Peter J. Berry

Finance Committee: Attended meeting; updated FinCom on possible fall Town Meeting plans; discussion about obligation to bring union contracts to Town Meeting for funding approval; discussion about CPA; FinCom requested more information about how the CPA has worked.

Health Insurance Trust: Trust members reviewed Treasurer's Report; positive cash flow of +$1,304,474 through May, 2016 (11 of 12 month fiscal year); Trust voted to select Sirius Insurance As stop loss carrier for a yearly premium of $694,579.

CPC: Attended the annual party at Peter Ashton's home, a tradition since the CPC was first formed in 2002; good food and conversation; Peter Ashton hosted because he was last year's chair but has resigned from the CPC since being elected Town Moderator.

Kevin Whatcott: Represented the Selectmen at Kevin's Eagle Scout Court of Honor held at the Christian Science Church in Littleton. Kevin produced an informational video to promote a non-profit which provides free clothing to needy students for his Eagle Scout project.

Acton Leadership Group: Attended kick off meeting which set ground rules and schedule for upcoming year.

Attended and spoke at the annual Selectmen's concert at NARA. Chamber music by talented musicians. Afterwards a local resident hosted a dinner for the artists and a group of citizens.

July 4th Celebration: Spoke on behalf of the Selectmen at the July 4th celebration held at NARA; well attended event, many citizens danced to the band and enjoyed a spectacular fireworks show; congratulations to the Town employees for a successful event.

Attended an event bringing together citizens interested in the future if Kelley's Corner.

Janet K. Adachi

Acton Leadership Group, Thursday, 6/30: Review and agreement on ground rules for year, meeting schedule; FY16 updates from Finance Director and Superintendent; discussion of items for future agendas, which probably will include topic of reserves once Finance Committee has held its planned session about same.

Acton Water District, Monday, 6/27: Update about Nuclear Metals Superfund site and ongoing discussions between AWD and MA Department of Environmental Protection about how best to protect Assabet River wells. Update about bidding process for Indian Village water main improvement project.

Conservation Commission, Wednesday, 7/6: Agenda included update about proposed stormwater management and landscaping by proponents of 8-unit project under Chapter 40B at 248 High Street. In 3/2016, Selectmen submitted written endorsement in of project to MA Department of Housing and Community Development, which in 5/2016 issued its preliminary approval of proposed site and project; proponents' have applied for comprehensive permit from Zoning Board of Appeals, whose hearing will open 7/19.

Finance Committee, Tuesday, 7/28: Mr. Berry present for a portion. Update about Community Preservation Act participation, including proposal for possible 2016 Special Town Meeting to increase surcharge from 1.5% to 3%. Discussion of FinComm charter, which issues are/should be in FinComm's purview; how to improve process for Town Meeting preparation, including FinComm's receipt of information much earlier about warrant articles for which FinComm must take positions/make recommendations; and which issues appropriate for Special Town Meeting. Town Assessor/Assistant Finance Director Brian McMullen and I explained circumstances where warrant article information unavailable until last-minute, and where special town meeting appropriate.

Land Stewardship Committee, Tuesday, 6/21: Election of new officers: Bruce Rachman, Chairman; Bob Farra, Vice Chairman; Joe Will, (continuing to serve as) Clerk. Discussion of ongoing enhancements to online mapping information and proposals for new and improved website.

Minuteman Working Group, Fri, 7/8: School Committee member and Selectmen, Finance Committee and AB School Committee liaisons will meet to discuss 9/20 District-wide ballot vote and related issues.

Water Resources Advisory Committee:
- Wednesday, 6/22: meeting with Town, Acton Water District staff members regarding WRAC role & proposed mission statement. Informal consensus that public outreach/education would be appropriate role, as would provision of timely comments (more general, less technical than those of Water District) on water-resources-related implications of projects before Selectmen, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals. Also recommendations about membership: don't require representatives from other Town committees, include more engineers, others with relevant technical background.
- Wednesday, 6/29: WRAC meeting. Discussion of Town and Water District feedback on committee role and membership; also need for new members, given impending departures of Jeff Clymer and Helen Probst.
- My aim is to draft charge-like document and eventually get on Selectmen's agenda.

