

**TOWN OF ACTON
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 27, 2006 MEETING**

7:30 p.m.
Room 121, Town Hall

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: Tuesday, March 13, 2006
 Acton Town Hall, Rm 126, 7:30 p.m.

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m.

Past meeting minutes were approved for January 23, 2007 meeting with one date change.

There were no citizen concerns.

Franny Osman has been sworn in now as a member, question about Harvey's status – has he also been sworn in?

There was discussion about town website and how it does not note when TAC meetings are. Bengt will investigate getting our meetings posted properly. Also it seems that not all TAC committee members are on TAC town email list, Jim Yarin will look into getting this taken care of.

Shuttle Bus. We discussed who the potential users are and the fact that we needed to get this defined before town meeting. Jim Citro will look into who might use from schools, he planned to call school transportation department. Frannie will look into the disabled, the League of Women Voters, the elderly and United Way. Bengt will get information of population ages and immigrant status in Acton from the census information. Jim Yarin will research commuters, including people being dropped off, metered parking, paid parking space commuters, reverse commuters, people who get the "last" space at School St lot, etc. Maureen and Leslie will talk to employers such as large supermarkets to see where their workers come from, and is transportation a problem.

There was some discussion again about Montechset (sp?) Transit Authority and if we should be seriously looking into this as a possibility for Acton.

The commuter parking list the town provided needed some clarification. Jim Yarin will look into that.

We talked about the draft of a survey that Frannie and Leslie came up with. David Shafarz said he would look at it and give his comments as he is familiar with these from work in transportation. Frannie will connect with David about this. We thought it would be helpful to post on the TAC website if possible.

We agreed to set up a yahoo group, to be used only as a place to post work in progress.

It was proposed that a Leadership Form happen in May 2007. Different locations were brought up, it was agreed that the Parker Damon meeting space, the High School auditorium or the Faulkner Room in the Town Hall would be the best possibilities. We thought we should research any "bad" dates so there are no major conflicts.

TAC would like to do some sort of presentation at Town Meeting to start to introduce the idea of a shuttle to the town and see what the response is. It was agreed to have 2 meetings in March so there is adequate time to work on materials for this. Next meeting will be March 13.

60 Powdermill Road Plan was reviewed. It was decided that TAC had no further comments.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Hogan