



The Acton 2020 Committee is holding three public meetings in March at Town Hall so that we can better understand some of the issues that matter most to Actonians. What we learn will contribute to the development of specific strategies which can help us reach our town's goals. Please join us at one or more of the meetings below or online where there is an ongoing conversation about these and other burning issues at our blog: <http://acton2020.info/blog>.

Thursday, March 3 – “Business”

7:00 - 9:30 pm, Acton Town Hall

Eat, work, shop: Economic Development in Acton

Do Actonians want to live in a more self-contained community, with enough of our own retail establishments and industry to reduce the need to drive to employment, entertainment, recreation, and shopping venues? Or do we prefer to let other towns host the businesses we patronize and instead emphasize the more rural and/or bedroom-community characteristics of the town? If economic development is pursued, what kind should be encouraged and where should it be located? We need your input as we assess and prioritize economic development in Acton.

Wednesday, March 9 – “Traffic”

7:00 - 9:30 pm, Acton Town Hall

How can we love cars and hate traffic? Getting around Acton

“I got stuck in traffic.” We all hear it, perhaps with increasing frequency. Acton has several key traffic pinch points that cause frustration for all. What can the town do to help alleviate car congestion? And what about those who are unable to drive? Are Actonians willing to use more public transportation if it were offered? Are there enough people clustered in the right places to make a public transportation system viable? Will investment in bike paths and sidewalks help alleviate traffic? Or are the costs of such undertakings really worth the benefit? Come help us evaluate how we can get around town better.

Transportation to this meeting is available for \$2.00 a ride one way (\$4.00 round trip) for anyone living in Acton through the MinuteVan Dial-A-Ride service. Book the trip by March 7th at: 978-844-6809 or www.minutevan.net.

Saturday, March 12 – “Housing”

2:00 - 4:30 pm, Acton Town Hall

Where, how much, what kind, for whom? Housing in Acton

Every new housing development built in Acton seems to generate discussion. Some people feel that we need more housing of a certain type, e.g., affordable housing, 55+ communities, more dense housing, less dense housing. Others are of the opinion that any more housing will overtax town resources--especially the schools and water & sewer systems--and will cause more traffic. Many residents express concern that additional development has potential negative impacts on our town character (e.g. that it will gobble up open space or that it will not be designed to fit in with Acton's historic character). Help us think through what the right balance is for Acton.

Free child care is available for this event.

What is Acton 2020?

Acton 2020: The Comprehensive Community Plan will be the primary planning document for the Town of Acton, setting our Town's course for the next ten to fifteen years. This planning process is required by the State of Massachusetts, and gives the residents of the Town of Acton an excellent chance to engage with each other in understanding where we as a town want to see ourselves in the upcoming decades.