

TOWN OF SUDBURY

Town Manager Newsletter

October 2017

Message from the Town Manager

Dear Neighbor,

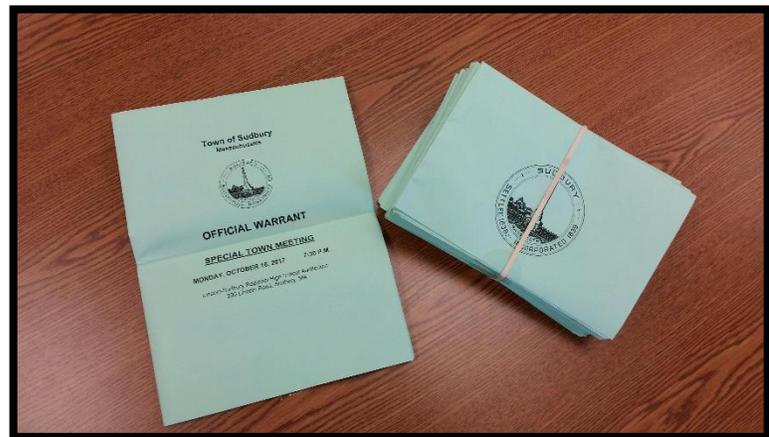
[Fall Town Meeting](#) is just around the corner (Monday, October 16), and we are busy at Town Offices preparing for the big night. It will be an interesting night for all of us as the Town Moderator position is vacant and Town Meeting will be required to hold an election to elect a Moderator for this meeting. This is new to me, and it's certainly not an event that Sudbury has seen in recent years.

There are many important and interesting topics on the agenda for this Monday night. We will be considering a new fire station on Route 20, safety and accessibility improvements for our playgrounds, and funding for both of our major litigations, the [Eversource Transmission Line Project](#) and the [Sudbury Station Development Application](#).

There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes to make Town Meeting a success, and I'd like to recognize my team for their dedication and professionalism as we approach each Town Meeting. Patty Golden, Leila Frank, Carol Hobin, Mark Thompson, Elaine Jones, Rosemary Harvell and the Sudbury TV staff are the Town employees who manage to pull off a seamless Town Meeting every time.

Finally, we have a new police officer on the streets these days. If you see Officer Zachary Shay be sure to say hello and welcome him to Sudbury!

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



Warrants ready for Town Meeting. Please be sure to bring yours or view on your device:

<https://sudbury.ma.us/townmeeting/?p=323>

From the Selectmen's Office

September 12

The Board met in Executive Session to discuss litigation regarding a cell tower and resumed in Open Session afterwards. They discussed matters that will be taken up at [October Town Meeting](#) including land under consideration for conveyance to Fish & Wildlife Service, the Welcoming Town petition and SPS office relocation. They also approved use of mitigation payments from development of the former Raytheon site to be used for Fire and Police department apparatus and station needs.

September 14

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

September 25

The Board met in Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to Sudbury Station and an Intermunicipal Agreement with Wayland for disposition of the former septage disposal facility.

September 26

The Board voted to support a funding application made by the Coolidge at Sudbury. They took positions on the article to be taken up at [October Town Meeting](#). The Board also approved an agreement as part of a settlement on cell tower litigation, discussed holding a Town Forum on the new recreational marijuana law and proclaimed October 4, 2017 as Jeffrey Newton Day in Sudbury, acknowledging the lieutenant's safe return home after serving 8 months in Iraq.

October 3

The Board hosted Envision Melone, a charrette seeking to find the best use for the Melone property on Route 117. Those who were not able to attend but are interested in contributing ideas are invited to complete the [Envision Melone online survey](#).

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/>



**Fire Station Headquarters
77 Hudson Rd, Sudbury**

<https://sudbury.ma.us/fire/?p=493>

Public Safety Day 2017

Saturday, October 14

11AM – 2PM



Building Department

The Building Department continues to be very busy with inspections. We have just finished the school and daycare inspections and are getting ready to inspect restaurants.

The two foundations for the new houses that are being built on Maynard Road are complete with the frame of one starting to go up.

