

**MetroWest Regional Collaborative
Full Board Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2016**

The MWRC Board held a meeting on Thursday, May 19, 2016 in the MWTRA Building, 15 Blandin Street, Framingham, MA. At 8:00 a.m., Chairman Jay Marsden called the meeting to order.

MWRC Board Members present:

- Chairman Jay Marsden (Holliston)
- Vice-Chairman Preston Crow (Ashland)
- Lewis Colten (Framingham)
- Ellen Gibbs (Wellesley)
- Yolanda Greaves (Ashland)
- Catherine Johnson (Wellesley)

Others Present:

- Eric Hove, MAPC Director of Strategic Initiatives
- Karen Adelman, MWRC Coordinator

Attachments:

- I. Agenda for 6-19-2016 MWRC Board Meeting
- II. Draft Minutes from 4-16-2016 MWRC Executive Board Meeting (Draft Minutes and Meeting Packet for 4-16-2016 MWRC Executive Board Meeting can be found at mapc.ma/MWRC_4-16-2016_Packet)
- III. Zoning Reform hand-out
- IV. Proposed Meeting Schedule FY17 (memo from Coordinator)
- V. Getting Governance Right(er) & Conflict Resolution Workshop flyers
- VI. FY16 MWRC Work Plan
- VII. Proposed Regional Impact Review Process (memo from Coordinator)

Community Exchange

Ms. Greaves and Mr. Crowe (Ashland):

- Ashland voters failed to pass two override questions on the May 17, 2016 ballot.
- Controversy continues in Ashland over the development in the Rail Transit District. There is disagreement on the Board of Selectmen as to whether the MEPA decision should be appealed.
- Ashland is working toward the implementation of form-based codes. What is proposed is the addition of illustrations that elucidate of current zoning.

Ms. Gibbs and Ms. Johnson (Wellesley):

- Wellesley voters approved a \$5.5M debt exclusion for a new senior center at a May 10, 2016 Special Election. The issue had been debated and – in multiple ways – wrangled over for many years. “When it comes to this project, if you can imagine it, it happened.”

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- Moving forward with a townwide strategic town plan, the first in Wellesley history. It will be a joint project of the BoS and PB.
- A new school master planning committee has been formed to consider, in depth, from an educational, community, enrollment, and financial perspective, the concept and execution of neighborhood schools in Wellesley.

Mr. Colten (Framingham):

- Transfer of Development Rights (TDRs) is a major issue. Two farms are in jeopardy could potentially save this open space. PM is also working to promote the CMU. The plan is to create mixed-use development in the tech park. This may have major impact on surrounding communities.
- Planning Board and the Committee on Planning & Zoning, appointed by Town Meeting, is off
- A new behavioral organization is coming to Framingham under the Dover Amendment and bringing many students into the community. Framingham is 28% untaxable.
- Charter Commission meetings have begun.
- Increasing the membership of ZBA from three to five is being discussed in town informally.
- A lack of coordination and cooperation amongst the different permitting authorities in Framingham is a problem Mr. Colten is interested in addressing.

Mr. Marsden (Holliston):

- Holliston voters will vote on a \$1.5M override question to fund proposed downtown traffic lights. Town Meeting supported the measure.
- Questions of free expression have arisen around the codification of a “Red Light” district in Holliston after a 65-35 vote in favor. An appeal has been taken to the ZBA.

Guest Speaker

Eric Hove, MAPC’s Director of Strategic Initiatives, reported to the Board and led a discussion on two of MAPC’s current legislative issues, DLTA and Zoning Reform.

MWRC Update

Ms. Adelman asked Board Members to publicize the upcoming Getting Governance Right(er) forum and the Conflict Resolution Workshop and distributed flyers.

Ms. Adelman presented a draft meeting schedule for FY17. Mr. Marsden made a motion to accept, Mr. Crowe seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Adelman presented a draft RIR process for the board’s continued consideration.

Ms. Adelman distributed a memo about the MWRC FY17 Work plan and MWRC’s FY16 Work Plan for reference. There was consensus that the coordinator and chair work together to develop a draft FY17 Work Plan for Board Approval.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Executive Board was set for June 16, 2016, at the Holliston Town Hall.

Adjournment

Mr. Marsden made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Crow to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. At 10:10 a.m. Mr. Marsden adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Adelman, MWRC Coordinator

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