

**NOTES FROM TOWN HALL**  
**Town Administrator Rosemary Cashman**

**Town Center.** The Town has hired Concord Square Planning & Development of Boston, Massachusetts to provide a Master Plan for the Town Center Development and Preservation. The Economic Development Committee will be meeting with Concord Square in the weeks ahead. The public will be invited to participate in this process. It is anticipated that Concord Square will complete its work by June 30. The initial emphasis will be on the physical concept/layout, use of town-owned properties that are vacant (Old Town Hall, Littlefield Library, Winslow School, Shur Fine Market), and the proposed market niche. During the last several months, the EDC and regional planning agency (NMCOG) have developed draft zoning and design guidelines for the Town Center. These documents will be refined as needed in the months ahead.

**Solid Waste and Recycling Contract.** The Town's 5-year contract for solid waste and recycling expires next June. The Town has participated in a regional bid for services with Billerica, Burlington, and Tewksbury. The hope is that bulk purchasing will keep the prices in a reasonable range.

**Snow.** Some people like it, some people don't. One of the negative consequences of snow is its removal cost. So far, the Selectmen and Finance Committee have approved an additional \$325,000 to plow the snow and keep the roads safe. One of the positive consequences of snow is that the Town has a group of highway employees and outside contractors who work all sorts of hours and do a terrific job for this community.