

TOWN OF SUDBURY

Town Manager Newsletter

November/December 2016

Message from the Town Manager

Dear Resident,

I hope you are having a safe and healthy start to winter. We have been busy in Sudbury readying our Fiscal Year 2018 budget and staying ahead of ice and snow to the best of our ability.

This winter, through the guidance of our new DPW Director Dan Nason, we are focusing on increased services during winter events and taking a proactive approach in order to keep our roads safe during storm events and other inclement weather. I've heard wonderful feedback from many residents due to this new approach and I applaud Director Nason.

I hope many of you will join me at the [Town Forum](#) on Saturday, January 21 at 10 AM. The Forum will take place at Town Hall and will include topics such as budgeting, the Loring Parsonage Historical Museum and capital needs. Along with the Board of Selectmen, Department Heads will be available to address questions.

I'm proud to announce that the Town of Sudbury has been granted the designation of a Community Compact Town. We will be partnering with the state to address some best practices and will be eligible for grant funding and technical assistance to help achieve those goals. Lieutenant Governor Polito will be joining the Board of Selectmen to sign the Community Compact Agreement in January.

I hope to see you at the Town Forum.

Best,

Melissa Murphy-Rodrigues, Esq., Town Manager



L-R: Election Wardens Steven Greene, Joe Bausk and Tom Travers at November's Presidential Election. Their regalia was sewn especially for the occasion by Election Worker Jacqui Bausk.



From the Selectmen's Office

November 1

The Board received an update on the progress of the Fairbank Community Task Force as well as the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (BFRT) 25% design. The Board voted to apply for Community Preservation Act funding for both a Wayside Inn conservation restriction and BFRT design.

November 10

The Board met in Executive Session to discuss issues pertaining to the [Village at Sudbury Station](#) comprehensive permit application. The Board also discussed and released past executive session minutes.

November 15 (Morning and Evening)

The Board met in Executive Session in the morning to discuss issues pertaining to the [Village at Sudbury Station](#), collective bargaining, release past executive session minutes and discuss issues pertaining to the [Eversource transmission line project](#).

The Board met in the evening to hold the Tax Classification Hearing, during which they voted a 1.38 CIP (Commercial, Industrial, Personal Property) tax shift as well as whether or not to adopt several exemptions. The Board voted not to extend an agreement from 2007 for rehabilitation of the Frost Farm House.

November 17

The Board hosted a community meeting during which findings on the environmental conditions at the [Melone](#) property on North Road were presented.

November 29

The Board hosted a public meeting on the progress of the [Bruce Freeman Rail Trail](#) in Sudbury.

November 30

The Board met in Executive Session to discuss issues pertaining to the [Eversource transmission line project](#) as well as the Wayside Inn property conservation restriction.

December 6

The Board discussed renovations needed for Fire Station #2 as well as the [Town Hall Blue Ribbon Committee report](#). They met jointly with the Fairbank Community Center Study Task Force to discuss their mission statement as well as the location of public school offices. The Board approved a conservation restriction for a 5 acre parcel of land at 306 Lincoln Road. The Board voted to increase the amount received by seniors who participate in the Senior Tax Work-Off program from \$1,000 to \$1,1000. Potential topics for the [Town Forum](#) were discussed. The Selectmen also discussed distributing a quarterly newsletter that they would write, beginning in the first quarter of 2017.

December 8

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

December 13

The Board met in Joint Executive Session with the Hudson Board of Selectmen to discuss issues pertaining to the [Eversource transmission line project](#).

December 20

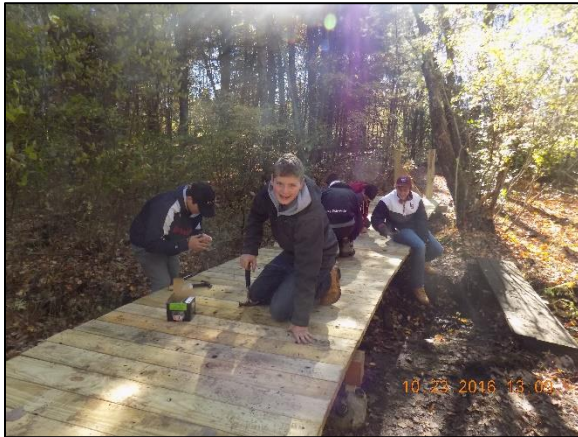
The Board voted to endorse the Local Initiative Program application for Avalon Bay, which will give the Town a role in monitoring affordable units within the development. A proposal to purchase the former police station was accepted. They also discussed options regarding new marijuana legislation. Afterwards, the Board met in executive session to discuss the Wayside Inn property conservation restriction.

