

MINUTES

Town of Acton

Transportation Advisory Committee

Thurs., Feb. 28, 2013

Room 126, Town Hall

730 pm

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MEETING MINUTES

Present: Bengt Muten

Jim Citro

Franny Osman

citizen visitor Mick Verran

**Citizens Concerns**

Mick Verran, new to Acton, is visiting the committee.

Applause to Acton for recent improvements.

Concern about how to get from train mid-day.

Discussion among committee of underprice of 75 dollars per year for resident spots.

Mention of need of our area to push for North-South Rail Link, will bring it up at next meeting. Franny talked to Mike Dukakis who offered to come to Minuteman Advisory Group for Interlocal Coordination (MAGIC) meeting in May to discuss this.

**Administrative- minutes review**

Oct. 17 we have notes-- approved them Nov. 28

cancelled Dec.12

Jan. 23 meeting- with SATSAC- notes were taken by whom?

At that Jan. 23 meeting, we talked about infrastructure. Pose Q to selectmen: is there money in the budget for 2014 for infrastructure to support access to the station?

Feb. 7- TAC met AT Satsac meeting. (notes?)

missing nov. 28 Jan. 23, Feb. 7 minutes. Franny will continue to look for them in emails from Michael Fisher and SATSAC.

**Site Plans-** Site Plan Special Permit Application (#01/31/13-439) Acton Crossroads, Inc. (Acton Medical Associates Building) 321 Main Street. (was emailed by Cheryl Frazier to TAC)

Looked at documents. Franny will write to Cheryl Frazier to say no problem on the parking expansion at Acton Medical.

### **MinuteVan updates**

We had heard from riders that the new dispatcher was not working out, and now we heard from Doug Halley that she has been replaced.

Bengt shared that he had found they combined a trip to the train station with his trip to town hall, a good thing. Bad that there is no phone contact to cancel trips. Franny said this would be fixed with the longer dispatch coming. He has had trouble with confirmation of rides not forthcoming. (Other riders have complained of same.)

TAC would like to see the recent ridership reports for the dial-a-ride.

TAC would like to see more combined trips, more people on bus at time. Apparently the recent shortlived dispatcher was better at getting more riders onto the vehicle than the previous (beloved) Jen. (Still, Bengt said he wanted Jen back!)

The new public-private Transit Management Assoc. growing out of the Community Innovation Challenge (CIC) grant will be called CrossTown Connect .

Suggestion of flyer in tax bills. United Way members had asked Franny at the last meeting for a flyer of all options. Guest Mick Verran would like scenarios presented with how you do it, e.g. midday return on train. Franny would like to see good use made for the funds budgeted for publicity of MinuteVan at the last Town Meeting 2012. Bengt says there is a new sign about MinuteVan across from the Clerk.

### **Recent and upcoming Grants underway through state- updates**

-CIC grant, 60K awarded.

-MassDOT grants due Mar. 1- There was one application put in for dispatch for the multiple towns. Maybe Mobility Mgt. application, too?

-Transit Planning 4 All grant- through CTAA- to include a special population such as Chinese Community in planning transportation. Franny had hoped to see more attention put to the transitional (from school services) 18 to 22 age people with disabilities. Not clear how much need there is for that group but Franny would like to see.

### **Set date for video event to complete the MinuteVan video project**

Franny will ask the finish editor for the movie to make the youtube 1 movie and public. Bengt wonders if perhaps youtube not allowed because there is proprietary music on the video (which Acton TV has permissions for).

We will have a Sat. Library event where we thank all the people who worked on MInuteVan Movie. Meet somewhere and all arrive by van to the library, except it's a Saturday. (park van at library for the weekend?) Franny will choose a date and reserve a room.

Ask Town Manager if we could run the video ongoing while people come into Town Meeting.

### **Plan next steps for Connectivity discussion**

Ask Selectmen to order priorities in connectivity

plan who is working on this

identify specific priorities

To plan this, invite the other committees to our April 24 meeting, where we can identify specific priorities to have the Selectmen to review and decide on, and determine who will lead and work on this

next meetings: Mar. 27, April 24, May 22, June 26, July 24, Aug 28, Sep 25, Oct 23, Nov 20, Dec 18.

Adjourned approx. 8:50