

Acton 2020

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: PUBLIC WORKSHOP

LIST OF SAMPLE QUESTIONS FOR RESOURCE PEOPLE

How much and what type of economic development is best for Acton's financial well-being?

How can we structure the payment of taxes (and perhaps even "linkage fees") to best meet our town's needs?

How can we use economic development to reduce residential taxes? (*e.g. how much development would we need in order to significantly reduce residential taxes? What kind of development would best meet this objective? Split tax rate?*)

How can we capture more local shoppers who currently shop out of town?

How can we retain the businesses we have in Acton? What kinds of businesses would we consider "good" businesses for Acton?

How can we attract job-creating businesses to Acton?

What makes Acton attractive to business or industry? What may possibly make Acton unattractive? How can we make Acton more attractive?

How important are sewers and other infrastructure to support economic development?

How can we ensure that new development or redevelopment is in keeping with Acton's town character? (*e.g. Design Guidelines, Design Review, Site Plan Review, tax breaks to encourage in-fill development*)

What are some positive examples in Acton of development that is in keeping with our town's character? What about examples from other towns of things you would like to see in Acton and what kinds of zoning /other regulations/incentives would support this kind of development (*e.g. inhibits fast food chains and big box stores*)?

How can we increase ridership of the town shuttle?