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Subject: [EXTERNAL] - GDT Article - MIT

Gail - Would you please forward to Gar Morse and post on Town website. Thank you.

Good morning,

I just read with interest the GDT article, "MIT to help Manchester with MBTA zoning". I have a few clarifying questions that I hope as Chair and Vice Chair of the MBTA Task Force you can answer.

- The article, MIT, and the State website lists Manchester as needing 39 acres and 585 housing units. The MBTA Task Force has been using 37 acres and 555 housing units. Which set of data points is correct? I had asked the prior Town Planner this question and never received an answer.

- The article states that "the group" intends to present its first article at the annual TM. Planning Board is responsible for bringing zoning articles to TM, correct? When does the MBTA Task Force anticipate passing off their recommendation to the Planning Board for their review?

- The article states that there will be a first article voted on at the annual TM, followed by a second vote during the special TM. Would you please detail what this means? What is a first article, and is there a second article planned? Why two votes and at two TM? Does not the Planning Board decide bringing zoning articles to Town Meeting?

Thank you for providing answers to the above questions.

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