Please note: The above description reflects some of the agenda items discussed at recent Board meetings. They are not meant to be exhaustive of materials received by the Board or all comments on agenda items. For further meeting details, please go to [SudburyTV.org](https://sudbury.ma.us/boardofselectmen/meetings/) 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 has been very busy this fall with many diverse projects happening in town. Our Scouts have really stepped up to the plate to assist the Commission in improving the Conservation Land. Michael Cavanaugh (*shown below working on the bridge*), one of our Scouts, has been working on the Hop Brook bridge construction. It is now completed and makes the trail around Duck Pond safer and more enjoyable for visitors. A big thanks to Michael and his helpers for an excellent job!



The Conservation Commission is in the process of permitting the new retail and assisted living phases for National Development at the former Raytheon site. Monitoring of the demolition phase has shown no problems with the site work to date, even with the recent heavy rains.

The Conservation Commission has approved a partial wetland delineation along the proposed BFRT (Bruce Freeman Rail Trail). Perennial streams and vernal pools still need to be identified and confirmed in the field next spring. The Commission is currently reviewing a preliminary alignment plan of the trail for comment back to Planning & Community Development and the Town's consultant. With the \$4000 grant from the Sudbury, Assabet & Concord Community Grant Program, River Stewardship Council, the Commission is moving forward to complete work in the King Philip Woods conservation land off Water Row. The new parking area and signage have been installed. Work on restoration of the main trail from Water Row to the pond will continue in the spring.

Finally, the Commission would like to recognize Commissioner Dave Henkels for successful completion of Fundamentals of Massachusetts Conservation Commissioners intensive wetland training course and receiving the Certificate of Achievement. He has been recognized by the Massachusetts Conservation Commission for his commitment to training in order to promote sound, consistent, fact based decision making thereby building respect and adding credibility to decisions made by Commissioners. Not stopping there, Dave also just became a Certified Wetland Hydrologist. Congrats Dave!

Submitted by Kirsten Roopenian, Conservation Department



Facilities Department

Town Wide Electric aggregation is Coming Soon!

A 2015 Town Meeting resolution tasked the Sudbury Energy Committee to aggregate the electricity consumption of its residents and seek competitive bids for its supply. In early November this year, the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities approved the Town's application. In other words, the Town is switching electricity suppliers for all of us. Notwithstanding whether or not this hurts Eversource's bottom line, this is good news for several reasons. The program uses a bulk purchasing process designed to provide annual savings and rate stability for consumers and additional renewable energy options. Once an aggregation contract for Sudbury is in place, any individual will be permitted to opt-out

in favor of Eversource basic service or another supplier. If you already have an alternative electricity supplier, you can choose to join the town wide program at the end of the contract. Households with solar who are net metering customers will continue to receive net metering credits from Eversource.

Watch town-wide communication channels for official announcements in the near future and check out the flyer below.

Submitted by: Jim Kelly, Combined Facilities Director



TOWN OF SUDBURY TOWN-WIDE ELECTRIC AGGREGATION

The Town of Sudbury is launching the Sudbury Town-Wide Electric Aggregation program for residents and businesses in early 2017. The program uses a bulk purchasing process designed to provide savings and rate stability for consumers on their electricity bills. The program also offers consumers exciting renewable energy options. This program was approved by the Board of Selectmen and the MA Department of Public Utilities.

