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**Don Johnson**

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**From:** Don Johnson  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 08, 2004 4:30 PM  
**To:** Roland Bartl  
**Cc:** John Murray; Christine Joyce  
**Subject:** FW: Yearly fee to MAPC/MAGIC

Roland:

Thanks for the MAPC list of communities and the work you did identifying the CPA adoptions. Can you prepare a draft letter for the Board to sign per Walter's suggestion below, please? We pay the assessment on our Cherry Sheet so we can't threaten to withhold payment. I think we are simply going to have to give them a hard time for not representing the CPA communities and threaten to withdraw from MAPC and MAGIC if they continue to pursue this matter. (Whether we can withdraw or not might be another matter.)

I'll need the draft by Friday afternoon.

Don

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Don Johnson  
**Sent:** Monday, December 06, 2004 1:50 PM  
**To:** Walter Foster (office); Board of Selectmen  
**Cc:** Community Preservation Committee  
**Subject:** RE: Yearly fee to MAPC/MAGIC

Walter:

I am working backward on my e-mail. You will note that I got to Peter's later comments in this regard before seeing yours and have responded to Peter. I am checking at this time to determine whether we have made payment. I'll get back to you folks later with more information and a draft letter reflecting whether or not payment has been sent.

Regards,  
Don

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Walter Foster (office)  
**Sent:** Monday, December 06, 2004 8:56 AM  
**To:** Don Johnson; Board of Selectmen  
**Cc:** Community Preservation Committee  
**Subject:** Yearly fee to MAPC/MAGIC

To Don and the Board:

I saw in this weekend's packet that we are going to pay our yearly fee to participate in MAGIC one of the subdivision of MAPC. It has recently come to our attention that the Governor together with the sponsorship of MAPC is attempting to raid the CPA trust fund for those towns that have not voted in the CPA! This is the second year that MAPC has made this move with the Governor. May I suggest that with the payment of our membership dues to participate in MAGIC, that we also pen a letter to MAPC as a supporting constituent town that they immediately cease and desist from raiding the CPA? I am sure there are other member towns that also have adopted the CPA as well. I would like to try and contact them to similarly voice their concern over this misguided attempt to disadvantage those towns which have had the political will to actual pass the CPA. Please let me know your thoughts as I think the impact is most when sent with our dues remittance. Hope you all had a great weekend.

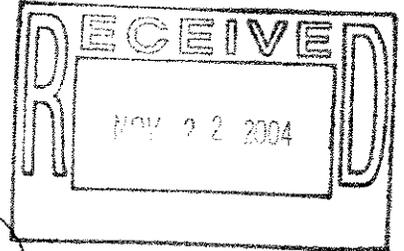
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Walter Foster  
Chairman  
Board of Selectmen  
472 Main Street  
Acton, MA 01720

CC: BOS - FYI

Dear Mr. Foster:

The Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) appreciates your continued support of the Minuteman Advisory Group on Interlocal Coordination (MAGIC), one of MAPC's most productive and successful subregions. As a participant in MAGIC, your town's FY2005 appropriation is \$2,423.

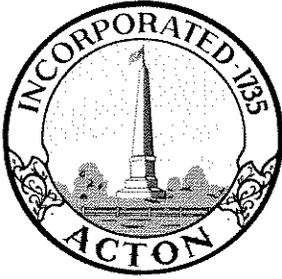
Please remit this amount, payable to the *Metropolitan Area Planning Council*, 60 Temple Place, Boston, MA 02111, attention Cheryl Kelley.

Again, thank you for your continued support of the MAGIC subregion.

Sincerely,

Stephen McGoldrick  
Deputy Director

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**F. Dore' Hunter, Chairman  
Acton Board of Selectmen**

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December 13, 2004

Mr. Marc Draisen  
Executive Director  
Metropolitan Area Planning Council  
60 Temple Place, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Boston, MA 02111

**Subject: MAPC Activities regarding the Community Preservation Trust Fund**

Dear Mr. Draisen:

It has come to the attention of the Acton Board of Selectmen that MAPC is taking part in an effort by cities and towns who have not passed the Community Preservation Act to access the CPA Trust Fund. It is further our understanding that this time the Governor's office is involved in this plot, too. This would be the second time that MAPC is participating in the attempted raid of the Trust Fund. We wrote you last year in strong protest of your activities and we must say it again now: These activities to raid the Community Preservation Trust Fund are morally wrong! We are utterly dismayed at your repeated participation and ask that you cease it immediately.

The adoption of the CPA in Acton and the decision of our citizens to impose this additional tax upon themselves was the result of an extraordinary campaign by community leaders and citizens. Its success was possible in part because of the PROMISE in the Act of Trust Fund distribution to those who paid the "admission ticket" by first raising funds themselves. Whatever the reasons and justifications may be, raiding the Trust Fund, or merely studying ways to raid it, is a blatant attempt to convert the CPA into yet another government hand-out to those cities and towns who are unwilling to help themselves. It is an insult and breach of trust to the citizens of Acton and of every community who had the courage and foresight to adopt the Act. Any so-called "surplus", if there really is one at all, must benefit the communities who have invested in themselves not those who now come in search for a free lunch.

We wrote you last year that there are strong doubts in Acton that MAPC serves any useful purpose that we could identify with. Since then MAPC has made no effort to show us otherwise, and this repeated participation by MAPC in raiding the CPA Trust Fund makes it eminently clear that MAPC is in fact working against the interests of our Town and all those MAPC communities who have played by the rules and adopted the Community Preservation Act. This leads us to reevaluate our relationship with MAPC and its MAGIC subgroup. Please be advised that we intend to withhold payment of the recent MAGIC assessment at this time and will pursue Acton's withdrawal from MAPC and MAGIC unless MAPC immediately desists from this and any future attempts to raid the CPA Trust Fund.

Sincerely,

F. Dore' Hunter, Chairman  
Acton Board of Selectmen

cc:

Senator Resor

Representative Atkins

Representative Eldridge

**Other MAPC communities with CPA?**