



Town of Sudbury
Town Manager Newsletter
September, 2012

Message from the Town Manager

Greetings!

It's hard to believe summer is done and kids are back in school. I hope everyone found time to relax and spend time with their families and recharge their batteries.

This week a Special Town Meeting was held at the L-S auditorium (see voting results provided by the Town Clerk at the end of this newsletter). I want to recognize and thank the staff of my office, the Law Office, the Technology Office and the Town Clerk's Office, who handle the many administrative tasks needed to make sure that Town Meeting goes smoothly and the Town Moderator is ably supported as he conducts the meeting. 752 registered voters attended the one night Special Town Meeting, and I thank them for their willingness to attend to the Town's business, vote thoughtfully, and stay until the last item was dispensed with at 11:07 pm. I want to briefly mention two articles which were approved. First, voters appropriated funds and authorized the issuance of debt for repair of the Nixon school roof, allowing this project to go forward, and keeping Sudbury eligible for a 36.89% grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority toward the costs of the project. Approval from Sudbury voters at a Special Town Election, scheduled for December 4, 2012, will also be necessary. Second, voters approved a petition article to ask the State legislature to amend Chapter 131 of the Acts of 1994, which is our Town Charter, by increasing the Board of Selectmen from 3 members to 5 members. At their regular meeting on October 2, the Board of Selectmen will sign the formal petition document and then send it to our State Representative Tom Conroy to begin the legislative process required for enactment of a Special Act. Regarding article 3, a request for funds to replace and repair sections of the roof on the Fairbank Community center, a majority of voters approved the project, but unfortunately it was not a 2/3 majority, which is the requirement for authorizing bond issuance for capital projects. This roof has passed its expected useful life and the consulting firm of Russo Barr Associates, hired by the Permanent Building Committee, has recommended this project. Work will need to be undertaken to address the questions raised at Town Meeting about the future configuration and design of the Fairbank Community Center very soon so that we can resolve the issues related to this roof.

On Tuesday September 11, I joined with others at Sudbury's September 11 Memorial Garden in Heritage Park for the annual ceremony to remember the Sudbury victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks: Geoffrey Cloud, Cora Hidalgo Holland and Peter Morgan Goodrich.

The ceremony included police and fire honor guards, and they presented the colors and raised the flag. My thanks to Lt. Scott Nix, and Detectives Wayne Shurling and Michael Curran of the Sudbury Police Department and Chief William Miles, Captain Tim Choate, and Firefighter Mike Matros of the Sudbury Fire Department, for their assistance at this event, and to Town Historian Lee Swanson for tolling the bells of First Parish at 8:46, the moment the first plane hit the World Trade Center. After the bells tolled, I could hear sirens in the distance as Sudbury public safety staff responded to a call for service, and I could not help thinking of the brave New York Firefighters and Police Officers who responded to the World Trade Center buildings that morning 11 years ago.

I am grateful to the members of the September 11 Memorial Oversight Committee, including Chairman Beth Farrell and members Barbara Clifton, Bette Cloud, Rachel Goodrich, Deborah Kruskal, Kathy Newman, Kirsten Roopenian, and Larry O'Brien, for the care they take of the memorial and their planning for the annual event of remembrance. The Sudbury Public Works Department works with them as well. If you have not visited the September 11 Memorial in Heritage Park, I urge you to plan some time to visit this stunning landmark, which is designed to be a peaceful and beautiful place where town residents can reflect on the impact that solemn September day had on our nation and our community of Sudbury.

Sincerely, *Maureen G. Valente, Town Manager*

From the Selectmen's office

The Board continued their due diligence process in examining potential re-use of the Melone Gravel pit property so that all future deliberations are conducted with as much information as possible. The Melone parcel is a 46.6 acre property off North Road owned by the Town. As most of the gravel has been removed from this site, the Town has begun researching options for redevelopment of the property. In January 2011 the Town received the results of the first of two studies of the land from consultants. The first study examined potential *municipal* uses of the property, focusing on creation of recreational fields, a multi-family housing development, or low impact usage such as trails and open space. This second consultant's report focused on *non-municipal, commercial* options for the site and identified scenarios that would involve the Town leasing or selling the land to a commercial developer for development. The consultants were asked to provide a range of property values for each potential use and expected revenue that could be generated if the Town sold the property for that use. The study did not address ongoing fiscal costs and benefits of any of the scenarios, nor did it make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen except to note that the land could also be banked at this time as values could change in the future. It only provided valuation information to add to fuller knowledge for the Board and the Town to consider as study of this parcel continues. Both of these reports are on the Town's web site. Town staff noted a list of "next steps" that should be undertaken if the Board wants to continue the process of studying alternatives for the Melone property.

