



Town of Sudbury
Town Manager Newsletter
March 16, 2012

Message from the Town Manager

Greetings! I heard positive feedback on the first newsletter, so I am pleased that residents have found it useful. For this newsletter, I'd like to highlight one of the best things I think the Town of Sudbury does – warmly and proudly welcomes our service men and women home as they return from tours of duty, while also offering support to their families while they are away. Through our Sudbury Military Support Network, Sudbury residents and Town officials have joined to show our pride in our military personnel and families. This was a new effort begun by resident Patty Houpt after the tragic death in the line of duty of L-S graduate 1st Lt. Scott Milley in 2010, and I am pleased that she asked the Town to join with her and other military families to very publicly declare our gratitude and pride for those who choose to serve their country through military service. On Wednesday night, the Selectmen signed a proclamation welcoming home 1st Lt. Nick Rahall from a tour of duty in Afghanistan and proclaimed Friday March 9, 2012 as 1st Lt. Nick Rahall Day in Sudbury. The proclamation was presented to his proud mother, Debbie Poirier.



Sincerely, *Maureen G. Valente, Town Manager*

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Highlights of the 3.7.12 Board of Selectmen Meeting

The Board approved the site plan decision for Buddy Dog Humane Society, Inc. as well as approved the request of the Green Ribbon Energy and Sustainability Committee to allow me to sign two agreements with Ameresco, a company specializing in providing comprehensive energy efficiency and renewable energy solutions. The first agreement provides that Ameresco will conduct an Investment Grade Energy Audit of Town and SPS buildings, and the second is an agreement for a power purchasing agreement (PPA) for a solar PV facility on the Sudbury landfill. Ameresco is the company selected by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) following a competitive bid process to work with towns such as Sudbury.

The Board also engaged in an ongoing discussion with officials of the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical High School regarding a proposed major renovation of the school building. Sudbury is one of 16 towns that joined together long ago to provide high quality vocational educational opportunities by establishing Minuteman High School, and each year 8 - 12 Sudbury students choose to complete their high school education there. The Minuteman facility is in need of major repair and renovation; and while officials from all 16 towns agree with the need for the repairs and renovation, there is significant disagreement about the proposed size of the facility and how the costs of paying for the project should be allocated among towns which send students to Minuteman. At the present time, approximately 40% of the enrollment at Minuteman is from non-member communities but the costs of the project as currently

planned would be paid by only the 16 member towns. Sudbury's Board of Selectmen believes that situation needs to be rectified before they can support the issuance of long-term bonds to pay for the project. No final decisions have been made at this time about the future of the project.

The Board held one of its periodic *Town Forums* to review activities, plans, and staffing in the following departments: Police Department, Fire Department, and Building Inspection Department. *Town Forums* are public meetings the Selectmen have with other Town boards and committees as well as department heads as time permits on the agenda.

The next Selectmen's meeting is scheduled for March 20th and the Board will be considering its position on Town Meeting articles, considering an NSTAR petition, and meeting with the Conservation Commission among other items.

Remember – the Selectmen's meetings are televised live on Public Access TV and then replayed later during the following week. Also, you can watch past meetings on the SudburyTV.org website.

Selectmen/Town Manager's Office

Something new has been added to the Board of Selectmen's website. With the March 7th posted Agenda, we have added something new – "*Supplemental Agenda Material.*" This information is basically the backup data the Board receives in preparation for its meeting. The extra material will be added online by 5:00 p.m. on Monday prior to the meeting. We hope you find this added material useful.

The Selectmen's Office is currently preparing the 2011 Annual Report, which will be available for distribution no later than April 27th – at least 10 days prior to the Annual Town Meeting. Copies will be available at the Town Clerk's Office, the Fairbank Community Center, the Goodnow Library and the Selectmen's Office. Further, it will be accessible on the Town's website.

It's not too early to start thinking about the annual Town Cleanup. This year, Sudbury Earth Week will be April 22 – 28 with Spring Cleanup Day held on Saturday, April 28th. If you have previously volunteered for this very worthwhile venture, you will be contacted to "re-up". However, if this is all new for you, please feel free to contact the Selectmen's Office (978-639-3399) for further information.

The Board signed the Annual Town Election Warrant, which will be mailed to all residents for receipt by March 19th – a week prior to the Election which will be held on March 26th.

Office of Planning and Community Development (PCD)

Landham Crossing: 192 Boston Post Road. Has been recently been approved by the Zoning Board as a 31- unit Condominium Complex, including eight Affordable Units for home ownership only.

Zoning Articles for Town Meeting: The Planning Board will hold hearings on April 11 to receive input on proposed changes to the Zoning ByLaw which includes: a) updating the definition of Agricultural Use, b) Restricting the keeping of Roosters and c) Lowering the minimum parcel size for development of Senior Housing under the Senior Residential Community by-law.

The Planning Board has also proposed changes to the Stormwater Management Bylaw which refines the provisions of the Bylaw that has been in effect for two years.

Route 20 Zoning: The Planning Board has been working for the past six months with Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) on potential zoning of the Route 20 business area, if and when the Town

installs a sewer system. These proposed changes will not be discussed at this year's Town Meeting, but likely will be ready by 2013, allowing for ample input by the public.

