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Historic District Commission met on 5/19. HDC inquired as to how to get a potential budget item related to the South Acton Train Station on the town warrant for the FY17 budget. HDC also inquired as to potential town staff assistance

Economic Development Committee met on 5/21. Primary area of discussion was the new town position. EDC officially requested BoS hold a 2nd public hearing on the position.

The Board of Assessors met on 6/3. Once again, the primary point of discussion was the FY14 and FY15 assessments of the Dover Heights apartment complex.

Franny Osman

Commission on Disability

Valuable meeting focused on Independent Living, recently. I was away for the monthly May meeting. Annual Retreat upcoming on June 9. A couple of members and I are setting up a meeting with Eva and others to review how things went in terms of access, at Town Meeting.

Fitchburg Rail Working Group 5-22 meeting

Heard from Keolis, T, about progress on construction. Attendees urged added service early in the morning outbound. Discussed how to make the Littleton/IBM to Littleton Station connection.

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

Spring Council meeting in Salem on 5-27-15 . Yet another Stephanie Pollack presentation (fourth in a month!)

Minuteman Area Group for Interlocal Coordination (MAGIC)

Will meet Thurs. 6-4. The nominating committee asked if I would be willing to be nominated for Vice-Chair and I agreed.

Acton Center Traffic Study June 1, 2015

Well-attended (Room 204 full). Comments from public on four new shapes for Acton Center. There was an assumption that signaling was off the table. (I hadn't heard the unanimity the consultants had heard at the previous meeting.) The consultants sent out the plans to attendees. If someone reading these notes wants a copy of the proposed change possibilities (comments welcome for a month) please email me or ask the Town for a copy (Corey York of Engineering).

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Council on Aging

Attended the luncheon for residents in their 90's. Good music, antique car, unexpected reunion of my table mates. June's meeting is June 22, coupled with a presentation about virtual villages.

Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) June 4, 15

MPO met in Acton for this meeting. Mike Gowing, Roland Bartl, Doug Halley, and Steve Ledoux spoke about Acton. Much discussion of an MBTA passenger survey, further analysis of 2010-2011 household survey, and the effects present projects funded by the MPO have on the 2040 world (service, environmental, construction effects of those projects).

Katie Green

I attended a meeting to discuss Acton's **Housing Production Plan**. The consultants reviewed their findings so far and discussed proposed goals and strategies for inclusion in the plan. The audience broke into two groups to discuss the proposals in further detail and to provide feedback on which goals and strategies they felt were appropriate for Acton. I also attended a meeting of the **Acton Boxborough United Way Needs Assessment Steering Committee** to get a preview of the final Needs Assessment Study. The study provides a demographic overview of the towns and looks at how we have been changing. It then discusses the major issues and unmet needs for various age groups in Acton and Boxborough. The final study will be publically rolled out at the AB United Way's Annual Meeting on June 17th. It will also be available on their website at that time. I attended the second hearing for the **Acton Center Traffic Study**. It was well attended with over 50 residents, including 3 selectmen. The consultants reviewed the research they've conducted on traffic at the intersections of Main Street, Concord Road, Newtown Road, and Woodbury Lane. They presented four different proposals trying to address the traffic concerns in the area. There was no consensus on which proposal, or even which aspects of the various proposals, would work best in the area. The consultants are seeking additional feedback from the public over the next 30 days and will come back with a final proposal after that time. The **Recreation Commission** met and voted to modify the NARA beach rules to prohibit private watercraft on NARA Pond during the beach operations season. They also discussed a survey the department is putting together to help in creating a Master Plan for NARA. Keep an eye out for the survey in the next few weeks.

BOS Meeting, Monday, 6/8/2015 – JKA Liaison Reports

Acton Community Housing Corporation, Thursday, 5/21 - Meeting of Town Manager, Town Planning Department, Regional Housing Services Office representatives, ACHC chairman Nancy Tavernier, Ms. Adachi, Minuteman ARC representative with proponents of small-scale affordable housing development that would include group home for adults with development disabilities. Proponents already communication with MA Department of Housing and Community Development.

Acton Water District –Monday, 6/1 – Agenda included South Acton water treatment plant, and Concord Superfund site, among other things. Bill Mullin, who recently stepped down as member of Acton Finance Committee, already has been appointed to Water District Finance Committee.

