**Meeting Summary**

Date: Tuesday, September 11, 2018

Location: Wrentham Town Hall, 79 South Street

Attendees: Susy Affleck-Childs and Rich Di Iulio, Medway

Jim Kupfer, Bellingham

John Charbonneau, Wrentham

Richard McCarthy and Bob Nicodemus, Norfolk

Amy Love, Franklin

Gino Carlucci, Addie Mae Weiss, and Marian Neutra, Sherborn

Jessica Strunkin, 495 MetroWest Partnership

Diego Huezo, MAPC

Recorded by: Kasia Hart, SWAP Coordinator

**Community Exchange**

* **Wrentham** has received a grant from the Massachusetts Gaming Commission to update their zoning on Route 1. The Town will also host the final public forum for the ongoing Town Center rezoning effort, which is slated to go to Town Meeting in November.
* There is a lot of development happening in **Franklin**, including a senior living development on Chestnut Street, a 300,000 sq. ft. warehouse, and 257 units near the train station. The Town also recently passed their chicken bylaw!
* In addition to wrapping up the General Plan and OSRP, **Sherborn** is working on developing blanket regulations that would allow for the removal of 500 dead trees from the public right of way.
* **Medway** recently submitted their OSRP to the state and is preparing a few zoning articles for Town Meeting in November.
* **Norfolk** is gearing up to start work on their MHP grant, which provides support to draft design guidelines for Norfolk Center and review the Town’s zoning. The Town is also prepared to submit a Housing Choice grant for their stormwater district, and is currently working on a 40B age-restricted rental development in Town Center.
* The intersection of Route 140 and Maple Street in **Bellingham** is currently under construction to accommodate an incoming warehouse facility. The Town is preparing three articles for Town Meeting in the fall, and getting ready to host a Southern New England Trunkline Trail (SNETT) open house with DCR on September 20.
* The 495/MetroWest Partnership will be hosting two meetings that may be of interest: on Tuesday, 9/23 the Massachusetts Office of Business Development will be providing an update on the Economic Development Incentive Program (EDIP), and on Thursday 10/4, the Water Resources Committee will hear an update on MS4 permits and statewide stormwater management. If you are interested in attending, please contact Jessica Strunkin at [jessica@495partnership.org](mailto:jessica@495partnership.org) for details.

**Update from MAPC**

* DHCD is hosting the Massachusetts Downtown Summit on Monday, October 1at the UMass Lowell Inn & Conference Center. Registration is free. To learn more about the summit and to register, please click [here](https://www.mass.gov/service-details/2018-ma-downtown-summit).
* A reminder that cities and towns have funds available for transportation-related projects through a state assessment on transportation network companies (TNCs). To view funds receive by each community and for more information about how they can be utilized, please click [here](https://www.mapc.org/resource-library/tnc-dpu-funds/).
* Stay tuned for more details about an upcoming MAPC Regional Plan Kick Off event in the subregion!

**Living Little Phase 2 Update**

* The Towns of Medway, Medfield, and Foxborough recently submitted a proposal for Phase 2 of the Living Little project. If your community is interested in learning more or becoming part of the working group that guides this effort, please contact Susy Affleck-Childs at [sachilds@townofmedway.org](mailto:sachilds@townofmedway.org).

**Legislative Priorities Discussion**

Diego Huezo, MAPC Government Affairs Specialist, facilitated a discussion about the recently concluded legislative session and what the communities would like to see on MAPC’s advocacy agenda for the upcoming session. For a summary of how MAPC’s priorities fared in the most recent session, please click [here](https://www.mapc.org/planning101/end-of-the-legislative-session-how-mapcs-priorities-fared/).

Below is a summary of challenges faced by the communities, and how work in the legislature may alleviate these barriers:

* More funding needed for Housing Choice, Complete Streets, CPA, MassWorks, and MS4 (funding for stormwater management upgrades)
* Potential for regional stormwater utility services
* Move forward on the positive elements of Housing Choice and Zoning Reform that garnered significant support.
* Increase state incentives to build middle-income housing, especially with green building materials
* Ongoing challenge is balancing state regulations and local authority

**Next Meeting**

SWAP will reconvene on **Tuesday, October 9, 2018 from 9:30am-11:30am at Medway Town Hall**. We will be joined by Chris Kuschel, MAPC Senior Regional Planner, who will present on retrofitting suburbia case studies, and Martin Pillsbury, Director of Environmental Planning, who will provide an update on the MS4 permits.

Respectfully submitted as draft

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