

**TOWN OF ACTON
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF APRIL 24, 2007 MEETING**

7:30 p.m.

Room 121, Town Hall

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: Tuesday, May 8, 2007
Acton Town Hall, Rm 126, 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Past meeting minutes were approved with attachment of Franny's notes added to March minutes.

There were no citizen concerns.

Jim Yarin read an email he received from Lauren R regarding recording minutes properly. Leslie will look into this and send all past minutes to the correct people, including the BOS. In the past, copies of minutes have only been sent to the Town Clerk.

The email also mentioned that there was a discussion at the last BOS meeting about sidewalks being constructed on Main St following TAC guidelines, and trees were to be cut down. Also there is a state program being offered on "Walkable Communities" that Lauren is proposing should come to Acton. Franny will look into this.

Jim Yarin reported on the success of the table that TAC set up at the April Town Meeting to start informing people about the idea of a shuttle bus. There was not much interaction from citizens and noone filled out a survey. People did pick up information sheets and there was a bit of feedback on the map with possible routes. Overall, due to the table location and perhaps the timing, there was not much success in promoting the shuttle bus idea.

Community Forum

The main discussion of the meeting was regarding putting on a forum of business leaders and interested parties both to inform the public and get input on the idea of a shuttle bus in Acton. "How can a shuttle bus help you?" It was decided that mid June would be the best time to do this, and it was agreed that a good location would be the Faulkner Room at Town Hall. The proposed dates are June 12,13,14, 18 & 19. Jim Citro will get school calendars to look for conflicts. Jim Yarin will ask Lauren R about room availability and any town conflicts. We hope to have a firm date by next meeting.

It was agreed that 2 meetings would be needed in May in order to be ready, May 8 and May 22, both Tuesdays, were chosen.

We discussed a possible agenda, Franny and Leslie will work on this and have a draft done before next meeting. It is hoped that there will be different groups that can speak on their area of knowledge, i.e., commuters, non-drivers, elderly, shoppers, etc. The idea of the bus will be pitched to serve both commuters and others throughout town.

Maureen has put together a distribution list of who to invite. She will keep updating this with committee input. Invitations need to be written and sent to all on the list. Should phone calls be done as well?

It was decided that we should come up with 3 possible routes for 2 shuttle buses to use for discussion purposes at the Forum. Jim Y will work on this, he hopes to get assistance from Bengt and David Sharfarz.

We discussed the idea of a moderator and decided that Lauren R would be a good candidate for this if she was available and interested. Jim Yarin will ask her. Dore Hunter's presentation at Town Meeting would also be helpful to have, Jim will also look into getting a copy of this.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Hogan