

FRCOG Services to Northfield – 2016

The Franklin Regional Council of Governments provides a variety of services and programming to the municipalities of Franklin County and to the greater Franklin County region. The FRCOG's 2016 Annual Report, which will be available in April of 2017 and on www.frcog.org shortly thereafter, will highlight our work over the past year. Specific 2016 services to the Town of Northfield in 2016 included the following.

Administration and Special Projects

- Town staff participated in on-going discussions for a new multi-town project to share professional human resource services. Grant funds will be used in 2017 for consulting help to move the project toward completion.

Collective Bidding & Purchasing Program

- Northfield contracted with the FRCOG to receive cooperative bid pricing for up to 24 different Highway Products and Services. Total estimated highway needs for FY17 is \$861,217.
- Northfield participates in the #2 Fuel and Diesel Fuel bids.
- Northfield participates in the Dog Tags and Licenses collective bid program.
- The Chief Procurement Officer (CPO) issued bids for Town Hall Electrical Design and Construction services.
- The CPO issued a bid for a Salt Shed.
- The CPO issued a bid for Highway Garage Roof construction.
- The CPO assisted the Town Library with acquiring Conservation Services.

Partnership for Youth

- Staff conducted a Teen Health Survey to assess teen attitudes and behavior among middle and high school students. Staff reported to Pioneer Valley Regional School administrators on results from 149 Pioneer students, representing 75% of the 8th, 10th, and 12th grade classes. Survey data meets federal requirements for the school and is valuable for grant-writing and program planning.

Planning and Development Department

- At the 2016 Western Mass Developers Conference, staff promoted a site that is located in the town and is available for development.
- Staff created and analyzed maps that included land use, prime farmland, parcel and other data to begin the process of identifying municipal land that could potentially be suitable for leasing to farmers.
- Staff provided technical assistance on the FERC permitting process for the proposed KM-TGP NED pipeline project.
- Staff provided a walkability workshop in partnership with Mass in Motion and Walk Boston that was hosted at the Northfield Town Hall and attended by Northfield Council on Aging members.

- Staff continued to work with The Town, Senator Rosenberg, Friends of Schell Bridge, and MassDOT on efforts to replace the closed Schell Bridge with a bicycle/pedestrian bridge.
- Staff conducted a site visit to the Schell Bridge with MassDot personnel to explore potential park creation at the ends of the bridge.
- Staff assessed roads in Northfield for bicycle suitability, and identified routes that connect Northfield with other town, regions, and states.

Regional Preparedness Program

- Staff conducted quarterly contact drills and a site notification drill to test the *Pioneer Emergency Dispensing Site Plan*.
- A member of the Board of Health served on the Mohawk Area Public Health Coalition Steering Committee.
- Northfield entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the FRCOG to recognize the Multi-Agency Coordination Center as the official organization to assist them with emergency management needs.

Workshops & Training

The following list represents the FRCOG workshops and training sessions that Northfield public officials, staff, and residents attended, and the number in attendance.

Municipal Official Continuing Education Series

Municipal Law — 1
 Commercial Scale Wood Heat & Air Quality Impacts — 1
 Public Records Law — 3
 Municipal Farmland Leasing and Protection — 2

Partnership for Youth

Community Facility Use Agreement — 1
 Advanced LifeSkills — 1 representative of the Pioneer Valley Regional School District

Planning, Conservation, and Development

Mass In Motion: Walkability - 2

Western Regional Homeland Security Advisory Council

Medical Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, & Explosive Incidents —
 Active Shooter Symposium — 2
 Vermont Vigilant Guard Fullscale Exercise — 3

Regional Emergency Preparedness

Multiple Casualty Incident Exercise — 5
 Hazardous Materials Exercise — 1