Fire Department

On Saturday, February 25, 2012, the Sudbury Fire Department received a 911 call for a house fire at 7:39 p.m. at 26 Minebrook Road. Arriving crews found a basement fire in a two-story colonial home. Partitions in the basement hampered the efforts of firefighters to get water on the source of the fire.

Shortly after the fire fighting began, Fire Captain Douglas Stone struck a second alarm for additional help. Crews from Maynard, Acton, Concord, Lincoln, Framingham, and Wayland assisted at the scene and helped bring a difficult fire under control. Hudson, Weston, and Marlboro Engines covered the three Sudbury stations.

One resident and two Sudbury Firefighters were transported to Emerson Hospital with minor injuries. All were treated and released. The cause of the fire was electrical in nature, damage estimates are still being determined by the insurance company.

On Monday, February 27, 2012 at 2:40 p.m., the Sudbury Fire Department received a 911 call reporting a fire at the Bistro 20 Restaurant at 120 Boston Post Road. Two Sudbury engines and one ladder truck responded along with a Wayland engine and ladder truck. The Framingham Fire Department also sent an engine and an ambulance.

Upon arrival, a fire was discovered in the outside wall in the front of the building, and a moderate to heavy smoke condition was found in the basement. Fire crews opened the wall to extinguish the fire then checked the basement for extension. It was determined the fire started in the bark mulch surrounding the outside wall, possibly from the careless disposal of smoking materials.

Just as we depend on mutual aid from surrounding towns, we are quick to respond when needed by our neighbors. We sent an engine to cover Wayland Fire Headquarters in the early morning hours of March 2, 2012, while Wayland crews battled a house fire that resulted in a fatality. On Tuesday, March 6, 2012, we responded to a fire in an elderly housing complex at 240 Main Street in Marlboro. Sudbury Engine 2 assisted Marlboro in venting smoke and metering air quality in apartments above the fire floor.

Public Works Department

With spring just around the corner, the Department of Public Works (DPW) will be "switching gears" from winter responsibilities such as sanding, plowing and regular Town maintenance to more cleaning, sidewalk preparation, and repairs. Some of the projects commencing will be:

- Painting of the crosswalks.
- Sweeping sidewalks has begun and street sweeping will begin April first.
- Crosswalk signs will be put out soon.
- Collection of sand barrels.
- Repairs to Peakham Road Walkway from Homestead Street to Hudson Road will begin shortly.

Sudbury Senior Center

The Sudbury Council on Aging (COA) met on February 7, 2012. As part of a plan to reach out to other Town Departments, the COA has been inviting other Department heads to a COA meeting. This month

Esme Green, Goodnow Library Director, gave an overview of library services discussing ways the library and Senior Center might collaborate, such as reviving the Books on Wheels program, planning programs for evenings, computer classes and cross-marketing. As the library and Senior Center are just beginning the process of a new strategic plan, there will be more discussion of collaboration at a later date.

The COA also discussed an intergenerational idea that Robert Diefenbacher and Marilyn Goodrich have been working on with Lincoln Sudbury High School Economics teacher James Raffel. Mr. Diefenbacher and Ms. Goodrich will be seeking volunteers who have entrepreneurial/CEO experience to advise Economics students with their year-end projects on creating a small business plan.

The COA voted to approve the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to accept John Ryan as a new member of the Council on Aging, to fill a vacated seat.

Finance Department

Taking a trip? Make your first visit to the Sudbury Tax office for a new passport! Call 978-639-3376 to make an appointment or get more information.

Library

To find out what's going on at the Library, please sign up for our new mailing list. News and announcements will be sent out when we have updates. We may also spotlight existing service. We want this mailing list to be useful to our patrons. To subscribe or unsubscribe, please visit our website at: <http://sudbury.ma.us/services/library/mailing.asp>

Sudbury Historical Commission

Members of the Sudbury Historical Society came to our meeting to discuss the future of having a museum near the center of Town. Different ideas were brought to the table by both parties. The Society is still in the research stage and will meet with us again to discuss other options.

Diana Cebra, a candidate for an opening on the Commission, was recommended to the Selectmen for their approval. Under review is a suggestion for a subcommittee to help with the myriad of activities and to give support to Commission members. The Commission is in need of added docents.

Community Preservation Committee (CPC) FY12:

The Commission looks forward to the completion of projects in the Hosmer House under the CPC funding for FY12. Work on the radar bid for the Revolutionary Cemetery should be ready to go out in the spring. Weed pulling is continuing around tombs and stonewalls.

Community Preservation Committee FY13:

The CPC FY13 submissions for a fire suppression system for the Hosmer House, repair of the animal pound and continuing the Old Homes Survey will be on the Town Meeting Warrant.

A letter was received by Kevin Kennedy on the archeological dig performed on the old Babe Ruth property in Pine Lakes. He did not find a baseball or bat.

The Commission is proposing Preservation be placed on the Training Field. A member of the Commission will go to the Massachusetts Historical Commission to request the necessary paperwork required in order to place the Preservation designation on the Field.