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CPA Study Committee: Agreed to request that the Selectmen support a warrant article at the Fall, 2016, Special Town Meeting which seeks to place, on the Spring 2017 town election ballot, the question of whether the CPA surcharge should be raised from 1.5% to 3.0%. Discussed future of the Committee. Agreed that the Selectmen should disband the Committee after the minutes and agendas are put in order and on the website. Agreed that future education and support efforts should be conducted by a citizen's group rather than a Town committee.

Community Preservation Committee: Heard from the recreation director an account of why Boxborough Town Meeting rejected CPC funding for the T. J. O'Grady skate park. Debriefed Town Meeting. Reviewed and approved award letters for 2017 projects approved by Town Meeting.

Sidewalk Committee: Recap on Complete Streets meeting. Voted to recommend contributions to the Sidewalk fund for 2 cul-de-sacs, 37 Mohegan Drive and 19 Spring Hill Lane. Voted to add Willow Street, (Marion to Macleod) to the Tier 2 priority list.

Planning Board: Approved 2 free standing signs for 531 Main Street, Technology Square. Owners want to install solar to light the signs. Ok but must meet setbacks. Directed staff to prepare a draft decision approving the 37 Mohegan Road definitive subdivision plan, with conditions allowing for an easement to Town owned land and construction of an improved emergency turnaround.

Kelley's Corner Steering Committee: Discussion about future of the Committee, given results of Town Meeting. Agreed to reschedule another meeting in 2 months

Janet K. Adachi

Acton Community Housing Corporation, Monday, 5/16: Discussion covered various topics, including that MA Department of Housing and Community Development did site walk of 248 High Street site for proposed Chapter 40B project that Selectmen previously endorsed; and ACHC proposal to seek technical support and training about Chapter 40B for Zoning Board of Appeals, which has newer members unfamiliar with 40B and will be hearing several 40B proposals.

Acton-Boxborough Cultural Council – Annual World Film series concludes on Friday, 5/20, 7:00 pm with "The Lunch Box (India). Excellent series thus far: Friday, 5/6: "Gloomy Sunday (Hungary); Friday, 5/13: "After the Wedding" (Denmark).

Conservation Commission, Wednesday, 5/18: Missed meeting due to Water Resources Advisory Committee meeting at same time. Agenda included hearing on proposed Chapter 40B project at 248 High Street.

Design Review Board, Wednesday, 5/18: Missed this meeting due to Water Resources Advisory Committee meeting at same time.

Finance Committee, Tuesday, 5/10: Discussion of

- 2016 Annual Town Meeting, need to increase efficiency, fact that everything came together even later this year than in past.
- Minuteman Regional District update, including Belmont Town Meeting may vote on proposed new-building debt issuance. Ms. Adachi reported that latest plan under discussion, assuming 15 of 16 member-towns approved debt, was not to call District-wide ballot vote on debt proposal but for District to request extension of time from MA School Building Authority to secure requisite unanimous approval of debt.
- Tour of Conant, Douglas, Gates primary schools: Discussion of possible twin school. Conant originally built in contemplation of second school but increased space requirements since then would preclude a second building but could allow for one large building encompassing 2 schools. Concern that each school needs substantial, costly work for health and safety reasons, MSBA process could take years, and in the meantime Acton-Boxborough District needs to do something.
- Committee reorganization: Margaret Wooley Busse, Chairman; Doug Tindal, Vice Chairman; Dave Wellinghoff, Clerk.

Land Stewardship Committee, Tuesday, 5/17: Discussion of how to deal with abandoned Eagle Scout projects; improved system for matching volunteers with conservation land projects; Assabet River "blue-green" (water-land) trails under development by Organization of Assabet, Sudbury, Concord Rivers, and need for major trash cleanup; new and improved LSC website (actontrails.org); need for regarding of conservation land parking areas.

Minuteman Regional District: 15 of 16 member-town annual Town Meetings either voted to approve new-building debt issuance or, in the case of 6 withdrawing members, took no action on debt proposal. District, by letter of 5/18 to MA School Building Authority, notified MSBA of less-than-unanimous vote on debt, and requested 180-day extension of time beyond 6/30 for District to secure Belmont approval of debt. See attached chart of Town Meeting votes.

Water Resources Advisory Committee, 5/18: Discussion and revision of draft recommendations to Selectmen about future role of committee. Board discussion of recommendations should be on agenda in near future.

