

Dear Colleagues,

In the Friday packet ahead of our first January ZAP committee meeting, there is (now archived) a two page list of all ZAP related projects, docket items filed and under consideration, organized by substantive category. It was attached to our Agenda for that evening, pertaining to our calendar discussion, which was the second item. **I updated (1.26.22) and attach below.**

Please note a few things (This is **NOT** everything):

Enforcement items: The committee decided that requests for discussion having to do with enforcement issues, **do not need to come before ZAP unless it becomes clear an ordinance amendment is needed.** So enforcement items are faded, and will be removed.

Permitting software, when ready to present for interim Council review, will be before a Committee of the Whole.

Village Center District zoning remains a primary focus; the next conversation with our consultant, Utile, is scheduled for Feb. 28.

MBTA Communities: We plan to continue limited analyses and discussion, mindful of the state calendar, and subject to needed state clarifications and final guidance.

Climate Action Items: We had a first meeting with Sustainability, Law and Planning staff, to think through how to best structure and prioritize the work needed to move ahead on several larger, more complex efforts outlined in the CAP. Such efforts may require cross departmental and stakeholder involvement, community meetings etc., which are efforts that a working group outside of ZAP could help define a clearer path toward an ordinance. We plan a more detailed look at the range of CAP items at our Feb 14 meeting.

Reducing Tear Downs/ Managing Scale:

Despite the broad and full agenda, many wish to address the matter of razing replacing existing homes. There will be a discussion on Feb. 14 so councilors can docketers can propose their ideas.

The one page **Gantt chart** in the packet (1.7.22) looks at the whole term, also organized by substantive category and attached below.

Both of these are “Living” documents, and will be updated periodically as we go.

Onward!

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