian, Conservation
Department*

Fire Department

Chief Miles Retirement

January 31, 2018 will mark seven years in my position as the Sudbury Fire Chief, and I have decided to retire on that day.

After an interview in Chief Josiah Frost's Loring Parsonage Office, I was hired to work on the Sudbury Fire Department on July 26, 1981. As I advanced through the ranks, I was always able to depend on the wisdom and experience of those who preceded me, and felt fortunate to have had so many competent people under my direction.

When I was not the Fire Chief, I thought I knew everything about being a Fire Chief. I quickly learned that running a fire department was not a task for just one person. Success depended on hard work and support from all the officers, firefighters, and staff of the fire department, both in Sudbury and in neighboring towns, cooperation from town officials and their staffs, help from town boards and committees, and of course the support of the townspeople. My thanks go out to every single person who helped me over the years.

I reserve the biggest thanks for my family. Firefighters spend a lot of time at the station during birthdays, holidays, and big storms. My family never complained when I was out helping others.

For me, the job of a firefighter is the best job in the world. I am grateful for the opportunity to work at the best job, and the good fortune to do my job in a town like Sudbury.

-Fire Chief William Miles

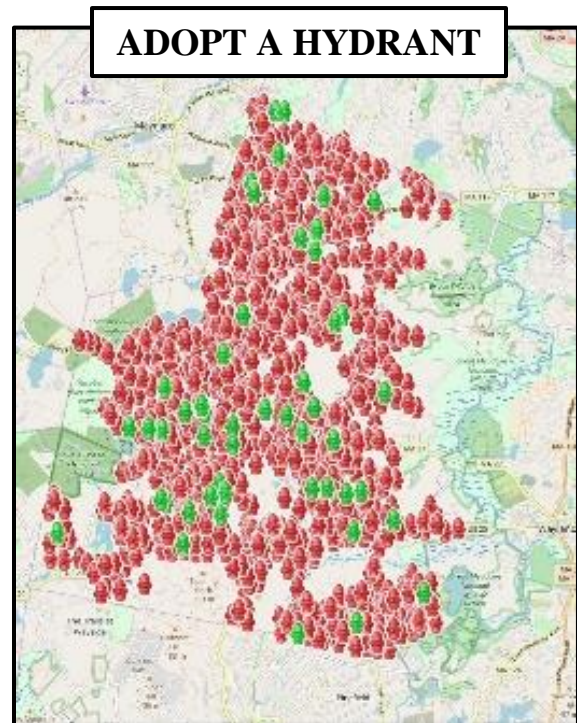


Chief Miles at the 2016 Selectmen's Holiday Party.

Adopt a Hydrant

The Sudbury Water District and Sudbury Fire Department are asking for your assistance in clearing fire hydrants of snow in your neighborhood. There are over 1,000 hydrants in Sudbury and each one is potentially vital in the event of an emergency. Adopt a hydrant in 3 easy steps with our interactive map. Please [click here](#) to

sign up.



Adopt a Hydrant interactive map. Simply click on the desired red hydrant to sign up.

Goodnow Library

New Strategic Plan

We are pleased to present Goodnow Library's latest Strategic Plan. This plan is a framework, creating a direction and vision for the library over the next five years. This plan will help the library base decisions and allocate resources to allow for customer-focused service, emerging technologies, and provide flexible facilities to meet the needs of the community. The library will be prepared to serve its residents and library users and remain a relevant and successful public service organization. The following is a summary of the full [Strategic Plan](#), which can be found on our website.



Library's Mission

Improving lives through the power of information, ideas and innovation.

Library's Vision:

- Be a primary resource for learning and literacy
- Be socially equitable and accessible to all
- Be a valued community partner
- Be proactive and responsive to community needs

Library now subscribes to Lynda.com

Providing free access for Sudbury residents, login to the [Lynda.com Library Portal](#) with your library card number. Whether you are looking to learn a new skill or brush up on an old one, lynda.com can help!

Lynda.com, a LinkedIn Company, is an online educational site that includes over 6,000 courses (and over 180,000 videos) in popular fields like web design, web development, IT, education/instruction, media production, and business. Experts create and deliver all courses as well as provide supplemental materials like exercise files and relevant work samples. Users will need to create accounts in order to track course progress, create playlists of potential coursework, and keep course notes. Patrons should refer to lynda's Privacy Policy and Website Use Policy before starting.



Please note that you can only access course content through Goodnow's lynda.com library [portal](#), and not by directly visiting the lynda.com homepage.

Reimagining the Second Floor

Work on "Reimagining the Second Floor" began on November 1. A temporary wall is being built around the work site, encompassing the Teen Room and the Reference Staff Office. On October 30, movers came in and shifted the Teen collection to the far end of the second floor so that it remain accessible during construction. We have removed the four computers from the small computer room and set up two of them temporarily near the other public computing stations. At this time, we expect that all collections and areas of the second floor will remain accessible. Some of the noisiest work will be happening at night when the library is closed, but you may still experience some noise

and dust during the day. We are expecting that the project will take approximately four months to complete. We ask for your patience and understanding during this time, and look forward to welcoming you to our newly renovated space early in the New Year!

