

SOUTH ACTON TRAIN STATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

7:30 PM THURSDAY 20 SEPTEMBER, 2018

ACTON TOWN HALL ROOM 126

Meeting called to order: 7:32 PM

Present: David Martin (Chairperson), R Luke Evans, Michaela Moran, Amanda Steinberg
Jon Benson, Board of Selectman Liaison
Corey York, Town Engineer
Not Present - Dave Wellinghoff

1. Comments from the Public - None

2. Notes from the Chair

Chair brought up Luke's recent email to the BoS (and SATSAC and TAC members) regarding potential use of the WR Grace superfund property as a potential remote parking site for the station. During discussion, it was mentioned the site is still in process of cleanup, therefore any possibility of parking is more likely long-term. Suggestions for modifications to the commuter rail schedule were also discussed.

3. Town Projects Update: Parking changes

The parking lot was recently paved and striped. Finishing work is yet to be completed.

Parallel parking spaces on east and west sides of lot were converted into perpendicular spaces, adding approximately 12 spaces. This change helped restore five spaces lost when the station platform was constructed, yielding a net gain of about seven spaces.

Landscaping should be completed sometime this autumn.

Charging stations for electric vehicles are installed but now waiting on Eversource for electrical connection.

4. Station Site & ARRT Terminus: Zagster bike racks

Bike pads have been poured. Bikes should arrive sometime around late October.

5. Parking Lot Issues: Maple St carpool-space experimental program

At the BoS meeting on September 17, 2018, the Board voted to end the carpool-space experimental program effective October 1, 2018, setting aside SATSAC's recommendation to continue the experiment until December.

5. Parking Lot Issues (continued)

Accepting SATSAC’s advice, the spaces are to be converted into reserve parking instead of general commuter parking to avoid trolling for open spots. Corey stated procedures to implement the new plan are still in progress—a lottery is possible.

6. School Street Projects

Two developers separately purchased parcels on each side of the Town’s parking lot (near the Main St intersection).

One developer anticipates using the parcel at 25-27 School St (formerly School St Garage) as mixed use property with a business on the ground level and resident apartments on second and third levels.

The Town is discussing the possibility to lease the other parcel adjacent to the Civil Defense building for temporary commuter parking over a couple years while the developer formulates future plans for the site.

7. Solar Canopy for Commuter Lot

No decision has been made as BoS has yet to discuss the issue. The Green Advisory Board supports solar canopy installation while SATSAC requests to wait until the parking deck suggestion has been thoroughly investigated.

8. Parking Deck Investigation

The Chair asked for points to be explored to conduct this investigation. Members discussed conducting a *comprehensive traffic study* on the potential impact of adding approximately 90 spaces, which seemed to emerge as the initial priority, along with seeking *potential design sketches*, input from all *neighbors* and the *Historic District Commission* as well as *estimates of total costs* and *sources of potential funding*.

9. Review & Acceptance of Prior Meeting Minutes

Minutes from August 9, 2018 were reviewed and accepted unanimously.

10. Future Meetings

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 18th and possibly November 15th.

11. Meeting Adjourned: 8:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

R Luke Evans