The Board also considered a site plan request to modify the existing site plan for the Rugged Bear Plaza so that a restaurant could become an allowed use in the plaza. Members of the Board unanimously agreed with this proposal.

In other items, the Board voted to approve the request of Director of Planning and Community Development Jody Kablack to develop a grant request for funds to construct the proposed Town Center intersection improvements, accepted a \$2,170 grant to the Senior Center, accept a gift of \$10,000 from TD Bank for Rte. 20 traffic improvements, renewed the Sunday Entertainment license for Bullfinches restaurant, and congratulated new Eagle Scouts Dylan W and Taylor J. Brown.

Submitted by: Selectmen/Town Manager's Office

Welcome Home SPC Christopher D. Raymond!

Specialist Chris Raymond has arrived home after spending a twelve month deployment to Afghanistan. He served in Logar Province as a member of the Pathfinder Company, 2nd 82nd Aviation Regiment. Chris' duties included downed aircraft and pilot recovery, quick reaction force and focused targeting force missions. During his tour of duty, Chris was awarded the Army Commendation medal, Good conduct Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge and the Afghanistan Campaign Medal.

Specialist Raymond is a 2003 graduate of Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School. He is the son of Michele Raymond Dolitka and the late Fred J. Raymond, stepson to the late David J. Dolitka. Chris is married to Alicia Obermeier Raymond of Fayetteville, NC. Chris will serve the remainder of his enlistment at Fort Bragg, NC and attend the University of North Carolina to study Computer Information Systems.

Welcome Home Christopher and thank you for your service!!!

Submitted by Assistant Town Manager/HR Director

Finance Department

The Finance Department will be issuing the Town's FY13 Consolidated Budget document in the first week of October. An electronic version of the document will be posted on the Town's website. In addition, hardcopies will be distributed to the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and various staff members of the Town, SPS and Lincoln-Sudbury district. The document contains over 200 pages of financial exhibits, analysis and narratives pertaining to our current fiscal year's budget and financial plan.

The Town received notification today from the Department of Revenue regarding Free Cash. The amount of available funds or "free cash" as of July 1, 2012 for the Town of Sudbury's General Fund is \$2,388,556 or approximately 3% of the FY13 budget. Under ideal financial conditions, a community strives to generate free cash in an amount equal to 3-to-5 percent of its annual budget. Free cash is a revenue source which results from the calculation, as of July 1, of a community's remaining, unrestricted funds from operations of the previous fiscal year based on the balance sheet as of June 30. The DOR recommends that communities understand the role free cash plays in sustaining a strong credit rating and encourages the adoption of policies on its use. They also recommend that free cash not be available to supplement current year departmental operations.

Submitted by: Finance Director

Board of Health

The Board of Health inspected the five Sudbury Public Schools cafeterias on September 5-10, 2012. A new contracted food service company, Whitsons, is preparing food in all five schools. The inspections were satisfactory and a very good well-balanced nutritional lunch program including greater use of fresh vegetables and fruits is being offered by Whitsons for this school year. The improvement in the school lunch menu was encouraging for the Board of Health to see for the benefit of Sudbury children.

Submitted by: Health Director

Department of Public Works

All streets that were submitted under Chapter 90 have been resurfaced and line striped. Drainage has been completed on Walkup Road and August Road.

Flash boards in the Carding Mill Dam were replaced. Two headwalls at the Old Lancaster Road Culvert were built. In addition, the Department finished repairing the Hudson Road Walkway from Teakettle Lane to Fairbank Road.

Submitted by: DPW Director

Public Safety

Fire Department

During the Town Meeting held in May of 2011, funds were approved to replace the fire alarm system at the Nixon School. The system in place at the time was 10 years old and deficient in a few areas. Approximately one third of the classrooms were not equipped with smoke detectors. Also, the equipment lacked addressability to inform responding firefighters of the location of the alarm. Modern fire alarm systems are fully addressable, meaning the system is configured to display the exact location and type of device that was tripped.

Under the direction of Sudbury Schools Maintenance Director Joe Kupczewski and Assistant Fire Chief John Whalen, the installation and acceptance testing on the new system was completed near the end of August, 2012. With the new equipment in place, firefighters are now informed of the specific location of the alarm on the new annunciator panel and accompanying map just inside the front door. In addition, all areas of the schools are protected, including two addressable smoke detectors in each classroom.