TOWN MEETING ACTION ON BONDING FOR A NEW MINUTEMAN HIGH SCHOOL - 2016

| | Bonding Under M.G.L. Chapter 71, Section 16(d) | Debt Exclusion Vote |
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| Lincoln * | "Passed Over" Article 27 | Approved 174-112 (61%-39%) on 3/28/2016 |
| Lexington | Approved on 4/25/2016 by vote of 152-0 | None |
| Concord | Approved on 4/5/2016, subject to Debt Exclusion on 4/14/2016 | Approved 745-259 (74%-26%) on 4/14/2016 |
| Acton | Approved on 4/4/2016 | None |
| Wayland * | "Passed Over" on 4/11/2016 | None |
| Bolton | Approved 5/2/2016, subject to Debt Exclusion on 5/9/2016 | Approved 237-146 (62%-38%) on 5/9/2016 |
| Lancaster | Approved unanimously on 5/2/2016, subject to Debt Exclusion on 5/9/2016 | Approved 251-153 (62%-38%) on 5/9/2016 |
| Stow | Approved 5/2/2016, subject to Debt Exclusion on 5/10/2016 | Approved 284-160 (64%-36%) on 5/10/2016 |
| Dover | Approved 5/2/2016 | None |
| Sudbury * | No vote; not included on the Warrant | None |
| Belmont | Not approved on 5/4/2016 by 81-141 vote | None |
| Needham | Approved unanimously on 5/9/2016 | None |
| Boxborough * | No vote; not included on the Warrant | None |
| Carlisle * | No vote; not included on the Warrant | None |
| Weston * | No vote; not included on the Warrant | None |
| Arlington | Approved 165-31 (84%-16%) on 5/9/2016, subject to Debt Exclusion on 6/14/2016 | To be held on 6/14/2016 |
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| | <i>* Withdrawing Town</i> | |
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| | Town votes within 60 days of School Committee's 3/15/16 bonding authorization vote. Absence of a vote or a decision to "pass over" is deemed a "yes" vote. | |
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| | Last updated: 5/11/2016 | |

Franny Osman

May 6 Open Space Committee meeting where we discussed officers and Andy Magee nicely offered to stay on about six months more and would remain chair for now. We briefly discussed the “parcel x” that was part of the land that the Town just bought at 176 Central St. and confirmed that we would like the Cemetery Commission to be able to continue using that part of the land. We looked at the Pipe Lane parcel and voted to support appraisal based on entry over Michaela Moran’s adjacent property. Selby has been working on this. A developer who has been hired by the Magoon Hadleys to act as a broker for the back land was present, Mark Brooks.

May 11 Regional Transportation Advisory Committee at Transportation Building, discussion of committee’s comments on the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Discussion of Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)’s decision to recommend a pared down version of the Green Line Extension.

May 13 CrossTown Connect board meeting at Acton Town Hall,

May 16 North South Rail Link Working Group meeting at State House, drafting a proposed scope of work for the upcoming \$2 million study of the Rail Link.

May 16 Met at MAPC for conference call with fellow Minuteman Advisory Group for Interlocal Coordination (MAGIC) officers to draft the 2016 to 2017 Work Plan.

May 18 Cemetery Commission met but I was unable to go due to a meeting conflict. On their agenda was working on the final draft of the Monuments and Flush Marker portion of the Rules and Regulations, changing the maximum cremation size, and an update on the Kennedy Service Building renovation update.

May 18 “Working Group” Subgroup of CrossTown Connect, including Council on Aging Directors from the involved towns plus Westford, met to come to agreement on many policies for the Vehicle Sharing Agreement among several towns—things like fares, hours, dispatch timing, animals. Riders will see some advantages from this upcoming launch of sharing vehicles.

Katie Green

The **Historical Commission** met on May 11th. They discussed putting together an RFP for completing the national register nomination for Forest Cemetery, which was funded in last year's CPA budget. They are also working on ordering plaques for historic town properties. They will start with the hearse house at Woodlawn Cemetery as well as the West Acton first station and Town Hall.

The **Acton Boxborough Regional School Committee** met on May 19th. The Committee elected new officers for the next year. Mary Brolin, a member from Boxborough, will serve as Chair and Amy Krishnamurthy and Katie Neville will serve as the Vice-Chairs from Acton and Boxborough respectively. The Committee heard a presentation on safety and security planning in the district. A working group that has been looking into this issue is recommending implementing an alternative lock down procedure called ALICE, which stands for alert, lock down, inform, counter, evacuate. This procedure trains students, teachers, and staff on more options for responding to an emergency than the traditional lock down procedure. The Committee also had a first read on proposed changes to their facilities fees procedures. The major change is the proposal to implement an energy fee on weekends when buildings are being opened just for outside use, although that wouldn't go into effect until July 1, 2017. The Committee also heard an update on how the changes to the elementary bus passing system have been working and a reminder about the changes that will go into effect starting in September. The Facilities Director also presented on the results of recent testing he completed on the district's drinking water. He did not find any contaminants at levels that would be concerning and he is also applying to the state for local technical assistance to do additional testing. Finally, the Committee voted to appoint Pamela Smith as the new Director of Special Education.