

## SOUTH ACTON TRAIN STATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

7:30 PM THURSDAY 26 OCTOBER, ACTON TOWN HALL ROOM 9

Meeting called to order at 7:35 by Chairperson David Martin, Michaela Moran and Dave Wellinghoff in attendance. Corey York from Engineering Dept. also present.

### **7:30 Comments from the public-**

**7:35 Notes from the chair -** Quite a few requests for additional parking came in,

Gordon Richards asked the Planning Board for a bylaw change to allow a commercial parking by right. In the public hearing process, DM voiced the concern that any parking change should be done by special permit. PB made that amendment to the article for fall town meeting.

**7:40 Town projects update – Complete Streets, Main Parking, etc.** New electrician needed to be hired in order to get the charging stations, new light pole in, so that paving done on the main parking lot before the winter. Complete streets are completed for now but more grant proposals are in process for more work.

**7:50 Station site & ARRT terminus – lighting and other issues and** Discussions with Kristin in planning regarding the lighting-shielding to be installed. Sidewalk on North side of Maple is done and rail trail has been surfaced. Peter Berry, selectman, said the town will pay for the shielding. Lumens and color meets the new Acton lighting bylaw standards. PB said there have been complaints about cars driving on the trail, and parking along it, and screening issues. PB will have town staff respond to the complaints.

**8:00 Amendment/recommendations to add considerations/criteria to Planning Board article on private parking lots in the South Action Village district by Special Permit** DM stated that he'd like the committee to take a vote on suggestions for the Planning Board amendments to the possible bylaw coming to Fall town meeting. DW feels need strict control due to impact on property values and the bylaw suggestions for criteria needs more study. DM will take any recommendation. Maria Crowley asked about planning prior to rail trail, and commuter rail, why a parking article now? DM answered that the commuter train has been in existence since the 1960's and rail trail has some parking associated with it. Further discussion of the history of parking. David Honn, Historic District Commission and 105 School St., HDC will be sending comments to the PB. Reason why only town is allowed to rent spaces- example 124 Main St. illegal lot of 17 spaces violates many of the criteria already in place. Recommends a good comprehensive study. DW moves that the SATSAC makes a recommendation to the Bos that we do not recommend the bylaw in its current form and that more study needs to be undertaken. MM seconded, motion passed unanimously.

**Car pool program recommendation – follow up** Discussion of the current iteration of the rules for the carpool lot. CY sent the rules to the Police chief for comment, waiting for response.

**Resident parking recommendation put off until next meeting.**

**Review & accept prior meeting minutes-** Minutes for Sept. 21, 2017 accepted as written.

**Future meetings, and calendar events** Proposed meetings on 11/16 and 12/21.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michaela Moran