

**TOWN OF ACTON
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF January 23, 2006 MEETING**

7:30 p.m.

Room 121, Town Hall

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: Tuesday, February 27, 2006
 Acton Town Hall, Rm 126, 7:30 p.m.

Present: Jim Yarin (Chair), Leslie Hogan, Maureen Greer, Franny Osman, Jim Citro, Harvey Berliner, Bengt Muten.

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

Past meeting minutes were approved for November 28, 2006 meeting.

There were no citizen concerns.

The TAC has full membership now, with all members approved by the BOS. Franny and Harvey plan to be sworn in this week. Jim Yarin will follow up with the town regarding postings on the TAC website, minutes, and that all new committee members are on the town email distribution list ASAP.

Sidewalk prioritization was added to the agenda. Maureen gave an overview of what the BOS discussed at their last meeting. They are planning to put together a task force of citizens to advise on sidewalk priorities. Leslie and Maureen expressed interest in being part of this task force as TAC representatives. They will meet to discuss this further and give notice to the BOS of their interest, probably will contact Lauren Rosensweig.

Jim Yarin attended a pre-application meeting put on by the Suburban Mobility Subcommittee on January 11 in Boston. He wrote up a summary of the meeting and summarized his notes at our meeting. He also distributed a copy of the application for the Boston Region MPO funding program. The application has seven parts which are clearly outlined. There is a lot of work involved and the TAC agreed to work toward applying for the grant next year, with a deadline of February 28, 2008. If a grant was received, funding would come in September, 2008.

TAC will start work immediately on the first categories. Bengt wrote up the proposed timeline. It was tentatively planned to do a community leadership forum in May 2007. The BOS will be kept informed of TAC progress and findings.

Frannie and Maureen agreed to go to the commuter lot to get tags and license plates of cars parked, so that the TAC will be able to understand where the commuters who park there live specifically.

The idea of giving a short presentation at Town Meeting this year to start introducing the idea of a shuttle system to the town was discussed. Would there be time to do a power point presentation, and could we do it?

There was some discussion about the shuttle plan being the right solution for alleviating the parking problem in the commuter lot. It was agreed that other solutions should also be explored. Franny went to a MAGIC meeting last week. She got the impression that Littleton may be open to revisiting the idea of more commuter parking in their town.

A resolution was voted on to present to the BOS. Leslie will type up and forward to Jim to send on to BOS. (See attached)

For the next meeting in February, Jim Citro, Jim Yarin and Maureen will work on determining a plan for getting material for market definition (Part I of grant proposal).

Leslie and Frannie will work on a survey to use to get citizen input. TAC will be copied on ideas.

Harvey will look into how much lead time there is to make a presentation to the annual town meeting and what the steps are. If it is found that the shuttle service is feasible, TAC will want to present a proposal at 2007 town meeting.

There was discussion again about the possibility of changing our transit authority from LRT to Montchuset (sp?). Jim Citro will investigate this idea.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Leslie Hogan