Minuteman Mobile App

Users on the go can use the app to search the catalog and place holds, monitor their library account, renew or freeze their items and manage holds. Users have access to a digital library card on their phone. The app provides access to thousands of eBooks, streaming movies, digital magazines, and premium subscription resources for lifelong learning.

It is like carrying the library in your pocket! Download it today from the App Store or Google Play.



Sign up for Text Notifications

Get notices on your phone

With Shoutbomb text messaging (SMS) service, you can use your mobile phone to:

- Receive text notices about holds available for pickup, courtesy renewal reminders, and overdue items
- Send a text to renew items or check your fine balance
- Get reminders about your account status before hitting fine limits or expiration dates



How to sign-up

To get started, text SIGNUP to 508-507-2560, then reply to the Shoutbomb messages with your library card number. Within an hour, you will receive several introductory messages.

Submitted by: Esmé Green, Library Director



Goodnow Library Strategic Plan 2018-2022 - Executive Summary

**Support learning and multiple forms of literacies**

- Expand children's programs and services.
- Build stronger connections with teens.
- Provide relevant, current information and materials in a variety of formats.
- Support self-directed learning through in-library and online resources.

Create a place which cultivates diverse ideas and innovation

- Increase public awareness and use of the NOW lab.
- Provide flexible spaces allowing both individual and group collaborations.
- Seek volunteers to share skills, knowledge and expertise.

**Foster community connections**

- Strengthen collaborations with businesses, community organizations and the town.
- Provide outreach services and increase Library's presence throughout the community.
- Partner with schools to support teachers, students and families.

Provide high standards for customer experience

- Promote a culture of excellence.
- Develop a comprehensive training and professional development program for staff.
- Seek feedback on a regular basis to assess library services and programs.

**Develop sustainability initiatives**

- Investigate sustainability facility operations.
- Create sustainable programming opportunities.
- Convene community conversations around sustainability and economic feasibility.

Board of Health

Flu Season

The Board of Health conducted 16 Flu Clinics and vaccinated approximately 600 residents and employees this year. Our vaccination rate is up 200 % from last flu season. One of the highlights of our flu clinics this year was a drive-through flu clinic at Hazardous Waste Collection Day on October 28th. Special thanks to the Medical Reserve Corps and the Citizens Emergency Response Team which has volunteered in many clinics throughout the Town of Sudbury. We also had four nurse interns to thank as well, Julie Macarthur, Danielle Cacciola, Olivia Ripa and Grace Thud from Worcester State University. There is still time to receive a flu shot. Please contact Phyllis Schilp BSN, RN, BOH Nurse 978-440-5477 or schilpp@sudbury.ma.us for an appointment for your vaccination.

Submitted by Phyllis Schilp, Board of Health Nurse



38 flu shots administered during the drive-through flu shot clinic.



Household Hazardous Waste Collection

The 2017 household hazardous waste collection was held on Saturday, October 28th from 8am until 12pm. This year's event was made possible by a generous grant through the Sudbury Foundation. The HHW collection is a critical service to safely dispose of hazardous materials that threaten public health and the environment. Old and unused materials such as solvents, fuels, oils, acids, cleaners, thinners, and adhesives were collected for safe disposal.

A resident disposing of hazardous materials at this year's Hazardous Waste Collection Day.



Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc. was the waste contractor and their professional team provided another successful event.

Board of Health members Susan Sama and Linda-Huet Clayton along with health department staff, Bill Murphy, Phyllis Schilp, and Bethany Hadvab and volunteers Marie Royea, Janet Buchwald, Ippolit Manjucha directed traffic, answered questions, and ensured 250 households of hazardous waste were safely disposed of.

Submitted by Bill Murphy, Director of Sudbury Health Department

Bethany Hadvab directing traffic at Hazardous Waste Collection Day.

Fall Donation

Thanks to countless donors, the Board of Health social worker, nurse, and interns supported residents with warm clothing and Thanksgiving



Board of Health social worker, Bethany Hadvab, and social work intern, Van Tsui prepare for Thanksgiving Basket Distribution.

baskets this November. With the help of many generous volunteers, hundreds of winter coats and accessories were collected and distributed, and over 80 individuals received food for Thanksgiving.



Winter coat distribution event.

Submitted by: Bethany Hadvab, LICSW, Social Worker

The Sudbury Board of Selectmen invites you to participate in the...

2018 SUDBURY TOWN FORUM

Saturday, March 3, 2018

LSRHS Auditorium

10:00 am – 12:30 pm

Marijuana in Sudbury

Please join us to learn more about this important topic and share your ideas.

- **Zoning** – [Zoning Bylaw](#) Articles 4600 and 4800 deal with medical marijuana treatment centers and marijuana establishments
- **Growing & Cultivation**
- **State Law** – [An Act to Ensure Safe Access to Marijuana](#)
- **Moratorium** – Voted at [May 2017 Town Meeting](#), the temporary moratorium is in effect through June 30, 2018

We Want to Hear From You

- Come to the Forum with your comments and questions.
- Email questions to townforum@sudbury.ma.us in advance.
- If you are watching from home, you may also email townforum@sudbury.ma.us with questions during the Forum.
- Please put “Town Forum 2018” on the subject line of your email and include your name and address for the public record.

Broadcast Information:

Comcast Channel 8 ~ Verizon Channel 31 ~ <http://tinyurl.com/sudburytvlivestream>