

# SATAC Meeting Minutes

Acton Town Hall

August 17, 2017

## **Committee Members Present:**

David Martin  
Tom Campbell  
David Wellinghoff, Finance Committee

## **Committee Members Not Present:**

Michaela Moran  
Sean Hanley  
Cory York, Town Engineer  
Peter Berry, Board of Selectmen

## **The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm**

### **Public Comments**

There was a recognition and appreciation of the new lines painted on Rte 27  
Mr. Richards updated the committee on the proposal from the town to purchase his land next to the train station. The conversations with the town are ongoing.

### **Complete Streets Update**

The widening of Rte 27 for bike lanes, and the restriping was completed in June and comments about the improvements have been positive. This month's SATSAC clerk is a fan, too.

### **Station Site and ARRT Terminus**

The construction at the train station is complete. Repaving and restriping of the parking lot is in the planning stage.

The Assabet River Rail Trail construction is underway and on track for a 2018 completion. Much of the path is paved already and much of the bridge work is well underway. For project updates, the ARRT website is the best resource - <http://www.arrtinc.org>

### **MBTA Monopoles**

The MBTA is investigating the installation of 75' "monopoles" or towers which have 3 purposes -

1. To manage the Positive Train Control system in the engines (a speed abatement function)
2. To provide WIFI service to the trains
3. To rent the space for cellular companies to improve cellular service

All good things, except the 75' towers are planned for very public and sometimes historic areas and there has been a lot of backlash from communities on this. The current plan and proposal has been withdrawn from the project due to this opposition and the MBTA is reevaluating.

### **Carpool Program Recommendations**

In 2005 there was a pilot program in place that encouraged carpooling to the train station. It provided a guaranteed parking spot at the station for cars with 3 or more people in it.

The town has asked this committee to come up with a proposal to determine whether this is a viable solution for Acton. We discussed the notion of doing this and the roadblocks and Mr. Martin took the task to aggregate the notes and write up a proposal for next meeting.

Factors considered:

1. Guaranteed spot at station
2. Cost could be benchmarked off the Jones Field fee structure
3. Consideration needs to be made to the enforcement of these carpoolers
4. Payment would need to be managed either through some sort of communal function to simplify the transaction and manage receipt (potentially the existing parking kiosk or a mobile app)
5. Understand whether this would reduce traffic or replace drop-offs for the later trains.

### **Resident Parking Recommendations**

Reviewed several permitting programs from local communities, but felt the conversation should be tabled until we can get specific feedback and use case analysis from Maple Street Residents.

### **Review and Accept Minutes**

We reviewed and approved minutes from 4/20/17.

### **Future Meetings**

The third Thursday of the coming months - 9/21/17 and 10/19/17.

Mr. Wellinghoff moved to adjourn, Mr. Campbell seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30.