

Peter J. Berry

Acton 2020: Selected Vicky Wallen as 2020's representative to the 348-364 Main Street Master Plan Special Committee. Met with Land Use and Economic Development Director Matthew Selby to discuss his role with 2020. Selby indicated that he is the COO of the Comprehensive Community Plan and will be working with 2020 to ensure the goals and objectives of the Plan are being implemented. Discussed future Committee membership. Discussed future work of the Committee, including meetings with other Town boards and committees.

SATSAC: Presentation by Corey York on train station parking and proposed rate increases. Public input and comments on train station parking issues and proposed rate increases. After hearing comments and further discussion Committee voted to recommend to Selectmen that the parking rates be increased per Corey York's proposal.

Janet K. Adachi)

Water Resources Advisory Committee – Am seeking comments from Town and Water District staff members about WRAC's recently submitted recommendations to Selectmen regarding future role/tasks, and expect to develop draft charge for Selectmen discussion at future meeting.

Acton Memorial Day, Monday, 5/30: Participated in Acton observances to, from and at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Mr. Berry, who read deceased veterans' names, and Ms. Osman also took part. Good crowd in spite of rainy start, which gave way to clearing skies by end of event.

Acton-Boxborough High School Graduation, Friday, 6/2: Plan to attend as (with husband Jim Gado).

495/Metrowest Partnership, Tuesday, 5/24, Westford: Attended standing-room-only presentation by Newton Tedder of Environmental Protection Agency about recently issued new stormwater permit (regulations) applicable to 252 (of 351) MA communities under federal Clean Water Act; additional comments by Fred Civian of MA Department of Environmental Protection. Also present were Land Use/Economic Development Director Matthew Selby, Town Engineer Corey York and Paul Campbell of Engineering Dept.

Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, Wednesday, 5/25, Holiday Inn, Boxborough: Attended annual meeting, including panel on new federal stormwater permit (regulations). Also present were Ms. Osman and Land Use/Economic Development Director Matthew Selby.

495/Metrowest Partnership, Wednesday, 6/1, TJX, Framingham: Meeting with MA Secretary of Transportation Stephanie Pollack; and quarterly Board of Directors meeting. Board endorsed positions on pending MA legislation, including H4254, which proposes to delegate to MA Department of Environmental Protection permitting authority that federal Environmental Protection Agency currently holds under National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System; many environmentalists concerned about shifting enforcement authority to DEP, given loss of funding and staffing in recent years, so Partnership endorsement is contingent on assurances in H4254 that increased responsibility would come with additional funding and concomitant staffing (about 40 new positions).

Katie Green

No meetings attended – nothing to report.

Franny Osman

May 19- CrossTown Connect meeting- The biggest development is forming the Vehicle Sharing Agreement for Council on Aging vans among the four CrossTown municipalities.

May 24- Minuteman Regional Coordinating Council Meeting focused on communications between Councils on Aging, trying to figure out if there are ways one community's services can help residents from a nearby community who wants to travel to that first community. Several local Council on Aging Directors attended, including Lincoln, Westford, Carlisle, Littleton, and Acton (Sharon Mercurio).

May 25- MAPC Annual Meeting at Boxborough Holiday Inn. See <http://www.mapc.org/spring-council-2016> . I found the forum on the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS $\$$) Permit very edifying. There were representatives from state, federal, and local organizations and governments represented on the forum. One presentation of note is found at: <http://www.mapc.org/sites/default/files/VonnieReisMS4May262016.pdf> Others from Acton attended, including Selby and Janet Adachi (probably missed others!). MAPC's Digital Services Manager, Alicia Rouault, presented the new Development database. Contact Alicia at arouault@mapc.org for more info. This database might be useful for expanding the information that neighbors and Town groups have about upcoming development. I suggest we encourage residents who are considering selling their property to share that information not only with the Town and with their neighbors, but with MAPC for this database.

May 26- Safety Net meeting- Visit from Todd Chicko, head of Counseling at Acton-Boxborough Regional High School, about the school's support services, both educationally and related to mental health and other health issues. Stress, family issues, technology, substance abuse, all discussed.

May 26- Senior Tax Relief Committee meeting. The committee approved two applications for tax relief. Applications for assistance are down recently.

May 26- Lowell Regional Transit Authority meeting-

May 30- Memorial Day Parade and Ceremonies. Beautiful decoration of the cemetery and Edwards Square in West Acton, and good organization by Jim MacRae and others.

June 1- 495/Metrowest Partnership Breakfast Presentation by Stephanie Pollack of MassDOT. She continues to remind us that transportation isn't about what it is (trains, buses, roads) but what it does (connect us, take us), and that she sees the priority project being to bring the MBTA up to snuff. Janet Adachi also attended.

June 2- MAGIC Climate Change Resiliency Working Group- We heard and commented on the first phase of information-gathering that has been done by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) staff and the contributing community members on the working group. I appreciated Robert Hummel's membership on this Working Group and attendance today.

June 2- MAGIC Annual Meeting- Voted on the Work Plan which includes continuation of the Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation project (for which we are spending \$20 of our assessment money); Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS $\$$) Permit; Transportation And Economic Development Planning; Chapter 61, 61A, 61B Lands, Right of First Refusal;

Complete/Green Streets and Healthy Communities; Smart Growth Projects, including keeping abreast of relevant state legislation that is proposed or passed; and engaging non-municipal partners and other participants in MAGIC. We held elections for the MAGIC Board. Now that Keith Bergman is Chair of the MAPC Board, we have a new Chair of MAGIC subregion: Jennifer Burney, the Planner in Lincoln. Selectman Les Fox and I are continuing to be the Vice-Chairs of MAGIC. I was very glad that Selby and Janet Adachi joined the MAGIC meeting today. As usual, the “Community Exchange” is very interesting, when we hear about planning news from various towns, such as Demolition Prevention (efforts in Concord, Lexington); a new Cultural District and Housing Hero Award (Concord); Downtown Development (Maynard, Littleton, Acton); shared space (Senior Center, Fire Station, Community Center, Social Services, in a \$7 M building in Stow); Blended Community Preservation Act in Littleton, where they have found clever ways to leverage Town expenditures to access more state match; Affordable Housing via a very big 40B that will bring them over their 10% mark (Boxborough).