Design Review Board, Wednesday, 5/27 – Meeting with Leo Bertolami to discuss revised plans for Pegasus building, as to which DRB has submitted updated comments to Zoning Board of Appeals. Discussion of possible need for donation-box bylaw, with focus on esthetics as opposed to not-for-profit-vs.-for-profit concern of past bylaw proposal; will revisit in fall, look at other communities' regulations. Discussion of proposed Kelley's Corner Design Guidelines.

Finance Committee, Tuesday, 5/26 – School District presentation of FY15 Q3 results. Current projection for potential shortfall of 324K, between projected reduced revenues of 112K due to in part to Gov. Patrick's prior cuts in regional transportation funding; but projected shortfall not etched in stone, will change with impact of various cost-cutting efforts since January. 2 new members, Jason Cole and David Wellinghoff, on board. Was final meeting for Bill Mullin, who shared 7 pieces of advice: 1) spend public money as if your own; 2) visit sites involved in proposed expenditures; 3) focus on making recommendations of spending levels, not just criticizing; 4) focus on land-use from perspective of 25 years in future; 5) treat businesses like customers; 6) go deep on an issue: pick one and become expert; 7) every year is like a snowflake New officers for 2015-2016: Mike Majors, chairman; Margaret Wooley-Busse, vice chairman; Doug Tindal, Clerk.

Land Stewardship Committee, Tuesday, 5/19 – Continued discussion of updating maps, how to standardize kiosk setup as much as possible, improving communications with volunteer list.

Water Resources Advisory Committee, Wednesday, 5/27 – Continued refinement of slide presentation for 6/17 public session at Public Safety Facility about proposed stormwater bylaw.

Other:

Memorial Day observances, Monday, 5/25 – Mr. Berry, Ms. Osman, Ms. Adachi participated in parade to Woodlawn Cemetery; Mr. Berry read names of deceased veterans.

Senior Center 90s Luncheon, Thursday, 5/28 – Tribute to residents age 90+. Town Manager, Mr. Berry, Ms. Osman, Ms. Adachi attended.

Acton-Boxborough Diversity Coalition, Thursday, 5/28 – Discussion of reactions to, lessons from documentary, "Slavery by Another Name"; discussion of whether ongoing efforts by some individuals in group to do bias-reduction outreach to area police departments should remain separate activity or become part of Coalition;

Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Paul Nelson, Sunday, 5/31.

Acton Center Traffic Study presentation, Monday, 6/1 – Large audience, including Ms. Green, Ms. Osman, Ms. Adachi, to learn about consultants' alternative proposals to alleviate traffic-circulation problems in Town center. Residents wishing to comment further should submit to Town Engineer.

495/Metrowest Partnership, Board of Directors, Tuesday, 6/2 – Annual conference likely to be in fall, rather than spring, and hope is that Governor will be able to participate. Boston 2024 public forum, 6/10 at Ashland High School (Ms. Adachi circulated information to Selectmen). Partnership can generate demographic data not just for 34 member communities but by individual community. Planning an event for area Economic Development Committees (Ms. Adachi has done email introduction of EDC chairman Nancy Dinkel to Partnership Deputy Director Jessica Strunkin.)

Peter J. Berry

90s Senior Lunch: Attended a lunch at the COA for Acton residents who are 90+ years old. Sat next to Mr. Gould, founder of Gould's clothing store, who is still active. Well attended and enjoyable function.

Green Advisory Board: Heard a presentation from an advocate for a Community Solar program, offering homeowners a reduced cost for installing solar systems offered through a contracted vendor. Discussion about hiring a consultant to lead an information campaign and promote the program. Current Chair, Bruce Friedman is resigning as his term is expiring. Reviewed the solar landfill kwh production report. the Town is now producing more electricity than it consumes, although it sells the electricity produced on the landfill and continues to purchase electricity from Eversource. The committee bid farewell to Dean charter and thanked him for his support over many years.

Kelly's Corner Steering Committee: Ongoing discussion about process for implementing new design guidelines and zoning changes. Discussed outreach to Kelly's Corner neighborhood residents and marketing campaign. Planning Board Hearing on zoning changes is scheduled for September 21, with a goal to present proposed changes to Fall Town Meeting.

Attended MPO business meeting held in Acton.