Nixon was the last school in Sudbury to be upgraded to a fully addressable fire alarm system. With this important improvement in place, the Town has taken yet another step to maintain safety in their school buildings. Along with the Sudbury Schools, the Fire Department appreciates the support of the Town's citizens with this important project.

Submitted by: Fire Chief

Police Department

The Sudbury Police and Fire Chiefs would like to bring to the public's attention a change in the call handling process for non 911 and business calls to the Sudbury Fire Department. As part of the change of location of the fire dispatch to the police station all calls to the fire department will be answered at the police station in the combined public safety dispatch area. Calls intended for the fire department will be forwarded by the Public Safety Dispatchers to the fire station as was always the case with 911 calls. When calling on regular non 911 phone lines to either the Police or Fire departments, you will be answered by a Public Safety Dispatcher who will forward your call to the appropriate Public Safety Department.

Submitted by: Police Chief/Fire Chief

Library

Please join us for an evening celebrating 150 years of the Goodnow Library!

The Goodnow Library Foundation presents an evening featuring:

Elegant food catered by Swartz Catering

Cocktails available

Entertainment from talented Lincoln Sudbury residents including:

Lincoln/Sudbury High School Select Jazz Combo

Lincoln/Sudbury High School Accent A Cappella

A conversation with John Goodnow, portrayed by Hal Cutler (a Goodnow descendant)

Cocktail attire

Cost: \$75 per ticket

Please RSVP by October 8 to development@goodnow-foundation.org Space is limited.
For more information: <http://www.goodnow-foundation.org/>
Sponsored by Roche Bros.
Submitted by: Library Director

Park and Recreation Department

Sudbury Park & Recreation and Council on Aging Proudly Present:

Sudbury Halloween 5K & 1-Mile Fun Run/Senior Stride!



Date: Sunday, October 28, 2012
5K Time: 11:00 AM
5K Cost: \$25.00
Fun Run/ Senior Stride: 12:00 PM
Fun Run/ Senior Stride Cost: \$10.00
T-shirts: Register by October 7th to be guaranteed a T-shirt!

Join us for our first Halloween 5K, Fun Run/Senior Stride! This is a great event for the whole family: run, walk, cheer, or volunteer! The 5K will be a timed event starting at 11:00 AM followed by a 1-Mile Fun Run/Senior Stride around our paved *Haskell Field* loop. Free refreshments available for race participants. **Costumes are encouraged, so get in the spirit!**

Volunteers of all ages needed! High school community service opportunities! If interested, please email Nancy McShea at McSheaN@sudbury.ma.us.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Online Registration is STRONGLY RECOMMENDED and is the PREFERRED METHOD. If you prefer to register in person or by mail, please print, fill out the information [registration form](#), and return to: Sudbury Park & Recreation/Atkinson Pool, 40 Fairbank Road, Sudbury, MA 01776.

Fall Program Brochure – Including some FREE programs and 18 NEW Programs!

Click Here: to download your very own copy of the Fall 2012 Program Brochure. You are welcome to register any time after this initial registration period as long as there is still space available in the program. Everything is on a first-come, first-served basis. **Please note that the print version of the brochure was in mailboxes the last week in August.*

POOL and RECREATION REGISTRATION: Now open!

Submitted by: Park and Rec. Director

Planning and Community Development

The consultant's report on the Melone property planning and valuation study which is not yet final can be found on the web at <http://sudbury.ma.us/departments/PCD/news3968> . The report contains excellent demographic data on Sudbury, as well as thought-provoking recommendations for possible reuse of the property.

The Community Preservation Committee is accepting proposals for FY14 funding, to be approved at the 2012 Annual Town Meeting. Proposals are due by November 2, 2012, and forms can be found at <http://sudbury.ma.us/departments/CPC/news3945> .

TD Bank is nearing completion of construction of their new branch office located at 407 Boston Post Road. Grand opening is scheduled for early November. *Submitted by: Director of Planning and Community Development*

The Sudbury Senior Center

New Classes for Fall

The fall months bring lots of new classes and activities to the Senior Center this year. In September, several classes begin including the "America Votes" and "U.S. History 1865-1912" series, as well as "Advanced Beginner Bridge", "Watercolors" and "Drawing Portraits" classes. Fitness classes are revving up as well: Zumba, Fit for the Future, Tap Dance, Yoga, FitWalk and Strength classes are all starting new sessions. In October, look for more new lifelong learning classes, as well the Policemen's Picnic on Saturday, October 13 and the Sudbury Halloween 5K and Senior Stride (run or walk) on Sunday, October 28.

