

June 5, 2012

Board of Selectmen
195 Main Street
Maynard, Massachusetts
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Re; Town Administrator Report

Honorable Board of Selectmen,

Please accept this report as an abridged version of Town Hall activities for the past two weeks;

LR Kimball Regional PSAP Final Report; Selectmen Capello, Nadeau and I attended a recent Thursday evening meeting at the Goodnow Library in Sudbury. LR Kimball the firm chosen over a year ago to conduct this regional study of the possible strategies to configure communities for a regional PSAP which may make sense to consolidate 911 services. The final study left several unanswered questions, but was clear that there were no strategies developed by Kimball would reduce costs for any communities.

Issues such as lock-ups, manning of stations and familiarity with local nuances remained largely speculative and unclear. There were a number of questions asked and the Maynard contingent did a lot of listening, but we did not hear the necessary solutions articulated for Maynard to move forward with a level of confidence that we would get adequate service and manageable partnership.

There is a great need to solve this issue at the local level given the changes in 911 protocol and in particular emergency medical dispatch mandates (unfunded). At this juncture I would ask the BOS to begin considering in earnest a civilian dispatch which should be responsible for all centralized calls to the Town of Maynard, but most importantly to address emergency needs.

In any model I would strongly encourage including Police, Fire, COA, DPW, centralized Town Hall inquiries and transfer of calls for offices or employees who may not be in the building for any number of reasons to a live operator. I think this would be an enhanced service which the cost would be mollified by extracting those "dispatch" responsibilities from the respective department. It would also serve to coordinate information and be useful as a monitoring tool for departmental activities.

MAPC Annual Conference; On May 23rd I attend the Metropolitan Area Planning Council Annual meeting. I was on hand to cast a vote for Keith Bergman and Richard Canale to serve as MAPC Executive Board Members, Keith is Littleton Town Administrator, serves as the MAGIC Chair and

lives in Concord. Richard is a resident of Concord and very active in MAGIC. I believe with Michelle Ciccolo (Hudson) as President and the additional support on the Executive Committee the region will be well posed to get its fair share of attention from MAPC.

The conference was well attended and the main speaker Mark Fenton did a wonderful presentation on “free range” kids. He spoke about how we need to get more exercise into their play. He also spoke about the “complete streets” concept and the need for more walkable communities. Commissioner of Health Auerbach also spoke about the need to adopt a healthier lifestyle. I hid my donut.

MAGIC Region Sub-committee on Transportation; Recently met in Concord and less than 1% of Maynard has taken the transportation survey (we were not the lowest percentage). Most communities had a similar rate (except for Lexington who has had exceptional response rate). If you have not taken it yet I would ask that you go to the town website and give your opinion via the survey.

Overall, the sampling was impressive well over 1,600 individuals from the region have participated and it will result in a better understanding of the needs. There has been significant outreach from Eric Halvorsen (MAPC) who is coordinating this study to the COAs in each town. I am happy to report our director was in the house for those sessions.

Mass Managers Association; annual gathering was held in Lenox at Cranwell. I was scheduled to attend all three days, but due other pressing issues it was necessary to reduce my time to Friday. I was able to attend the Legislative Update and discussions around health care reform. The most prominent issue was the question of accumulated time and whether it should be considered when calculating retirement compensation. This subject is part of upcoming hearings and should be monitored next year.

Again, I apologize for the tardiness of this report and appreciate your consideration

Michael J. Sullivan
Town Administrator, Maynard