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On Thursday, September 24th, the **Acton Memorial Library Board of Trustees** met. The library is continuing to work on filling open positions. They also discussed the 125th anniversary activities, which are going well. You can get a list and see a display of 125 books representing one popular or notable book from each year the AML has been open on the second floor. There is also a timeline of important events in the library's history and there will be 125th anniversary travel mugs for sale.

On Tuesday, the **Acton Nursing Services Task Force** met and finalized work on their upcoming presentation to the Board of Selectmen.

On Wednesday, I attended the **WRAC Stormwater Bylaw Information Session**. While it wasn't a large audience, it was a good presentation from WRAC and I learned a lot about the proposed new bylaw. The presentation covered the need for the bylaw, how the group developed the bylaw, its key features, and how it will impact town residents and businesses. This bylaw will be put before the town for approval either at a special Town Meeting in November, if the BOS calls one, or at Annual Town Meeting in April.

On Thursday, the **Acton Boxborough Regional School Committee** met. Marie Altieri gave the presentation that Peter Ashton put together on comparable communities and that we saw at the ALG meeting last week. They also discussed their calendar for the FY17 budget planning process. The Superintendent will do three initial budget presentations at ABRSC meetings on December 3rd and 17th and January 14th, followed by the Committee's Budget Saturday on January 23rd. The Superintendent will then make his final budget recommendation at the ABRSC meeting on February 4th and the committee will hold a public budget hearing and take a final vote on the budget on February 11th. They also discussed the administration's proposed "budget guidelines" which you can find in their packet on the school committee website. The committee also discussed the required financial reporting re: elementary school costs that was outlined in the memo I forwarded to the Board earlier this week. They discussed why they can't provide similar numbers from earlier fiscal years - because they are not comparable figures - and they said while they will likely not have final, audited numbers until February or March, they will have preliminary numbers in January, which they will share with the towns.

On Friday morning, I attended the **Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical High School** building project informational meeting. Janet and Peter attended as well.

The representatives from Minuteman gave a presentation covering various aspects of the building project including the MSBA process and timeline, the enrollment figures, the expected costs per member town and non-member town, and the options of seeking either a district wide or town meeting vote on the project. All of the documents shared at the meeting, and all of the documents presented throughout this years' long process, are available on the Minuteman website. There were Selectmen, School Committee members, Finance Committee members, and town staff from a number of the region's towns represented at the meeting. After the presentation, the discussion focused largely on whether and how to

guarantee that nonmember districts will pay the newly proposed per pupil capital costs. There was also some discussion of the enrollment figures used to determine the size of the building. Superintendent Boquillion will be attending our meeting this evening to give a similar presentation and to discuss this Board's support for the project and our preferred method for seeking approval (i.e. district wide vote or town meeting vote).

Janet K. Adachi

Acton Water District, Mon, 9/28 – Ms. Adachi missed meeting due to Selectmen's meeting at same time. Agenda included introduction of potential candidate to fill District Clerk post from which Chip Orcutt recently resigned. Since Monday, Ms. Adachi has circulated email to Selectmen about Town of Concord's interest in getting water supply via AWD for Concord portion of former W.R. Grace property.

Minuteman Regional Vocational School District

- As Ms. Adachi noted during the Board's 9/28, for the Board's further discussion during the 10/5 meeting, Vince Amoroso, Boxborough Board of Selectmen chairman, is seeking input from Selectmen in nearby member towns about the proposal currently before the Minuteman School Committee to consider a district-wide ballot vote on the school building project rather than Town Meeting votes, requiring unanimous vote thus far elusive among the 16 member towns. Concord supposedly is open to district-wide ballot but other members, such as Sudbury, object.
- Friday, 10/2 – Ms. Adachi will attend informational session at Minuteman about the proposed building project.

Water Resources Advisory Committee, Wednesday, 9/30, 7:00 p.m., Room 204 - Public information meeting about proposed stormwater management bylaw. Ms. Green and Ms. Adachi attended, as did Mr. Berry briefly before the Acton 2020 meeting.

Other community-related activities:

Reception, State House, Tuesday, 9/29 – Celebrating release of the first guide to women of color in elective office in MA, the result of a collaboration between the U.Mass/Boston Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, and Women's Pipeline for Change, a coalition aiming to support women of color in public leadership roles.

Rep. Atkins District meeting, Friday, 10/2 – Ms. Adachi will attend.