Fall Prevention

Fall Prevention Awareness Day was started in 2011 not only to bring awareness of the risk of a fall for older adults, but to let people know how to prevent one. This year, the Senior Center, the Sudbury Board of Health and Parmenter Community Health Care are co-sponsoring "Fall Prevention Day" at the Sudbury Senior Center on Saturday, September 22 from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Along with healthy brunch food, we will have a Tai chi and Yoga talk and demonstration, as well as "stories from the front" from Sudbury Fire Department Lieutenant Kevin Cutler, and fall prevention strategies from Occupational Therapist Terrie Banhazl, Supervisor of Rehab. Sue Rushfirth and Board of Health Nurse Allison Latta. Call the Sudbury Senior Center to sign up and for more information at (978) 443-3055.

In conjunction with Fall Prevention Day, a special "Soups On!" program on fall prevention will be held on Thursday, September 20 at 12 noon at the Senior Center. This program will feature Board of Health Nurse Allison Latta, R.N., Parmenter Supervisor of Rehabilitation Sue Rushfirth and others sharing "Fall Survivor Stories".

Veterans

Looking ahead to November, the Sudbury Senior Center and the Sudbury Military Support Network will celebrate Sudbury's Veterans with a special luncheon on Wednesday, November 14 at noon. We would also like to let veterans know that the MetroWest Regional Transit Authority offers free transportation to the VA hospitals in West Roxbury and Jamaica Plain, as well as the Boston hospitals in the Longwood Medical area.

For information or to register please contact Lisa Long, Call Center Manager, at (508) 820-4650.

Submitted by: Senior Center Director

Technology Center

Our department has added new Contact search capability to the Town's website. A contact icon



appears on every webpage. Residents can search for Staff or Committee Members by name or by Department or Committee name. It will return their Name, Department/Committee and Telephone number. We have also added a new Staff tab on the department webpages which lists all staff names, job titles, location, email address and phone number for the department. Keywords have also been added so for example, if you search for Absentee Ballots it will return a listing of staff at the Town Clerk's office. If you find there are keywords that are missing, send them to infosystems@sudbury.ma.us and we'll add them to the search database.

We have also unveiled a new Election Archive section at <http://sudbury.ma.us/elections>. All election results from 1988 – present are listed on this page. You can use our Search engine to find Candidates or Ballot questions listed in the election archives. All elections that the searched Candidate name appears in will show under the Other Column. Senior Workers have been entering the past election results into the election database. We hope to have election results as early as 1960 available by the end of the year.

Submitted by: Technology Administrator

Town Clerk

If you are not yet a registered voter in the Town of Sudbury or wish to change your voter registration, the last day to register to vote or to make changes for the State Election on Tuesday, November 6, 2012 is **Wednesday, October 17, 2012**.

A special voter registration session will be held at the Town Clerk's office, Town Hall, 322 Concord Road, Wednesday, October 17, 2012, 9:00 AM until 8:00 PM. Registration is also available at the Town Clerk's office, 322 Concord Road, Monday - Friday 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM. For residents who are unable to register in person, mail-in voter registration forms are available at the Goodnow Library, the Post Office on Boston Post Road and the Town Clerk's office at 322 Concord Road.

The Massachusetts Mail-In Voter Registration Form can be used to register to vote in Massachusetts, to update registration information due to a change of name, make a change of address, or to register with a political party. A printable mail-in voter registration form is now available. After filling out this form, you must print it, sign it and mail it to your local election official.

[Mail-In Massachusetts Voter Registration Form](#)

Click here for [Absentee Ballot Information](#).

For further voter information you may call the office at 978-639-3351.

A Special Town Meeting was held on Monday, September 24, 2012. Here are the results from the meeting.

<p>The 2012 Special Town Meeting was called to order on September 24, 2012 at 7:37 p.m. by the Moderator, Myron J. Fox.</p>
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Two-Third Vote	Article 1 -	ROOF REPLACEMENT AND REPAIR- NIXON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Defeated	Article 2 -	FAIRBANK COMMUNITY CENTER ROOF PROJECT
Voted	Article 3- -	COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND - ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR PURCHASE OF 15 HUDSON ROAD
Voted	Article 4 -	SPECIAL ACT - REVISE c. 131 OF THE ACTS OF 1994 TO INCREASE SELECTMEN MEMBERSHIP TO 5
Voted	Article 5 -	CHEMICAL USE ON PROPERTY
Defeated	Article 6 -	ELIMINATION OF UNFUNDED FEDERAL AND STATE MANDATES
The 2012 Special Town Meeting was dissolved at 11:07 p.m.		

Submitted by: Town Clerk