Raytheon Redevelopment Updates

The redevelopment projects at the former Raytheon site are moving along nicely. The steel frame for the commercial buildings are up and they are just starting to close in the exterior.



Avalon has ten foundations in and the frames will be going up soon. They have also started construction on the swimming pool.



Above and Below Left: Construction at the Boston Post Road redevelopment site.

One third of The Bridges assisted living facility is framed and the rest is well underway and construction of the over 55 condominiums is expected to start soon.

Submitted by: Mark Herweck, Inspector of Buildings

Department of Conservation

The past several months have been extremely busy at the Conservation Department! The bulk of the Commission's time is spent on homeowners either embarking on a project, or completing an Order of Conditions, which delineates what is expected from a Conservation jurisdictional requirement.

Our work on some of the large new development projects continues, our outreach has added a Welcome to Sudbury letter to all new residents living within jurisdiction along with our brochure

that explains what living within a Wetland area means to homeowners. We measure our success by the increase in inquiries from homeowners prior to taking on any new projects within jurisdictional areas.

Bowhunting Season

Please be aware; Bowhunting season will be open October 16-December 30. Each year since 1999, Sudbury permits about 20 Bowhunters to manage deer herds on our Conservation Lands. Each must pass a proficiency test prior to being

permitted. Our Hunters are made up of; Police, Fire, EMTs, and experienced hunters. There is no hunting permitted on Sundays. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact the Conservation Department.

CAUTION: Yellow Jackets

This time of year, yellow jacket wasps are active in their ground nests. You may encounter these in your yard, especially under shrubs or other landscaped areas. You may also encounter these nests alongside trails in the conservation lands. It is a good idea to stay on the trails and watch your step. Keep a close eye on kids and especially dogs, who will often stick their noses in a wasp nest to investigate. Any danger from these nests is gone once there is a frost. Most yellow jacket wasps are yellow and black, but some are also white and black. Yellow jackets are beneficial because they pollinate plants and eat pests. However, they are aggressive when defending their nests. Yellow jackets dwell in the ground,

and a single colony may have over 1,000 workers by the time fall arrives. Yellow jackets are not prone to casual stinging, but they are quick to attack when defending the colony. Yellow jackets are sometimes mistakenly called bees given that they are similar in size and both sting, however yellow jackets are actually wasps.



Yellow jackets in their nest.

Submitted by: Kirsten Roopenian, Conservation Department

Fire Department

Ladder Truck

Funds were appropriated at the May 2017 Annual Town Meeting to replace our 1999 ladder truck. In August, Assistant Fire Chief John Whalen and I spent two days at the Kovatch Mobile Equipment Corporation, KME, in Nesquehoning, Pennsylvania. Meeting with a KME Sales Engineer, we went over every detail to be sure the new truck is manufactured to meet our specifications. We went through a similar experience when we purchased our 2015 KME Pumper that is now in service as Engine 2. Delivery of the new ladder truck is expected in the fall of 2018.

Pictured is a ladder truck that is very similar to the one we have on order. Although the paint



A ladder truck similar to the one Sudbury has ordered.

color and door configuration will be different, our truck will have the same 103 foot ladder on

top, the same jacking system, and will be the same overall length as the Santa Barbara truck pictured. I have every confidence this will be a valuable piece of equipment that will serve the town well for many years.

Firefighter/Paramedic Staffing

Four new Firefighter/Paramedic positions were also approved at May Town Meeting and were confirmed in a subsequent override vote. One position was filled by a firefighter with previous experience, and two were filled by new recruits who will start their Recruit Training Program at the Massachusetts Fire Academy in January, 2018. We are still seeking a candidate for the fourth position. Many other cities and towns are either upgrading their staff to the paramedic level or expanding their fire departments just like we are, so we are feeling the competition for qualified candidates.

Fire Station 2

As a result of expanding population and the increased demand for fire department services, I have submitted an article for the upcoming

October Town

Meeting to replace Fire Station 2 on Route 20 in South Sudbury.

