

Acton Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Acton, Massachusetts

MINUTES

May 24, 2018

Posted Notice redirected attendees to Library Atrium

Present: Jim Yarin (took minutes); Jim Citro; Bengt Muten. Non-members attending: R. Luke Evans; Weihua Li.

Called to Order: 7:48 p.m.

Citizen's concern: Weihua Li wanted to know more about the car-pool parking lot located adjacent to the inbound side of the South Acton train station and attendant policies. Mr. Evans said he would bring up the question with the South Acton Train Station Advisory Committee (SATSAC), of which he is a member, at its next meeting, on June 21. Concerns were discussed regarding enforcement, the difficulties of meeting requirements, the waste of good parking spots, how long the trial of the concept would last, and a lack of promotion for this parking alternative.

Jim Yarin will email Town Engineering, copying SATSAC, asking for better publicity and determine length of trial period and suggest that signage saying "reserved for car pool use" be added once spaces are reserved.

Bengt Muten will be leaving the committee. Attending members acknowledged his contributions. His commute makes attendance difficult. R. Luke Evans has applied to become a member of the committee.

Jim Yarin reported that he met with Mark Hald about transportation-related content on the Town's website and GIS mapping of transportation information for town website.

Discussion of Bike sharing concluded that free market forces do not allow for maximum inter-town bike sharing, there being several companies doing this and they do not work together. No change is possible to the solution chosen by the Town because TAC was only told of the choice after it was made.

Jim Yarin recommended to the BOS that Acton spearhead a request to the MBTA to enable linkage of the two Town bike paths by way of the current commuter rail right of way. Voted on and passed unanimously.

TAC will discuss dangerous intersections in town. Jim Yarin identified Concord Road at Great Road, where the bike path crosses, as an impending danger. Possible solutions discussed. Jim Yarin to contact Town Engineering to discuss.

TAC should address bad traffic areas and make recommendations to the Town. Main and Concord Streets are being reconfigured. Main Street traffic at and near School and High Streets discussed—much of the traffic is from people using #62 to avoid the Concord Rotary

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.