

NOTES FROM TOWN HALL
Town Administrator Rosemary Cashman

Highway Personnel. A long-time Highway employee and resident, Douglas Corcoran, passed away recently. He will be missed by many people, especially his colleagues at the Highway Department.

Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-Off Abatement Program. The Selectmen have selected 5 senior citizens to participate in this tax abatement program. Claudette Rondeau and Grace Ann Steed will work at the Library, Rita Evicci and Mildred Poirier will work at the Council on Aging, and Rodney Wood will work at the Town Offices. This program provides an abatement of \$750 for 94 hours worked by each senior citizen. The senior citizen must be at least 60 years old and have owned and resided in a home in Tyngsborough for at least the previous year.

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 Town's existing Master Plan and Economic Development Plan recommended that a Town Center be created. Town Meeting has approved funding for this study. Meetings have been held with residents, property owners, and town officials. Some of the preliminary recommendations from the consultant have been: 1) renovate the town-owned properties as follows: Old Town Hall into 3 housing units, Winslow School into 8 housing units, and Littlefield Library into professional offices. 2) Demolish the front section of the town-owned Shur Fine Market and construct a new building nearby, and renovate the rear barn overlooking the pond into a restaurant and/or retail uses. 3) Construct new buildings in the Town Center to provide for additional retail, offices, and activities. 4) Provide for walkways and public spaces. 5) Provide a street connection behind the Littlefield Library and Winslow School from Middlesex Road to Kendall Road. 6) Perform a market analysis to have a thorough understanding of the types of uses and activities that will likely succeed. 7) A key component to implementing this project will be the expansion of the sewer system into this area. It is anticipated that the consultant will complete the report by June 30. Ultimately, it is up to the Town to decide what should happen in the Town Center. The Town will have to decide whether the town properties should be sold, whether these properties should be used for town activities only, what the design requirements should be for these and other properties, and who will pay the costs for renovations and maintenance.