



SOUTH ACTON TRAIN STATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 1, 2019

7:30 pm

Acton Town Hall, Rm 126, 472 Main Street

Present: Michaela Moran (Chair), R Luke Evans, Dave Wellinghoff
David Martin (Liaison, Board of Selectmen)

Absent: Ben Patterson, Amanda Steinberg

Opening

Michaela Moran (Chairperson) opened the meeting at 7:31 pm.

I. Regular Business

1. Comments from the Public

Tom Kelleher, Pres., Assabet Rail River Trail (ARRT), express concern that commuters appeared to be using spaces specifically reserved for persons using the ARRT. He made reference to an article that appeared to indicate the Town thought it was okay for commuters to do so. However, David Martin (BoS) stated that if the article said such, it was inaccurate and apologized. The area in question is a small nine-space lot some refer to as the Trailer Path Lot. This small lot is reserved exclusively for ARRT users. A suggestion was made that all lots in the area be given formal names with appropriate signage on allowed usage to help eliminate confusion. Also, Acton police will be contacted to include this lot in their enforcement.

2. Notes from the Chair – None

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes from May 16, 2019; May 28, 2019; and June 20, 2019 were reviewed. Michaela Moran moved to approve minutes. Luke Evans seconded. Members voted and motion passed unanimously.

II. Special Business

4. Election of Vice Chair – Postponed until next meeting when more members might be present.
5. Parking Study/Board of Selectmen vote on Parking Fees

Board of Selectmen (BoS) voted to approve increases on parking fees recommended by this committee. The Town elected to approve fee increases at the low end of recommended ranges, except for the Jones Field lots where the current fee structure was maintained.

The BoS did not vote on fee increases/decreases for the remote lots but wanted first to hear recommendations from the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). Luke Evans, who is also a member of TAC, reported that TAC voted to approve SATSAC's recommendations at its last meeting.

6. Town Projects Update: Traffic Study, Crosswalks, Charging Spaces

There was discussion that the app, ChargePoint will be used for charging spaces but that currently electricity usage is free to the commuter. The only requirement now is that those using the station pay the daily parking rate. It was unknown at this time if those commuters with Acton stickers would also be required to pay the daily rate.

III. Closing Items

7. Future Meetings and Calendar Events

Michaela Moran asked present members to consider the possibility of moving SATSAC meetings to the fourth or final Thursday of each month. Present committee members had no objections but a final decision can be made a next meeting after placing it on the agenda.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 26th.

8. Adjournment

At 8:14 pm, Luke Evans moved to adjourn. Dave Wellinghoff seconded. Members voted and motion passed unanimously.