

SOUTH ACTON TRAIN STATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

7:30 PM THURSDAY 19 APRIL 2018

ACTON TOWN HALL ROOM 126

Meeting called to order: 7:30 PM

Present: David Martin (Chairperson), David Wellinghoff, R Luke Evans
Also present, Corey York, Town Engineer

1. Comments from the public

DM asked Gordon Richards if he had any new information regarding negotiations with the Town regarding his property since the related Article at the recent Annual Town Meeting had been postponed. He said the postponement was due simply to his attorney's schedule leaving insufficient time to review the Town's proposal.

2. Notes from the chair – Advisory Board update

As a representative from Acton, DM attended the recent MBTA Advisory Board meeting. In general, the financial situation of the \oplus was not bad. Operating expenses are relatively steady. More resources are to go to the capital budget. Fare increases will be increasing sometime soon.

This *pro forma* MBTA Advisory Board approved the upcoming MBTA budget.

The upcoming meeting in June will consider reduced commuter rail fares for family travel on weekends.

3. Town projects update – Rental bikes, Parking changes

DM reported the Article for bike rentals in Acton was passed at the recent Annual Town Meeting. Acton's responsibility is \$9,000, which could be lower if use is high.

Car pool signs have arrived and will be installed in the designated area reasonably soon.

4. Station site & ARRT terminus – lighting and other issues

Charging stations (for electric vehicles) have arrived. Wiring for these stations should begin in few weeks. Also, resurfacing the parking lot is planned for this summer but CY wants to be sure all planned digging projects are completed beforehand.

5. Parking lots & issues – solar canopy over main lot, and other issues

A draft proposal was distributed outlining an idea Acton has to install carports with solar panels in the South Acton Commuter Lot off Central St. This idea is in its early stages. Tara Fredericks, member of the public, expressed some possible procedures to guide explorations of such a project.

DM thought a key question to ask is how such a project would benefit the Town (e.g., reduce school costs, etc.) and whether or not such benefits would be sufficient to warrant the costs of such a project.

Also, a question was raised if the project might result in fewer parking spaces. Accordingly, it was thought any serious proposal should include discussion of parking issues and ideas.

Some thoughts were expressed that the view of such carports might not be too noticeable from Central St because the parking area lies low almost in a bowl.

6. Review & accept prior meeting minutes

No minutes were presented

7. Future meetings, and calendar events

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 17 and possibly for Thursday, June 21

8. Adjourned: 8:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

R Luke Evans