The current Station 2 was built in 1961 as a two-person

station to respond on the south side of Town. It has served us well over the last 56 years, but the building is now inadequate in many ways. Fire apparatus and ambulances have grown much larger in size since 1961. The small bay doors and low ceiling heights limit our ability to purchase modern apparatus. In addition, the widening of Route 20 will be taking away a significant amount of apron space in front of the existing fire station,

making it difficult to back the fire engine into the station without interrupting the flow of traffic on Route 20. The most glaring deficiency is the one bunkroom and one bathroom at Station 2. There are presently no accommodations for female firefighters, which is a situation that needs to be addressed as soon as possible.

Our proposal is to demolish the old building and set up a temporary fire station and living quarters on a site to be determined on the south side of Town. The new fire station will be built on the site of the old one and will feature three wide bays that will each be two vehicles deep, for a total storage capacity of six pieces of apparatus. The floor plan also calls for four bunkrooms and two gender neutral bathrooms, providing proper accommodations for female firefighters. To address the widening of Route 20, there will be a drive through feature, so returning apparatus will enter through the west side driveway near Whole Foods, and turn right, and right again to enter the new station from the rear. This will eliminate the dangerous practice

of turning the apparatus into Route 20 traffic in an attempt to back into the old station through the front doors.

We used the 80,000 dollars of mitigation money given to us by National Development to fund the schematic design.

Although the actual final cost will be determined by opening the bids, the estimate provided to us by the architects in the schematic design process is 7.1 million dollars. This estimate includes all of the architectural drawings, construction costs, station equipment, and furnishings needed to build this essential facility.

Submitted by: Fire Chief Bill Miles



A rendering of the proposed Fire Station 2.

Board of Health

The leaves are just starting to take on their fall hues, but this is the time to start planning for the winter months.

Holiday Gift Assistance

Many free holiday gift programs for those who meet income requirements begin taking applications in October, and those who wait to apply until November or December may miss out on this opportunity. Visit <https://sudbury.ma.us/socialworker/> for updates about available programs. On this website, you will also find the Board of Health Gift and Donation Program Application. The spirit of giving and residents' desire to support their neighbors in Sudbury is truly incredible. During the holidays and throughout the year, people call the Town Social Worker when interested in making a donation to an individual or a family. The Gift and Donation Program was developed



to match donations with residents in need. Applications are due by November 1st. Even if you are not in need of holiday gifts, you can check

off other donation programs that you are interested in, and submit the application to be eligible for those programs throughout the year.

Fuel Assistance

The Fuel Assistance Program begins on November 1st. This program helps residents making 60% or less of the area median income to pay for heat. To learn more about this program, visit

<https://sudbury.ma.us/socialworker/>, starting November 1st.

Applicants who applied last year will receive recertification documents in the mail. For questions or to request an application, please contact:

Seniors- contact Ana Cristina Oliveira at the Sudbury Senior Center at 978-639-3268

All others- contact Bethany Hadvab, Town Social Worker, or Evangeliah "Van" Tsui, Social Work Intern at 978-440-5476



Memory Screening

November is National Memory Screening Month. The Board of Health and the Sudbury Senior Center are partnering for the annual Memory Screening event at the Senior Center on November 9th from 10am-12pm. Please call the Senior Center to make an appointment at 978-443-3055. Appointments take about 15 minutes each.

Submitted by: Bethany Hadvab, LICSW, Social Worker

Planning & Community Development

Happy fall from the Office of Planning and Community Development (PCD)! We are delighted that the leaves are changing and that several projects are going at full-steam! Here are just a few highlights from PCD:

Envision Melone

In collaboration with the Board of Selectmen, PCD held "Envision Melone: Shaping Melone's Future Together" on October 3, 2017. The program was well-attended, with 36 participants

from both Sudbury and a few from the Town of Concord. Director of Planning and Community Development Meagen Donoghue facilitated the event along with members from the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board which included two brainstorming sessions, one focusing on strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (or S.W.O.T. analysis), and the second used the ideas gleaned from the S.W.O.T. to come up with the best use of the land. A big thank you to all those attended as well as helped out.

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

ENVISION MELONE:
Mapping Melone's Future Together

Tuesday, October 3, 2017
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Fairbank Community Center Gym
40 Fairbank Road

CREATIVE. INFORMED. HANDS-ON.
COME TO SHARE YOUR IDEAS FOR THE
FUTURE OF THE MELONE PROPERTY!