Other:
Saturday, 6/25: Visiting hours at Acton Funeral Home for Dick Calandrella. Diverse cross-section of other residents also present.

Selectmen's concert, Thursday, 6/30: Mr. Berry, Ms. Green also attended concert, as well as buffet dinner afterward. Superb performance by quartet of string musicians from A Far Cry and Emmanuel Music of Mozart and Rossini selections. Perfect weather and large, appreciative audience that Recreation estimates at ~250 (not counting some singing birds and barking dogs).

Kelley's Corner, Thursday, 7/7: Will attend Planning Department-coordinated on-site meeting about possible next steps, and the like.

Franny Osman

This will be a quick summary report.

The COA is taking the summer off.

Open Space Committee is meeting this Friday, July 8. Great news: that the Town closed on 176 Central (next to Mt. Hope Cemetery). Much discussion of the 6 Piper Lane property. Neighbors of Nagog Pond came and requested that Concord's presentation be limited at the upcoming meeting.

Transportation Advisory Committee is meeting July 13. They are moving more into biking issues lately, but do keep on top of the van and bus status with the help of Doug Halley.

Commission on Disabilities held its annual retreat a couple of weeks ago, where we had time to delve into various discussions. We saw the great "Kids on the Block" puppets, a program that the Commission has revived and will do with Jr. High kids and elementary.

In June, I attended two presenations about the South Station Expansion Environmental Impact Report that is forthcoming; both meetings drew neighbors who did not want the train storage in their areas (Hyde Park, South Boston) that the Expansion would bring, and many supporters of the North-South Rail Link spoke out against the Expansion.

CrossTown Connect has been hashing out the details of sharing vehicles town to town. The resulting cooperation will give cheaper fares and more trip options to Acton residents. The CAT bus is now wheelchair accessible. CrossTown Connect is applying for a federal Mobility on Demand grant, with Uber and Lyft as partners, to try to fill gaps in transit with more Mobility on Demand.

June 22, I was honored as an "Unsung Heroine" by the Mass. Commission on the Status of Women, on which Marianne Fleckner is a commissioner. Jen Benson had nominated me. The event was quite moving, with 125 active women being honored.

Katie Green

On June 16th, I attended the **Acton Boxborough Regional School District's Capital Planning Public Presentation** at the Junior High. The consultants presented on Phase II of the capital needs planning process, the master plan visioning phase. During this phase, they were looking beyond the existing capital needs and more at the educational space needs in the district's buildings. They completed initial visioning sessions and principals workshops. Based on this and a variety of other feedback, they will develop various options to bring back to the visioning groups for discussion. In no surprise, Douglas, Conant, and Gates were identified as the buildings with the biggest needs based on a variety of metrics.

On June 23rd, the Acton Memorial Library Board of Trustees met, however I attended the **Acton Boxborough Regional School Committee** meeting, which happened at the same time. The School Committee heard an update on a pilot at the high school around mid-year assessments and a presentation on self regulated strategy development. They also went over the Superintendent's annual evaluation. Dr. Brand received an overall rating of proficient, which is very good in the rating system the committee uses. The Committee also heard an update on the FY16 budget. As the fiscal year comes to an end, they are projecting about $420-$450k favorability in revenue, mostly due to more regional transportation reimbursement than anticipated. The expense side is still firming up, however it looks favorable as well. The Superintendent recommended spending $215k of the savings on an issue with the concrete sidewalks at the high school and another $23k on issues at the admin building.

On June 30th, I attended the **Selectmen's Concert** at NARA along with Peter Berry and Janet Adachi. The concert is sponsored by a generous anonymous donor and the Steinberg-Lalli Foundation. It was a beautiful night for an outdoor concert featuring a quartet playing Rossini and Mozart. The concert was well attended and much enjoyed.

On July 2nd, I attended the annual **Independence Day** celebration at NARA. Peter Berry, Janet Adachi, and Franny Osman were also in attendance. It was a great night for the concert and fireworks!