

## **TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY MEETING MINUTES – 19 January 2017 –**

Meeting Started 7:35

Attendees: Jim Yarin, Jim Citro, Bengt Muten, Randall Bashta

Citizens: Robert Sekuler; Faezih Enzafi.

### **Citizen Concerns:**

One visitor – a resident from Waltham and working in West Acton – wanted to know why there isn't better coordination between the rail shuttle bus or the CAT bus and the outbound trains from Cambridge. She commutes daily to South Acton and is trying to catch the Rail Shuttle to West Acton and back.

This led to an expanded discussion on how to tweak the schedule of the Rail Shuttle or the Cat bus to better serve the public. It came out that the CAT bus sometimes runs behind schedule and can be unreliable. Also, it was discussed that better advisory information needs to be provided when bus services are running late. And, it was mentioned that a back-up plan be available if services are running behind. It was also felt that there needs to be better signage of the bus stops. And finally, there needs to be clearly defined routes from the South Acton station.

An email will be sent to Doug Halley about these concerns.

In a review of Doug Halley's report to the committee, there was a question of some of the figures.

### **MEETING AGENDA**

Order of Discussion –

- 1) Town website is slow to respond to updates to changes with the TAC webpage. Jim Citro agreed to contact Town Hall on this issue.
- 2) Updating the Acton Transportation Map: Jim Yarin will take this on.
- 3) Bike Path – Tabled
- 4) Annual Report – Jim Yarin will write it; Jim Citro will review it.

The main information in the report will center on the transportation services provided by the town: Rail Shuttle, COA Van, Dial-A-Ride, CAT and Rail Shuttle.

A special mention will be made of Franny Osman and Doug Halley for their extraordinary work on behalf of the town.

- 5) Other committee concerns: A) a better understanding of the Transportation Enterprise Fund is needed; B) concerned why advice from the committee is not taken more seriously by town officials; and C) where is the TAC Mailbox?
  
- 6) Also discussed, The Cross Town Connect, a consortium of five area towns, providing various transportation needs for its citizens. It's a feeling of this committee that cooperation grow between all these transportation groups. It's also suggested there better links to Cross Town Connect from the town's webpage.

**Discussion for The Future:**

Everyone is requested to come to the next meeting with **Two Goals** for TAC for 2017. Examples: Better Signage for bus stops and routes, better publicity for transportation options, making Acton more bike friendly.

Meeting will continue to be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm