



SOUTH ACTON TRAIN STATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 19, 2019

7:30 PM

Acton Town Hall, Rm 126, 472 Main Street

Present: Michaela Moran (Chairperson), R Luke Evans, Ben Patterson, Amanda Steinberg, Dave Wellinghoff

David Martin (Liaison, Board of Selectmen)

Opening – Michaela Moran (Chairperson) opened the meeting at 7:30 PM.

I. Regular Business

1. Comments from the Public – No members of the public present
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes from October 17, 2019 were reviewed. Ben Patterson moved to approve minutes. Dave Wellinghoff seconded. Members voted and motion passed unanimously.

3. Notes from the Chair

Michaela met with the Town Manager regarding a possible tour of the Gordon Richard's property buildings. The purpose is to gather more information to promote meaningful discussion about possible uses of this property to assist train station commuters.

II. Special Business

4. Town Projects Update – Corey York, Director of Public Works

Traffic study (around train station neighborhood) is still in progress. Some commuters have asked the Town about creating a crosswalk across Central St to the entrance of the main lot. But Corey reported that this is not feasible because lines of sight are not sufficient for safety purposes.

Some discussion concerned allowing pedestrian access along tracks from Martin St to the parking lot, but Corey said the MBTA is opposed to this suggestion for safety reasons.

Further discussion concerned creation of a direct entrance into the station from south-side parking areas. Corey informed SATSAC the station's design includes a feature that allows for this possibility. A feature also exists to allow direct station access to the second level should a deck be constructed at a later date.

5. Research Assignments

Michaela suggested research topics for member assignments.

Amanda expressed interest in researching feasibility of adding a parking deck.

Studying the possible uses of the Gordon Richard's property was also mentioned but at this time the topic is too complex to assign to an individual.

Luke was asked to keep the committee informed on discussions of this property in the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) on which he is also a member.

III. Closing Items

6. Calendar Events

Tour of buildings at 19 Maple St. (Gordon Richard's Property) is tentatively arranged for Thursday, January 9th at 4:00 PM.

7. Future Meetings

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 16. Meetings during the following months will likely be scheduled for the fourth Thursday of the month (with exception of November and December due to the holidays).

Adjournment – Motion was made by Ben Patterson to adjourn at 8:20 PM. Dave Wellinghoff seconded. Members voted and motion passed unanimously.