

MINUTES

TAC meeting, October 28, 2010

Town Hall Room 121

Next meeting: Room 121 Town Hall, on Nov. 18, 7:30 pm.

Meeting commences 7:45 ish (after some conversation and flyer folding, before a quorum was present)

In attendance:

Members Franny Osman, Bengt Muten, Jim Citro,
Interested and helpful citizen Nancy Shaw
Board of Selectman: Mike Gowing

MINUTEVAN SERVICE

Discussion of ridership numbers and general MinuteVan experience. Note that afternoon numbers for rail shuttle are bigger than morning. Discussed day-of-service requests. Discussed driver situation of MinuteVan.

TAC Request to Allow Overnight parking at municipal lot with sticker. If so, change signage. Approved.

Signs need changing re: Fire Stations. To mention both fire stations. If TAC emails Mike G. he can order the signs.

Telephone at station requested by riders. We can't do anything about it. Borrow cell phones if you don't have one.

Franny reported Michelle Ciccolo of Hudson/MAGIC said she wants to talk to us about a pilot gps/phone tech for a dial a ride project.

Dream list for shuttle:

Separate entry and exit for shuttle at rail station.

LIGHTS AND PLANS

State Rd. controls Rte 2a. Builder of Brookside Shops gave 100k for light. Town has been asking and now state finally said yes.

Future agenda: rotary/light at Newtowne and Main St.

Mike says train committee asking MAPC to study traffic at Maple and Martin area.

METERS

Engineers went to LRTA and MART to look at meters. Trying to find ease of payment and lack of maintenance. Mike will pass along request to put TAC on email list for this process.

Franny says that Steve said he and counsel are working on the Jamie Eldridge statute change. Mike will also make sure this is moving along.

PARKING FEE PUBLIC MEETING

TAC will wait for public meeting until we have information to share there; this will be after the Meters are ordered. Mike discussed the issue of not being able to raise fees without destination/need. Group discussed the resident/non-resident split; if only fees pay for lot, not taxes, in future, then an argument could be made for equal share by residents of any town.

Discussed Stow survey results, fees for shuttle, train, parking...from Acton vs. Concord.

NORTH SOUTH BUS ROUTE

Discussion of north-south bus route. TAC (Bengt and Franny) will continue this effort: letters from towns along route and request for study by CTPS. Mike is cynical about likelihood of LRTA participating, as he had mentioned this when he visited. But he is all for trying.

BIKE RACKS

Jim C. will look at bike rack list and find municipal needs we might go to Steve L to ask for, to have reimbursement from MAPC. Will bring it to another meeting.

HOPE COMMITTEE

They found a non-transportation use for their grant money: a website showing all services around town.

TRAIN STATION

No one from TAC made it tonight. We did discuss the drop-off and traffic issues a bit.

SITE PLANS

Recent site plan was of the Spruce and Arlington project. TAC approves of the street-side sidewalks and recommends consideration of through walkways, even if it is boardwalks. or close to the buildings, on the west side.