The 46-acre Melone property is the former site of a municipal gravel operation, which is no longer in use. Sudbury is seeking ideas on how best to reuse this large parcel of land. To learn more about the property, please visit:
<https://sudbury.ma.us/pcd/?p=103>

We Want to Hear From You

- Come to the brainstorming session with your ideas, comments and questions.
- Can't be there? Email your ideas to community@sudbury.ma.us in advance.
- Please put "Envision Melone" in the subject line of your email and include your name and address for the public record.

If you were unable to attend Envision Melone, please consider taking part in the online survey at:

<http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07eepcirhfj8lnmrhy/start>. It will be online until October 30, 2017. The results from both the event and survey will be compiled into a report and presented at a future date.

Milestones Achieved for the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Design Project

Environmental Planner Beth Suedmeyer has been working hard, and progress is being made to advance the design of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (BFRT). In September 2017, the [25% Design Submission](#) was sent to MassDOT to initiate their formal review. Next steps will

involve the MassDOT District and Sections submitting comments to the Project Design Team, a process which may take 120 days. MassDOT will hold a Design Public Hearing in Sudbury once their comments have been addressed.

In May 2017, another major milestone was achieved, as the project was placed on the 2018-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) of the Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). This committed state and federal construction funding to the project for Federal Fiscal Year 2022. If MPO schedule modifications occur, it is possible the project could advance to construction sooner.

The Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (BFRT) will be a 25-mile rail trail between Lowell and Framingham, along the former Lowell Secondary Track right-of-way of the Old Colony Railroad. In Sudbury, the rail corridor extends through the center of Town, approximately 4.4 miles from South Sudbury near Route 20, north to the Sudbury/Concord Town line. The Town is in the process of designing the trail, which will be constructed with State and Federal support. Project information has been updated on the Departments website and may be accessed here <https://sudbury.ma.us/pcd/?p=354>.

Community Preservation Committee Applications Now Available

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is now soliciting proposals for projects that may qualify for Community Preservation Act funding to be presented at the May 2018 Annual Town Meeting. Proposals can be submitted under any of the four topic areas of: 1) acquisition, creation and preservation of open space; 2) acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of historic resources; 3) acquisition, creation, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of land for recreational use; and 4) acquisition,

creation, preservation and support of community housing.

Click on the link for the [FY19 Project Form](#) to download the application. Applications should be submitted to the CPC as soon as possible, and no later than Monday, November 6, 2017. Submissions can be mailed to or dropped off at the Planning and Community Development Office, Flynn Building, 278 Old Sudbury Road. Public hearings about the proposals will be held during the late fall of 2017.

To find out more information about the CPA in Sudbury, check out the CPC website at: <https://sudbury.ma.us/cpc/>. A brochure is also available describing the program along with a list of past projects funded by the CPA. Should you have questions about your project proposal please contact Meagen Donoghue, Director of Planning and Community Development at 978-639-3387 or by e-mail: donoghuem@sudbury.ma.us

Submitted by: Meagen Donoghue, Planning and Community Development Director

Town Clerk

It is hard to believe that despite the recent warm temperatures, we are now well into the Fall Season!

The Town Clerk's Staff truly enjoys assisting residents with marriage and birth certificates and other important documents and issues, but it has also been a great pleasure to license so many new dogs this fall. Sudbury is in love with their pets!

As a reminder, the Town Clerk's Office has been busy preparing for the Fall Special Town

Meeting, which will convene Monday, October 16, 2017 at 7:30 PM at Lincoln Sudbury Regional High School.

Here is a link to the [Special Town Meeting Warrant](#).

We look forward to seeing you there!

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.

- [Conservation Commission](#)
- [Commission on Disability](#)
- [Fairbank Study Committee](#)
- [Memorial Day Committee](#)
- [Permanent Building Committee](#)
- [Planning Board](#)
- [Ponds and Waterways Committee](#)
- [Sudbury Cultural Council](#)
- [Traffic Safety Coordinating Committee](#)



NEW!