



The Town of Sudbury, Massachusetts  
Town Manager's EMAIL Newsletter – May 15, 2006

*Town staff and committees are constantly working to improve the quality of life in Sudbury. This email is designed to share information with Town staff and committee members about the many programs and efforts that are underway.*

### **CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE**

In this newsletter I want to provide you with an update on various capital projects that were authorized by the 2005 Town Meeting under Article 11. Staff has been moving forward with these projects since spring 2005, working with architects and consultants, complying with bidding laws, dealing with occasional setbacks and researching various alternatives for finalizing these often complicated projects.

#### **New Fire Truck in Service**

The Sudbury Fire Department has taken delivery of the new fire engine authorized by Town Meeting in April 2005. For those who love to hear the technical details, the new engine is a 2005 E-One Typhoon Pumper with a 970 gallon water tank, and has a 30 gallon foam tank with a 1,500 gallon-per-minute pump. In addition to being a fully equipped pumper, it also carries a full set of Amkus auto extrication tools used for serious auto accidents. As you can see from the picture, it is designated as Engine 2. Engine 2 replaces a 1972 International Pumper, and insures that our front line equipment is reliable and properly equipped for emergencies. Chief Ken MacLean and the rest of the Fire Department did a terrific job, spending a great deal of time on design decisions and making sure the vehicle had all the right configuration and components for our needs.



#### **Station Three Floor Replacement Project Begun – Station Temporarily Closed**

This project is now well underway. Chief MacLean reports that the floor cutting and removal process has been completed and the contractor should be pouring concrete this week. The old concrete floor, over 40 years old, had buckled and deteriorated due to age and heavy loads, as well as corrosive chemicals from treated roads draining from the vehicles in winter. The project had actually begun earlier but then construction bids came in over the appropriation. Town Meeting 2006 supplemented the funds for the project, and good progress is now being made. In order to do this work, the station has to be closed and the equipment and firefighters usually stationed there have been temporarily relocated to the Fire Headquarters on Hudson Road. Completion is expected in late June or early July, and then the station will reopen. You may recall the Town completed the same work on Station Two, on Boston Post Road, in 1998. The Permanent Building Committee has been working with Chief MacLean on this project.

### **Fairbank Community Center Boiler System Replacement Project Also Underway**

Jim Kelly, Sudbury Building Inspector, is taking the lead on this project. This boiler system, nearly 50 years old, was approved for replacement after it became clear that we were risking complete failure in the near future. Additionally annual repairs were costing \$11,000, and system inefficiencies meant the Town was spending far too much in fuel consumption. When the new system is completely installed, we expect to see utility costs decline for this building with the efficiency of the new equipment. Jim reports that so far, the project is going as planned and should be completed by Labor Day. Pictured at left is one part of the system being removed from the Fairbank Building.



### **Fire Department Bucket Truck**

In December I reported that the Fire Department had taken delivery of the new bucket truck, designated F8, also authorized under Article 11 for purchase of a new rather than a used one. The truck recently helped Sudbury be a good neighbor by assisting Maynard's Fire Department last week. NStar had severed one of their fire alarm cables. Maynard was not able to repair the break, so Captain Stone and FF Hanley of SFD took F8 and made the repair for them. Maynard Fire Chief Kulik sent his thanks to the Sudbury Fire Department. We never know when we might need assistance from our neighbors, so it's great that when we can lend a helping hand, we do so. Thanks again to Chief MacLean, Captain Stone, and FF Hanley.

### **New Dock Installed on Willis Pond – CPA funded Project**

The last project I will update you on was not appropriated under the Capital Article but under Article 45 of the 2005 Town Meeting and paid for out of Community Preservation Act funds. Park and Recreation Director Dennis Mannone reports this project is now complete. A new floating, removal dock was purchased and installed on Willis Pond replacing an older deteriorated wooden dock. The Parks & Grounds division of the Public Works Department did the installation, and will work with the Park & Recreation Commission on annual tasks such



as upkeep, removal and storage of the dock during the winter. Here are pictures of the dock being wheeled into place and enjoyed by a resident. Thanks to John Lindgren Jr., Chris Felt, Fred Cygen and Tom Russo of the Parks & Grounds Division of the DPW for doing this work and Dennis Mannone for bringing the project to completion.



*My thanks to all the staff and volunteers who work hard to make these things happen. You make Sudbury such a special place.*

*Maureen Valente, Town Manager*