

Economic Development Committee did not meet and instead attended the Kelley's Corner Public Workshop on 5/7. General plan for Kelley's Corner was discussed, primarily focused on zoning and infrastructure changes. The primary zoning change will be to allow for 4 story buildings as well as move to a FAR of 1.0. Proposed infrastructure changes include expansions of Route 27 and Route 111 near the Kelley's Corner area, as well as including more sidewalks and bike lanes. The overall cost of the Kelley's Corner project is projected to be \$8 million with a 25% contingency included.

The Board of Assessors met on 5/13. The agenda was light. The only item of note was a discussion surrounding the FY 14 and FY 15 assessments of the Dover Heights apartment complex.

Katie Green

From: [Katie Green](#)
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Subject: Re: Selectmen Reports
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2015 5:21:33 PM

Hi Lisa,

Here's my report:

The **Acton Boxborough Regional School Committee** met and held a hearing on school choice. They opted to only accept the one incoming sibling of a student currently enrolled at the high school. They also appointed Clare Jeannotte as the permanent Finance and Business Manager. The **Acton Nursing Service Task Force** met with a primary focus on their marketing report and plan. They are looking at what portion of the market uses the ANS today and where to focus their marketing efforts. They will primarily focus on households in Acton with someone over the age of 65. I attended the public forum on **Kelley's Corner**. This event was well attended with all five selectmen present. The consultants discussed proposed changes to the zoning and roads in Kelley's Corner.

Best,

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On Wed, May 13, 2015 at 4:29 PM, Lisa Tomyl <ltomyl@acton-ma.gov> wrote:

Hi everyone!

Just a gentle reminder to email me your Selectmen Report for the packet. I need it no later than 12:00 so I can prepare the packet.

Thank you!

Regards,

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BOS Meeting, Monday, 5/18/2015 – JKA Liaison Reports

Acton Boxborough Cultural Council –Conclusion of Annual Film Series, Friday, 5/15, Acton Town Hall, Room 204: "Picnic at Hanging Rock" (Peter Weir, 1975) (mystery based in Australia)

Acton Community Housing Corporation, Thursday, 5/14, 7:00 pm, Room 204 – Housing Production Plan public workshop.

Acton Water District Commission, Monday, 5/11 – Water District is examining possible cybersecurity enhancements. Has hired special counsel to provide guidance with respect to the Starmet Superfund site in Concord and potential impacts on Water District's Assabet wells. New South Acton water treatment facility starting to go online.

Conservation Commission, Wednesday, 5/6 – Concluded hearing on Assabet River Rail Trail segment in South Acton; discussion of proposed updating and standardization of rules for conservation lands.

Finance Committee, Tuesday, 5/12 – Assistant Finance Director Brian McMullen presented financial report for FY15 thru 3d quarter ending 3/31/2015. General fund revenues in line with or ahead of 75% target; expenses at 80% a bit ahead of target due largely to purchase order system that encumbers funds in advance. Update on enterprise funds generated most comments about Acton Nursing Service, which will become part of operating budget in FY16: alleged 51K loss through 3d quarter should be 215K if one omits ameliorative effect of 2014 Special Town Meeting subsidy; Committee and public needs to see honest numbers about ANS finances; what impact has enhanced marketing had on ANS finances in past 6 months? Snow and ice budget has 275K deficit; will aim to cover shortfall at end of FY rather than carrying over in FY16 as state law allows. Middlesex Retirement board did not lower assessment for FY16, so need to find cuts to cover 630K gap. Discussion of 2015 Town Meeting, concerns, possible improvements. Discussion of proposed land use/economic development position; significant concerns that chairman will memorialize in written remarks to Selectmen and Town Manager.

Water Resources Advisory Committee, Wednesday, 5/13 – Discussion with Town Counsel Rebekah Lacey of further revisions of draft stormwater management bylaw.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Monday, 5/11 –Agenda included proposed modifications to Pegasus Tack Shop building on Great Road: initial proposal was to move existing building farther back to increase setback and make it less nonconforming; and expand building to serve as automobile showroom; applicant recently proposed demolition of existing building, construction of new, larger building. Could alter analysis under zoning law. Hearing continued to allow Design Review Board, which reviewed original project, to comment on new architectural elevations.

Other:

Kelley's Corner public workshop, Thursday, 5/7 – All Selectmen attended.

Franny Osman

Selectmen Reports for 5-18-15 Franny Osman

Tuesday, April 28, 2015, Attended the second meeting of the **Steering Committee for the Regional Transportation Plan of the Lowell Regional Transit Authority**. I recommend citizens attend upcoming hearings and share your opinion of the Plan.

Commission on Disability Resource Fair 4-29-15

The fair had moderate attendance. First year! It was very valuable for all of the Town departments and local organizations to learn about each other. In addition, volunteers from Acton TV taped interviews with preenters and attendees and this video can be see at www.actontv.org.