Benefits

- Annual savings on your electric bills beginning early 2017
- Protection from volatile electricity prices
- Leave the program at anytime without penalty
- Includes local renewable energy
- Net metering customers included; continue to receive net metering credits from Eversource

Features

- Automatic enrollment with 30 day opt-out
- No contract to sign
- Same level of service from Eversource; continue to contact Eversource about any service issues
- Continue to receive a single bill from Eversource
- Customers may opt out and remain with current supplier
- Leave the program at anytime
- Keep Budget Billing

Learn more:
Call: (844) 864-3828
Email: info@Sudbury-CEA.com
Website: Sudbury-CEA.com



Board of Health

Flu Season Update

Flu season has been busy this year with increased immunization rates from 2015. The Board of Health conducted 14 Flu Clinics around town and vaccinated approximately 400 residents and employees this year. 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 three nurse interns to thank as well, Sonal Patel from UMASS Boston, Chioma Nwaka-Eke and Jordan Downey both from Worcester State University.



Volunteers surround Board of Health nurse, Phyllis Schilp, at the Sudbury Senior Center Flu Clinic

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, BSN, RN

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

On Saturday, November 5th, the Board of Health held a household hazardous waste collection at the DPW facility. Clean Harbors, Inc. was



Michele Korman of the Board of Health managing traffic at household hazardous waste collection site.



A team effort made household hazardous waste collection day a huge success.

contracted to collect items such as solvents, fuels, oils, acids, cleaners, thinners, and adhesives for safe disposal. Over 325 households dropped off hazardous materials for safe disposal. The quantities collected were significantly more than the last collection held in 2012.

Thanks to Sustainable Sudbury for additional advertising on Rt. 20 and the Clean Harbors crew for a very safe and professional job. Special thanks to volunteers Marie Royea (CERT), Lee Arnold, and Andrew Korman for



their assistance with set-up, breakdown, and directing heavy traffic. Lastly, and most importantly, we want to thank the residents that attended for their patience and commitment to a safe environment.

Submitted by: Bill Murphy, Health Director

Holidays Tips

As the holidays are fast approaching, here's wishing everyone a safe, warm and happy holiday season!

Safety: The holidays can be a stressful time of year for many, and knowing who to reach out to in times of crisis is critical.

- **Advocates Psychiatric Emergency Services-** 508-872-3333 (24-hour emergency mental health support, including a mobile unit. Available to everyone regardless of insurance or ability to pay)
- **Domestic Violence Services Network, Inc. Toll-Free Help Line-** 888-399-6111 (Confidential crisis intervention, safety planning and support to those facing domestic violence)



- **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline-** 800-273-8255 (24-hour confidential support for individuals and loved ones of individuals coping with suicidal thoughts)

Warmth: The fuel assistance program is up and running. For information:

- Senior residents-Call Anne Manning at 978-639-3268
- All other residents-Call Bethany Hadvab at 978-440-5476

Happiness: For those in need of gifts for children and youth, or those interested in making donations this holiday season, please see the following websites for details.

- **Project Just Because** <http://projectjustbecause.org/>
- **Toys for Tots/Devens** <http://devens-ma.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/Default.aspx>
- **Globe Santa**

<https://globesanta.org/aboutreq.aspx#request>

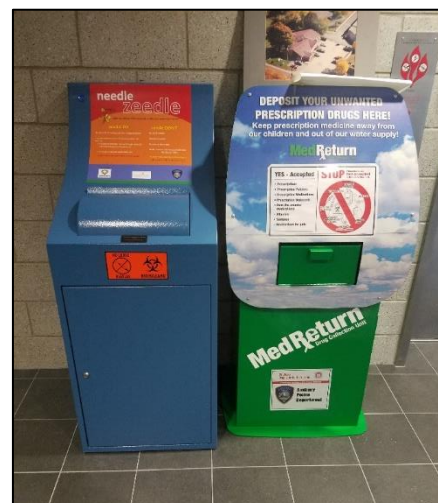
Submitted by: Bethany Hadvab, Social Worker

Police Department

Sharps Kiosk

In addition to 24/7 ability to drop off expired or unwanted medications, the Sudbury Police Department now has a Sharps kiosk (*shown right*) that is accessible 24/7 in our lobby at 75 Hudson Road. Both needles and EpiPens are accepted. Sharps must be placed in a safe container (such as a plastic Sharps container or a detergent or bleach bottle, gallon size or less) when discarding in the kiosk.

