



CITY OF CONCORD

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Thomas J. Aspell, Jr.
City Manager

REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

DATE: December 31, 2025
FROM: Thomas J. Aspell, Jr., City Manager
SUBJECT: Citizen Comments

Recommendation:

Recommend City Council accept this report.

Background:

Attached for your information are citizen comments received during the past month.

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Attachments

Stevens, Suzanne

Subject: FW: Well Done!

From: Chisholm, John

Sent: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 9:32 AM

To: Kelleher, Derek <DKelleher@ConcordNH.gov>; Pawlowski, Michael <MPawlowski@ConcordNH.gov>; Murphy, Matthew J. <MMurphy@ConcordNH.gov>; Provencher, Michael <MProvencher@ConcordNH.gov>; Iadonisi, Jeffrey <JIadonisi@ConcordNH.gov>; Raymond, Dylan <DRaymond@ConcordNH.gov>; Dolloff, Christopher <CDolloff@ConcordNH.gov>; Martel, Robert <RMartel@ConcordNH.gov>; Coleman, Craig <CColeman@ConcordNH.gov>; Kantar, Justin <JKantar@ConcordNH.gov>; Gagnon, Zachary <ZGagnon@ConcordNH.gov>

Cc: Costello, Michael <MCostello@ConcordNH.gov>; Hebert, Mark <MHebert@ConcordNH.gov>; Nault, Thomas <TNault@ConcordNH.gov>

Subject: Well Done!

All –

I wanted to take a minute and relay to you a conversation that I had with Boscawen Fire Chief Tim Kenney. He called me last night and wanted to relay his sincere appreciation for the work that you all did at the fire at 14 Gage Street in Boscawen on December 1st. This type of follow up phone call is fairly standard from him and other Compact Chiefs, and are always appreciated. Chief Kenney stated he is always impressed by the job that Concord Fire does, but indicated that this time it was well above and beyond. With the volume of fire coming out of the building and knowing that a person was trapped, you guys did not hesitate to enter the building and search for him. As I understand it, you were forced out of the building by heat/flame on the first attempt and had to bail out over ladders, but then re-entered and eventually found and removed the victim. He initially hesitated, as he says he does not use the word lightly, but said the actions you performed that night were truly heroic. Unfortunately, as we know, the victim did not survive despite resuscitation efforts.

Chief Kenney also mentioned how appreciative he was of Battalion Chief Kelleher for taking over operations of the fire, gaining control of the chaos of a very dynamic scene, and setting things on a good course.

If you have not read it, the following is an excerpt from an online article published by the Concord Monitor (<https://www.concordmonitor.com/2025/12/02/one-dead-in-boscawen-house-fire/>):

Firefighters from Concord's Station Five in Penacook were the first on scene and they performed what Boscawen Fire Chief Tim Kenney described as an exceedingly challenging rescue. After attempting to enter the house through a second-floor window, they had to retreat. Along with another Concord crew, they then executed the rescue on the second attempt.

"The sheer effort by the city of Concord firefighters who arrived first was just extraordinary," said Kenney, who noted rescues of missing individuals are quite rare.

Thank you to all that you do each and every day, but especially for putting your training and instincts into high gear when needed and representing Concord Fire Department as the consummate professionals that you are.

John A. Chisholm
Fire Chief



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Stevens, Suzanne

Subject: FW: THANK YOU !

From: Deborah de Peyster <ddep@comcast.net>

Sent: Tuesday, December 30, 2025 9:50 AM

To: Gill, David <DGill@ConcordNH.gov>

Subject: THANK YOU !

Good morning, David.

I just wanted to shout out loud to you but this email will have to do.

Skating at White Park with our grandchildren and out of town adult children on Sunday was a scene right out of Currier and Ives! And the Merrimack Lodge was open!

The ice was flooded with oldsters (us), young kids just learning to skate, teens fooling around with hockey sticks and puck but incredibly respectful at the same time of those skating !!, and every other age in between these.

It was wonderful! Just wonderful! Thank you for making it happen! It was smiles all around and what a joy to skate with those in our community!

Deborah de Peyster
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