

South Acton Parking Deck Advisory Committee
March 2, 2009
Held at the Acton Senior Center

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Attending

Members- Peter Berry, Dore' Hunter, David Martin, Michaela Moran, Tom Campbell, JimYarin, Nick Zavalas; Staff- Bruce Stamski; Citizen attending – Terra Friedrichs
Chairman Peter Berry called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. All present introduced themselves with brief statements as to why they volunteered to be on the committee.

Peter outlined how the MBTA approached the Town last summer with the offer to construct a parking 150 +/- car deck over our existing commuter parking lot. A MBTA presented the idea to the Selectmen in the fall with very little information. Stamski will see if IT can make a tape of this meeting available. The Selectmen voted to pursue additional information about the proposal and appointed an advisory committee to investigate and report back to the Selectmen in June 09. The Town Manager received correspondence from the Mr. Joseph Cosgrove of the MBTA dated 2/20/09 stating that funds have been received to begin project development/design and that the wanted to meet to coordinate the next steps.

Bruce Stamski presented information concerning the work of the South Acton Commuter Rail Task Force in 2005-2006. Dore' Hunter, being a member of the Task Force and the Town's representative to the MBTA' Advisory Board, added additional background information. Dore' will contact Paul Regan the Executive Director of the MBTA Advisory Board to help determine who are the "decision makers" for this project.

The Chair led a general discussion concerning the parking situation at the station and the information the committee needed to obtain from the MBTA. It was decided that each committee member will email their list of questions to Bruce Stamski. He will merge the lists for review by the committee at their next meeting on 3/12.

It was decided, as a first step, is to have the Town Manager answer Mr. Cosgrove's letter and invite him and his team to a "working session" meeting with the Committee on 3/26. The letter will request the MBTA team be ready to discuss issues concerning finance, ownership, design, environmental/traffic impacts. In addition the Committee needs to be informed about the separate project involving the Fitchburg Rail improvements as it relates to South Acton. The list of questions will be sent to the MBTA after review by the Committee at the 3/12 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30

Submitted by: Staff Liaison Bruce Stamski