Friday, May 1, 2015, Attended the T4MA organization's first annual statewide Transportation Summit, at the DCU Center in Worcester. Heard Robin Chase, co-founder of Zipcar, speak, and a memorable lesson from her talk was that we have to capitalize on the crowd, using new technology, along with the advantages of traditional industry. She branded the term—and her new book-- *__xxx_ Inc* . Also heard state Sec. of Transportation Stephanie Pollack speak, and big takehome message was planning for future, not now, as it takes 20 years to build changes—though she is looking into why it has to take that long!—and that we need to look at where people go, not project by project. Forum and small group visioning as well.

Sunday, May 3, 2015, Attended a League of Women Voters 97th anniversary event and again heard Stephanie Pollack speak, including critiqu of the long range transportation planning methods of MassDOT. MassDOT is well-served by her leadership.

Council on Aging 5-4-15

June 22 is Virtual Village presentation

Hired staff assistant. Linda Dallmore

Exercise classes have waiting lists. If attendees don't show up for a class three weeks in a row, they are asked to unenroll. Room sometimes full.

There was a staff appreciation event.

At the June meeting of the Council on Aging Board (3 pm on June 22) there will be a presentation about the Lexington at Home "virtual village" program.

Three members of COA board attended a state conference

Three people attended the Senior Confence in Hudson. One attended an interested workshop on scams. A detailed report was written by one attendee and I can forward it to anyone who asks me (frannyola@gmail.com)

Jamie Eldridge sponsored a bill related to Senior Center funding. Senate Bill 354 .

Tell Beverly Hutchings at Senior Center if you want to be a volunteer 978 929 6652

May 5, 2015- Annual conference of the coordinated mobility teams that our region has been attending since 2009, now hosted by the state Human Service Transportation office. As usual, it was very valuable hearing best practices from the same teams (North Shore, Cape Cod, Berkshires, etc.) that we have been working with for five years. Mike Gowing and Doug Halley were also there, as was Scott Zadakis, director of CrossTown Connect. Scott and Doug spoke at a forum on shared senior transportatoin. I attended a workshop on travel training, with travel trainers from Pioneer Valley, Natick, and MBTA. Useful as our local transportation team is wanting to offer, in the future, travel training to residents who depend on public transit.

5-7-15 Metropolitan Area Planning Council introduction to Lincoln's historical open space lands and trails, Lincoln Town Hall. Very interesting. Did you know that Concord was settled before Waltham and Lincoln because it was a treeless floodplain, easier to farm? Did you know that the Town of Lincoln owns the mall where Donelan's is? Many interesting facts.

5-7-15 Kelley's Corner meeting was well-attended, including four Selectmen. We heard presentations from the consultants, the Cecil Group (sp?) summarizing the first phase of the Improvement Initiative.

Open Space Comm. 5-8-15- See minutes of Open Space. Various lands' statuses discussed.

5-12-15 **Senior Center Study Committee** continues to collect updated information on demographics, sites, costs, funding opportunities

5-13-15 **Commission on Disability Discussion of Independent Living** with three visitors who all have sons who live in Acton, two in independent apartments, one with her. The pressures of transportation and housing are large for families with adult children with developmental disabilities who can live alone with limited support and seek inclusive community, especially as the parents age.

5-13-15 **Cemetery Commission-** looking at Madden property next to Mt. Hope Cemetery that sold recently and the Cemetery Commission wants to pursue a town purchase in conjunction with Conservation/Open Space.

Peter Berry

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Kelley's Corner Steering Committee - Invited community members to an public workshop with consultants, Cecil Group, to review current status of zoning by-law revisions, new design guidelines and conceptual infrastructure plan for the Kelley's Corner improvement initiative. About 40 people attended. Infrastructure improvements estimated to cost \$8 million some state funding may be available. Committee is on schedule to bring proposed changes before fall Town Meeting.

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Volunteer Coordinating Committee: working with Lisa to get list of all expiring terms on boards and committees in time for reappointments or new appointments by July 1.

Sidewalk Committee: Continuing to rate streets for needed sidewalk improvements; keeping citizens advised of sidewalk work schedules; voted to submit comments on proposed Land Use and Economic Development Director job description.

Acton 2020 Implementation Committee: Invited reps. from various Town boards to meeting to discuss proposed Land Use and Economic Development Director job description. Representatives from ACHC, EDC, HDC, DRC, Green Acton, FinCom, BoS, COA, Acton Conservation Trust and Open Space Committee attended. Lively discussion ensued. General consensus was that the Director should function as the CEO of the Master Plan (2020 Plan). Individual boards will be submitting written comments.

Green Advisory Board: voted to submit comments on proposed Land Use and Economic Development Director job description.

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