

## **Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)**

Meeting Minutes

July 25, 2019

1 pm

Conference Room, Acton Senior and Social Services Center, 30 Sudbury Road, Acton

**Present:** Franny Osman (Chair), Luke Evans, and Paula Walsh

**Selectmen Present:** Joan Gardner

**Absent:** Jim Yarin and Jim Citro

Also present: Austin Cyganiewicz (Director of Intergovernmental Affairs), Scott Zadakis (Executive Director of CrossTown Connect), Sharon Mercurio (Director of the Council on Aging)

### **1. Opening**

Chair Franny Osman opened the meeting at 1:18 p.m.

### **2. Regular Business**

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes – The meeting minutes from the TAC May 23, 2019 meeting was reviewed and approved unanimously with the following amendments: Name spelling corrections for several committee members and meeting attendees. The full titles for acronyms.
- B. Board of Selectmen Chair and Liaison Joan Gardner updated the committee on the following:
  - 1. Sidewalk Committee will join TAC in the near future, with a later plan to add the South Acton Commuter Rail Committee.
  - 2. The expanded role of TAC will include reviewing the list of sidewalk projects, review the schedule for each project and assess communication methods to owners impacted by the sidewalk projects.
- C. Austin Cyganiewicz updated the committee on the following:
  - 1. Crosstown Connect (CTC) had some confusion when two (marked) vans were being serviced and substituted with unmarked vans.
  - 2. Doug Halley's last day was July 22, 2019.
  - 3. Civics and Cultural Calendar for Acton needed along with van schedules.
  - 4. Capital request will be made for next year for an additional van to provide a second CAT route.
- D. Scott Zadakis updated the committee on the following:
  - 1. Money is available for signs to be installed at bus stops. Austin added that money was also available for shelters at the stops.
  - 2. A review of the current CAT route schedule will be made with the goal of extending service further along Great Road with stops at/near Strawberry Hill Road and Trader Joe's.
  - 3. The Emerson Hospital collaboration talks are continuing.

4. The town of Concord has applied for a grant to expand service to Emerson Hospital, their downtown and the prisons.

E. Citizens Concerns:

1. Transportation lacking for rides home after the Community Supper on Wednesdays at the Mount Calvary Church on Massachusetts Ave, Acton which ends at 6 pm.
2. New dispatcher has dropped scheduled rides.
3. There is a need for Backup Drivers to insure coverage. The response from Scott Zadakis was that a staggering of drivers may be possible to address this need.
4. Asking the town to include TAC in conversations concerning the Richards Property.

**3. New/Special Business**

A. Ms. Osman provided the following updates:

1. Microtransit : An \$80,000 Grant has been awarded to Carlisle, which Acton may be able to participate in. TRIPPS Rideshare (Transportation Resources, Information, Planning and Partnership for Seniors) recently held a training session in Carlisle. Company representatives and the town are willing to hold an information session for Acton seniors.
- B. Adaptive Bike Coalition was discussed: Bursaw Oil has donated an electric bicycle to the Acton Police Department (APD) can patrol the bike trail.
- C. Mr. Evans suggested the addition of another rail service van and the addition of more CAT runs in the mornings to include the train station.
- D. Ms. Osman made the motion to approve the Board of Selectmen's plan for the future of TAC. The motion was seconded by Mr. Evans and the motion passed by a vote of 3-0.
- E. Ms. Gardner gave an account of assistance to Acton Nursing.

**4. Adjournment**

At 3:05 p.m., it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting.  
The motion was approved unanimously.