

Transportation Advisory Committee Minutes June 14, 2018

Started 7:35 pm

Present: Luke Evans, Jim Citro, Jim Yarin, Franny Osman

Joan Gardner

Citizens' Concerns:

Franny passed on a conversation with a mother complaining that her adult son with developmental disabilities is being bumped from pre-arranged van rides. She is talking to Doug Halley and Scott Zadakis about it and asked what committee meeting she might come to to discuss.

Jim C will call Middlesex to see if we can form some coordination of transportation. Franny will tell him whom she talked to there already. This year, alone, 17 AB student graduates this year reported going to Middlesex CC. Jim will also look into talking to MART about their Boston Shuttle which stops at the VA in Bedford.

Administrative:

Meeting snafu. Town Hall was locked so TAC met at the library; a notice was left for the visitor. Turned out an employee was out on bereavement and the meeting hadn't been posted.

Minutes- Mar. 29, 2018 minutes. Franny moves that we accept the minutes. Jim Y seconds. Unanimous approval.

May 24, 2018 minutes. Jim C moves that we accept the minutes, Jim Y seconds accept the minutes. Unanimous approval.

Luke hopes to be approved soon as Full Member. Joan G. will contact Lisa Tomyl about this. We will all reach out to others [to a diverse set of people, to try to find more diversity] to find new members.

Town Web Site:

Jim Y met with Mark Hald about transportation-related content on Town Web Site, and GIS mapping (reported in May minutes). No more to report.

Inter- and Intra-Acton Transportation Systems:

Franny reported on new Littleton-Westford Rail Shuttle, new N. Acton Rail Shuttle, thriving Maynard Shuttle, grant applications for including people with disabilities and seniors more in transportation planning, "Taxi Initiative" which would combine Uber/Lyft type technology with taxis, buses, public vans, which are better vetted

and have accessible vehicle availability. There will be a July 9 2 pm webinar from one company on this.

Parking full at S. Acton, discussion. South Acton Train Station Advisory Committee discussing this.

Acton Transportation Map:

Bus routes, bus stops, parking, public parking for recreation. Jim reached out to Kristin Alexander about this. Jim Y will finish by next meeting and present to committee before we push it any further.

Bicycling:

Bruce Freeman Rail Trail opened in May, formally.

Carpooling Parking Lot update:

LED light at the main parking lot that tells people about the carpooling lot. Cory York said he posted flyers during the first week. Police also there to talk to commuters during first week. Received several calls with questions. SATSAC chair may have talked to people.

Question raised if sign says that parking is ok after ten if not used.

Suggestion that if Town buys Gordon Richards' lot, we really make a master plan for the whole area. Also, it will help make walking distances shorter between train and pickup/dropoff.

Suggestion that Town looks into interactive online ridesharing app to help carpoolers find each other.

How long will we test this before we open up the spaces to others?
Could we open it to later trains such as after 8?

Dangerous Intersections in Town

Jim sent an email to Engineering and cc'd Board of Selectmen, asking about bike crossing on Concord Rd. near Great Rd. where cars turning right on Concord Rd. might back up as bikers cross, and get hit on Great Rd. Signage or turning lane suggested. Look into a traffic light or a street light for night for that intersection?

Joan: Brooks St. and 2A should be looked into. Traffic, difficulties for pedestrians crossing. Jim C: Traffic too fast on 2a. Joan G. will ask Board of Selectmen to ask state (Central Transportation Planning Staff? (CTPS)

Traffic Problems in Acton

Deferred til next meeting.

Adjourned approx. 8:40 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Franny Osman