Submitted by: Scott Nix, Chief of Police





Town Clerk

State (Presidential) Election

The State Election was held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, at two locations. Precincts 1, 1A, 2 & 5 voted at the Fairbank Community Center, 40 Fairbank Road, and Precincts 3 & 4 voted at the Town Hall, 322 Concord Road. The polls were open from 6:15 AM to 8:00 PM. Early Voting was available this year for the first time in Massachusetts and was enthusiastically embraced by voters throughout the Commonwealth. In Sudbury, we had 4,720 voters who took advantage of the opportunity to vote early, over 36% of the total number of registered voters. In total, there were 10,940 ballots cast at this election, representing 84% of the Town's 13,003 registered voters. Please visit our [website](#) for a complete listing of the results.



Voting taking place in Town Hall at the November 8, 2016 Presidential Election.

The Town Clerk's Office can't say enough to thank the dedicated crew of election workers who staffed the Early Voting location and the polling locations, serving the voters of Sudbury with professionalism and efficiency. Their service to the Town is truly appreciated.

2017 Annual Town Census

The 2017 Annual Town Census will be mailed to all residents in the second week in January. Residents should verify or correct all information, sign, and return the census within 10 days of receipt for processing by the Town Clerk's Office. The data from the census is used to compile the Sudbury voter list, the Sudbury school list, and other reports required by Massachusetts General Law. All members of the household, aged three years and older, should be included. If a resident needs a replacement census form, or has any questions, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 978-639-3351. A completed census can be returned by mail or hand-delivered to drop-off boxes located outside the Town Clerk's Office (322 Concord Road) and the Flynn Building (278 Old Sudbury Road).

Dog Licensing

All dog licenses expire on December 31st each year. Dogs aged six months or older must be licensed. Applications for dog licensing will be included in the census packet, and are also available at the Town Clerk's Office, or by completing the online [Dog Form](#). The dog licensing period extends from January 1 through March 31, 2017. Beginning April 1, a late penalty fee of \$25 will be assessed for each unlicensed dog, in addition to the regular licensing fee (Town Bylaw Article V, Section 3A.)

Annual Town Election

The Annual Town Election will be held on Monday, March 27, 2017, and there are thirteen official positions open for election. Candidates' packets will be available at the Town Clerk's Office the second week of January. The last day to file intentions to run for office and to pick up a nomination packet is Friday, February 3rd. For



more information, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at clerk@sudbury.ma.us or 978-639-3351.

The following thirteen positions will be included on the ballot:

For Three Years:

One member - Board of Selectmen
 One member - Board of Assessors
 Two Goodnow Library Trustees
 One member - Board of Health
 One member - Park & Recreation Commission
 One member - Planning Board
 Two members - Sudbury School Committee

For Two Years:

One member - Park & Recreation Commission

For Five Years:

One member - Sudbury Housing Authority

Included as part of the Annual Town Election will be an election of two members for three years each to the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional School Committee.

Click here to view the [How to Run for Office Workshop](#).

*Respectfully Submitted by: Rosemary B. Harvell,
 Town Clerk*

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

2017 SUDBURY TOWN FORUM

Saturday, January 21, 2017
Town Hall

10:00 am – 12:30 pm

10:00 am: Town Budget & Finances- A Primer on the Town's Budget & Budget Process
11:00 am: Open Discussion- Town Government & Issues Facing the Town

Possible Open Discussion Topics:

- Vocational & Technical Education - After Leaving the Minuteman District
- Fairbank Community Center - Future Plans
- Loring Parsonage Historical Museum
- New Fire Station – Located on Route 20
- Wayside Inn - Conservation Restriction
- Eversource - Proposed Transmission Line Project*
- The Village at Sudbury Station - Proposed Development*
- General Feedback on Board of Selectmen Meetings & Performance

* Eversource and Sudbury Station discussions dependent upon litigation status.

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" and the name of the topic you wish to address 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>

New Year's Resolution to Get Involved in the Community?

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.

- [Community Emergency Response Team \(C.E.R.T.\)](#)
- [Commission on Disability](#)
- [Earth Removal Board](#)
- [Fairbank Community Center Study Task Force](#)
- [Medical Reserve Corps Executive Committee](#)
- [Memorial Day Committee](#)
- [Permanent Building Committee](#)
- [Ponds and Waterways Committee](#)
- [September 11 Memorial Garden Oversight Committee](#)

