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Conservation Commission, Wednesday, 6/16: (Missed first hour due to conflicting Selectmen's meeting with Library Trustees to interview candidates for vacancy Trustee vacancy.) Various hearings on agenda, including about 429 Great Road site plan for which Selectmen approved special permit at 6/6 meeting.

REMINDER:

Acton WildAware, Friday-Saturday, 6/17-6/18: Long-anticipated BioBlitz, which aims to create wildlife inventory for Acton. Residents invited to observe and record wildlife that they observe in Acton, whether in yard, neighborhood, conservation area, etc. and submit information to Natural Resources Department (nr@acton-ma.gov) on wildlife observed/locations for inclusion in Town-wide inventory/map. Public celebration at NARA in September, hosted by Natural Resources Department, featuring Town-wide wildlife inventory and map, and including wild animal handler, games, refreshments. Further information available at Library, Natural Resources Department, in this week's Beacon.

Acton Area League of Women Voters, Tuesday, 6/7: Annual meeting, Bella Famiglia. Ms. Green also attended.

495/Metrowest Partnership, Wednesday, 6/8: 3-committees meeting (Energy and Sustainable Development, Transportation, Water Resources) to hear presentations about Envision rating system, which applies to infrastructure projects that LEEDS and other project rating systems don't cover (energy, water, waste, transportation, landscape, information). Envision encourages sustainable projects that improve quality of life for community and are more efficient and environmentally friendly. System result of collaboration between Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure and Harvard University.

Acton Boy Scouts Century celebration, Sunday, 6/12: Tributes by several speakers, including Mr. Berry, and 4 presentations, covering 100-year history of Acton scouting, by Bill Klauer, Bob Guba, Steve Hoff and James Norton, the last in full Acton Minuteman regalia.

Acton-Boxborough United Way, Tuesday, 6/14: Annual meeting. Tributes to departing President and Board members, welcome to new Board members, recognition of Marie Altieri as Volunteer of Year. Jennifer Stone is new President.

Katie Green

I attended the **League of Women Voters** dinner and annual meeting on June 7th. This year it was hosted at Bella Famiglia and a good time was had by all! The group voted on our agenda and action items for the year. The League is of great benefit to our community and provides many services aimed at increasing participation in local government including putting out the "Vote Tuesday" signs before all of our elections, providing information and often a forum leading up to Town Meeting, and registering citizens to vote at the schools' back to school nights. Thank you to all the members of the League who work so hard to serve our town. Unfortunately, the annual meeting conflicted with both the Recreation Commission and Acton Nursing Services Task Force meetings so I was unable to attend those.

The **Historical Commission** met on June 8th. A number of residents attended who are generally concerned about the demolition of historic homes and who were particularly concerned about the demolition in connection with the construction of 40B projects. There was a lot of discussion about the role of various boards and state agencies in relation to these projects and how these boards can and should be involved. The group agreed that they would work to come to their understanding of the Acton and Massachusetts Historical Commissions' roles in 40B projects when they involve a property on the Cultural Resources List. They will then share this understanding with ACHC and town staff / counsel so we can come to a consensus of the best process to handle these kinds of projects. Carolyn Kiely and Barry Elkin attended the meeting and shared a letter they sent to the town of Concord requesting a copy of the town's archeological study of their property at Nagog Pond. Concord denied their request. I will forward an electronic copy of the letter to the Board shortly. The Commission elected Doug Herrick to represent them on the 348-364 Main St. Master Planning Committee.

The **Acton Boxborough Regional School Committee** met on June 9th. They heard a presentation from the Superintendent's Wellness Advisory Committee on sleep and start time issues for high school students. The committee completed a comprehensive review looking at medical literature on the number of hours of sleep teens need (~9 hours/night), what times they sleep due to physiological issues, and the adverse effects of lack of sleep, as well as what other districts and regions are doing to address start times, and they completed a survey of students and other key stakeholders. It was a very interesting presentation and the committee will be issuing a full report shortly. The Committee also heard an updated from the Special Education Parent Advisory Committee on their work and the results of their parent survey from last year.

I attended a joint meeting with the **Acton Memorial Library Board of Trustees** and the Board of Selectmen to interview two finalists to fill the empty Board of Trustees seat. Both were incredibly good finalists with different but interesting backgrounds and ideas for the future of the library. It was an incredibly difficult choice but ultimately the majority of the two boards voted to appoint Yong Liu to the position. I look forward to working with Yong as the liaison to the Board of Trustees and I thank all of the candidates who expressed an interest in the position!

