



## MAGIC April Meeting

Thursday, April 23, 2015; 3:00 – 5:00 pm

141 Keyes Road, Concord, MA

## MINUTES

### Welcome and introductions

*Keith Bergman, Littleton Town Administrator, MAGIC Chairman*

### Community Exchange

*MAGIC Representatives*

#### Boxborough

- Town Meeting
  - Town Meeting warrant out, Town meeting starting soon
  - Minuteman regional school district changes will be one of the bigger topics
  - This year will be their first year of CPA distributions; CPA committee has approved some items for the warrant
- Adam is leading a group with MAPC to do a Master Plan
- The Town has finished a housing production plan and it has been shipped off to DHCD
- Boxborough is partnering with Littleton to provide cable TV services – will be entering into an IMA with Littleton Community Television services
- Boxborough is now been providing regional animal control and Littleton is their first partner. They will be opening it up to other local municipalities.
- Boxborough is a customer of Littleton electric and light and they have been supportive of a solar initiative in Boxborough. Their Go Solar initiative kick off meeting had a huge turnout.



## Concord

- Town Meeting
  - Town meeting has wrapped up
  - All their zoning articles were placed at the beginning of the Warrant.
  - All the bylaw amendments passed.
  - A 25 unit 55+ development got approved by Town Meeting
  - Town budget passed
  - WR Grace Site will be purchased by the town (by an eminent domain taking after many negotiations with the company) and there are several options for its use.
  - Moratorium on using synthetic turf failed
  - A citizen petition for recalling an elected official was defeated
- Patriot's Day celebrations last week including dawn salute on Patriot's Day
- Town is moving into the new regional high school over school vacation week.

## Lexington

- Town Meeting
  - Lexington has finished it's 2 town meetings – 8 sessions in total
  - Mixed results on zoning bylaws and planning initiatives
  - Streetscape redesign of Mass Ave in the center was sent back for more process and input and will be taken up again at a Town Meeting in the fall
  - Some work to Gray Mill Alley got funded to make a public space there
  - They bought a mansion that was a Masonic Temple and it will be used as Community Center.

## Littleton

- Starbucks opened on April 10<sup>th</sup> with official ribbon cutting coming soon
  - This is part of the “the Point” development where there is a Market Basket and there will also be many new restaurants and bowling alley opening there
- The Potpourri group has a new 450,000 sq ft structure opening next month. Uses a TIFF to finance construction.
- Town Meeting
  - Town meeting coming up on May 4<sup>th</sup> and will be proposing the Stretch Energy Code to get Green Community certification.
  - Zoning amendment on the warrant dealing with how non-confirming structures are treated.
  - Seeking supplemental funding to get their Master Plan off the ground. They are currently working on their open space plan with MAPC.



## Stow

- Town Meeting
  - Town meeting is coming up
  - Stow is working towards a Green Communities designation. There was one property in town that was not on Hudson Muni Light Company so they will be eligible to apply. They have a warrant article to adopt the stretch code at Town Meeting
  - Not much zoning will be considered at Town Meeting.
- Town's Board of Health agent is retiring. It's a part time position and they haven't hired a new person yet. They will be joining the Neshoba Board of Health as a service provider in the meantime.
- Assistant Planner attended MPO meeting to keep Assabet River Rail Trail on the list.
- Don Hawkes is running for Selectmen again.
- An old school is being renovated into a community center and fire station. Bids have come in low.
- Stow is part of a regional school committee with 8 representatives. Members include Stow and Bolton.

## Sudbury

- Town had an election at the end of March. Very close election, so will be holding the vote again.
- Town Meeting
  - Town meeting is on May 4<sup>th</sup> and there are a number of interesting articles.
  - Sudbury has a senior tax credit that was due to expire in 2016. There is now an item on the Warrant asking the Legislature to keep it active indefinitely.
  - Three articles coming up by petition, 2 on walkways and 1 on a rail trail.
- Town Manager, Maureen Valente has left Sudbury and works in the State Administration.
- Town center project is gearing up in the next couple of weeks to do the road piece of the Sudbury Center project – should be complete by summer. Will involve some road restriping.

## 495 MetroWest Partnership

- Next week their Transportation committee is hosting Keolis' General Manager to update on how they are preparing for next winter and to hear from employers in the region about their needs.
- Have had a few meetings on MS4 permitting and expects to have a few more throughout the year.
- Transportation Subcommittee meeting scheduled for May 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Long Range Transportation Plan of the Boston MPO.
- They just released their new demographic data with payroll data that show the partnership's service area accounts for 1 in 11 jobs in the state.

## CrossTown Connect Transportation Management Association

- Initiative looking at how the region can share their COA vehicles (includes Acton, Boxborough, Littleton)



- Working on a study with the Boston MPO on a study on route planning from Littleton Station to local area employers. CrossTown will be providing data on employer zipcodes and they will also use census data.
- Statewide Mobility conference is coming up on May 5<sup>th</sup> and Scott will be speaking on regional dispatch on COA vans.

#### Freedom's Way National Heritage Area

- The heritage area has just completed their management plan
- They are a non-profit organization that is funded through the National Park Service
- Once the plan is complete and approved, their funding will be doubled
- They are working with local towns on Hidden Treasures Weekend
- Entire National Park Service is getting ready to celebrate its centennial

#### **MAGIC Work Plan – Review FY15 Plan and discuss updating**

*Keith Bergman*

*MAGIC Representatives*

- Brief discussion of goals for upcoming year.
- A survey was presented but as time did not allow for it, Tanya Paglia to send the survey electronically via Survey Monkey in advance of next meeting

#### **Discuss Projects for use of MAGIC Special Assessment Funds**

*Tanya Paglia, MAPC, MAGIC Coordinator*

*MAGIC Representatives*

- Prior to the meeting a List of 15 project/event ideas generated through dialogue between MAGIC Officers, MAGIC Coordinator and MAPC Departments.
- MAGIC members were polled using keypads to gauge their interest in which of these projects to pursue at April meeting.
- Eight projects polled more favorably than the others (descriptions on following pages) with **Climate Change Adaptation** polling the highest. Eight top projects were: MAGIC Climate Change Adaptation Plan



- First Mile/Last Mile Follow-up work to the CTPS Crosstown Connect 2015 study
- Trail Connectivity Project
- Energy Services Forum
- Community Preservation Act Forum
- Complete/Green Streets Implementation Work
- Complete Streets and Green Streets Policy Work
- Study on reforming and/or regionalizing trash and recycling practices

### **Appoint Nominating Committee for Annual MAGIC Elections**

*Keith Bergman*

- No volunteers at the meeting
- Keith to follow-up with Richard Canale and Michelle Ciccolo to see if they would like to run the nominating committee
- Keith and Les are both interested in re-nomination and we will need one more vice chair candidate

### **Minutes**

- Les moved to formally approve January's minutes. Seconded by Karen Kelleher.
- Minutes approved.

### **Meeting Adjourn**

### **Upcoming Events:**

Lincoln Trail and Open Space Walk: Thursday, May 7, 2015, 8:45 – 11:30 am in Lincoln

Next MAGIC Meeting: Thursday, June 4, 2015, 3:00 – 5:00 pm in Concord