

**SOUTH ACTON TRAIN STATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Minutes-

**7:30 PM THURSDAY 09 AUGUST**

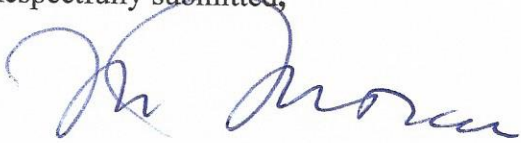
**ACTON TOWN HALL ROOM 121**

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm. Dave Wellington, David Martin, Michaela Moran, Amanda Steinberg, and selectman liaison Jon Benson in attendance. Corey York and Luke Evans, absent.

- 7:30 **Comments from the public-**Tom Kelleher, of Assabet River Rail Trail (ARRT), announced the ribbon cutting for the trail for 2pm, August 10.
- 7:35 **Notes from the chair:** Parcels on School Street from School Street Garage #27) to the Civil Defense building are being considered for a joint development with the possibility of land leased to town for parking. Engineering department expects to pave and restripe the main parking lot this summer, which will result in the gain of a few spots.
- 7:45 **Town projects update:** No progress on the landscaping study until after parking lot paving. Mass Planning Organization (MPO) is in touch with Corey York.
- 7:50 **Station site & ARRT terminus:** A few queries on bike parking have come in. The town added bike racks. Scooter parking may move so that more bikes can be parked at the north side. Zagster bike pad is on the south side. Parallel parking spaces (auto) at the terminus have a four hour limit.
- 8:00 **Parking lots & issues:** Discussion re carpool spots centered around the issue of the limited sign-up to-date and the committee's recommendation to the selectmen for a time-limit for offering the spaces for carpool vs. general commuter parking. Motion was made to advise the selectmen that the carpool-space experimental program remain until the end of December and, at that time, to convert the half of the remaining spaces to reserve spaces and to continue to promote the rest for carpool use through next town meeting in April. Some thoughts about out-reach for carpoolers were floated.
- 8:15 **Parking lots & issues:** A solar canopy was proposed by Green Acton and a private vendor following an RFP issued by the Green Advisory Board. Discussion of the constraints of leasing the lot and thereby preventing a parking deck resulted in a motion to advise the selectmen against accepting the solar array proposal until SATSAC has investigated the possibility of a parking deck.

- 8:30**     **Review & accept prior meeting minutes:** June 21 and May 17 minutes accepted unanimously.
- 8:35**     **Future meetings, and calendar events:** Next meeting 9/20.
- 8:40**     **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 9pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michaela Moran". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

Michaela Moran