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Kelley's Corner Steering Committee: Met without the Cecil Group present to discuss strategy for outreach to the public and stakeholders and bringing the proposed zoning bylaw changes and design guidelines to the Special Town Meeting in November. Drafted a bullet list highlighting the major improvements to be accomplished. Planning board zoning amendments hearing is scheduled for Sept. 21.

I have a SATSAC meeting tomorrow night and will add that blurb.

Janet Adachi

Acton Community Housing Corporation, Monday, 7/13 – Public information session regarding proposed Four Winds Chapter 40B project for Elm Street at Arlington Street – Well-attended. Details of proposal still subject to modification, but core elements to date include

- group home for 8 adults with developmental disabilities that would be considered 8 affordable units and donated to Minuteman ARC in Concord
- 12 market-rate detached homes
- existing house renovated as affordable housing and possible 2 cottage-homes as additional affordable units
- existing barn to be moved off-site

Substantial concern about audience members about the potential impact of 12 detached homes on look and feel of area, on traffic, etc. Another public information session is likely.

Minuteman Regional School, Monday, 7/6 – Meeting with Pam Nourse, new Acton representative on Minuteman School Committee. After meeting, did email introductions to Town Manager, Finance Committee Chairman Mike Majors, who is on the Minuteman Building Committee, and Pam's predecessor, Nancy Banks.

Green Acton, Tuesday, 7/14 – Continued refinement of proposed charter and bylaws in connection with proposed merger of Acton Citizens for Environmental Sense into Green Acton; Discussion of potential future projects, such as advocacy for more conservation-restriction protections of Acton conservation lands, Earth Day fair similar to what Town of Wayland recently sponsored, with activities in different locations; Solarize II or other energy-related event; advocacy with respect to the potential impact of Nuclear Metals site in Concord on Acton Water District's wells. Update about Pay-As-You-Throw, which is supposed to go "live" on 9/1. Future event: Discover STEM event, 11/2, 6-8:30 pm, with various exhibitors, open to public

Franny Osman

6-25-15 Annual Meeting of the Lowell Regional Transit Authority board.

6-30-15 Conference call with other officers of MAGIC and the MAPC coordinator of MAGIC about the upcoming Climate Change Adaptation study. We are also trying to determine what regional project to do with the remaining half (approximately \$29k) of our funds. Trash study? I.T. study? Do towns have other ideas? There is also a list of projects that were runners up to the Climate Change project, including further study of the look at Last Mile transportation such as the last Community Innovation Challenge grant meant to look at until mid-year cuts ended that funding program. I will bring this question of what our town would like to see the MAGIC subregion work on this year, to a meeting soon. Another decision for the town is who—among the staff and volunteers—will represent Acton in the Climate Change project.

7-8-15 Riverwalk tour for MAGIC members- Developer of this “pocket” or “cottage” neighborhood described the environmental aspects and funding challenges of this type of clustered housing. It sold out quickly to buyers in “active singles and couples” age 40 to 65. It used Sustainable Development principles and is designed with shared parking and mail and walkways, to promote contact among neighbors, similar to “cohousing.”

7-9-15 Senior Center Study Committee meeting- We have three potential sites right now. The NARA site is now considered too small. The sites under examination now are: Arlington St., near Route 2, owned by Town; the Walker Realty site if Town Meeting votes to purchase it; a potential leased property if built at 360 Mass. Ave. At this meeting, we talked in depth about what “community” use means. There seemed to be consensus in the room that the “Senior Community Center” would be used by seniors during the day, then by other segments of the community from 4 pm on. We plan to release a survey soon, and to hold a forum in the fall. We are looking into including the “Human Services” departments: Veteran’s, Nursing, and Social Service Coordinator . Peter Ashton did a calculation of the net financial benefit of a home being owned by a senior household vs. a family of four: approximately \$11k per year per household. Next meeting 12 noon July 31, library upstairs conference room.

7-10-15 Senior Center Study Committee survey subcommittee meeting- This subcommittee met to incorporate comments made on the draft survey- Bob Skillen, Marion Maxwell, me.

7-13-15 Acton Community Housing Corporation presentation of a proposed development at Elm St. and Arlington St.- group home donated by Orcutts to Minuteman Arc; 3 affordable homes—two small ones put up by Habitat for Humanity, one from the pared down present historic house. I heard a lot of support for the group home and Minuteman Arc, resistance to the level of development for the other 12 units.

7-15-15 Senior Center Study Committee Site Subcommittee met with Frank Nicholson Inc. at 360 Mass. Ave to see the land behind 360 Mass. Ave. which is one potential location of a leased Senior Center building, in an as yet unbuilt building.

Chingsung Chang

Cable Advisory Committee met on 6/18. Primary area of discussion was the new executive for Acton TV, who is starting sometime soon. Cable Advisory Committee decided to have a short interview with the new executive as well as have the new executive attend a few meetings so that the committee and the new hire can get to know each other

Board of Assessors met on 7/1. Dover Heights was again the major subject of discussion. BoA decided to make an offer to Dover Heights based on revised numbers. Many other outstanding assessments have been settled or are expected to be settled soon one way or another.

EDC met on 7/2. New chair and vice chair were elected. Future direction of EDC was discussed, as well as potential projects for EDC to work on.

HDC met on 7/14 – applications involving 7th settlement, 96 main street, as well as a parcel on Central Street/Main Street were discussed. HDC was interested in finding out information with respect to the 96 main street hearing before BoS. Morrison Farmhouse was also discussed briefly, further discussion is scheduled pending BoS hearing on the subject.