

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

7:30 p.m.

Room 121, Town Hall

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: Tuesday, April 24, 2006
 Acton Town Hall, Rm 126, 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Past meeting minutes were approved with minor changes for February 27 and March 13, 2007 meetings.

There were no citizen concerns.

There was discussion again about committee members not receiving emails from TAC email address. Jim will follow up again with Selectman to see if we can correct this.

The meeting agenda was to talk about TAC plans for table at Town Meeting on April 9. The purpose of the table is to introduce the idea and history of a possible shuttle bus in Acton to residents.

1. Frannie plans to do a video of commuters coming and going at busiest times of morning commuter traffic. She will ask permission to film from condos across the street. She plans to speed up video, maybe adding some music, so it ends up being a very short version of commuter activities. Jim Y will bring his laptop to town meeting table for showing CD to those interested as they enter town meeting. Jim Y will bring extension cord and other necessary items. Town will provide TAC with a table. We also need an easel and colored markers (highlighter pens?), not clear who is taking care of last items.
2. Maureen will get copies of a large black and white map of Acton from the Engineering Dept. Jim Y will ask Lauren if town will pay for TAC to mount it on poster board. Maureen has stickers to label landmarks within Acton. The plan is for interested town residents to mark up map with colored markers showing where they would like to see a shuttle bus route. A sign will accompany map saying "Where would you like to see the shuttle go?"
3. TAC worked on Franny's draft of informational flyer to hand out at table. Many changes were made, Franny will incorporate them and email new version to all of TAC and Lauren R.
4. It was also decided to make some changes to the commuter survey and have that available as a hand out for those interested who wanted to complete it. They will be printed on a different color paper so we can control where the data comes from.
5. Last item at the table will be a sheet for residents' comments, and a place where people can sign up with their email address to receive more information as it becomes available.
6. Jim Citro will coordinate times that TAC members will be at the table, roughly 6 – 8:00 p.m. Jim Y and Franny will meet on Sunday to work on video, others may join them to coordinate plans. Some will meet at Town Meeting at 6:00 p.m. to set up.

Franny reported on her meetings with Judy Peters at the Council on Aging; Raymond Blethen, the General Manager of Roadrunner for the LRTA; and Lisa Franklin, the Chair of the Disability Commission in Acton. Franny also wrote up her notes to hand out to all TAC members. What was of most interest was that it appears that there is unused time of some vans in early morning and late afternoon hours, which is when the busiest commuting time is. There needs to be more investigation into what LRTA's possible role could be in assisting with a shuttle bus. Her detailed notes are attached.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Hogan